

## **THE NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY**

At a meeting of **THE NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE 2006** at 3.00pm in the Council Chamber, Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillor George Allan	–	London Borough of Islington
Councillor Robert Belam	–	London Borough of Waltham Forest
Councillor John Boast	–	London Borough of Enfield
Councillor Melvin Cohen	–	London Borough of Barnet
Councillor Brian Coleman	–	London Borough of Barnet
Councillor Brian Haley	–	London Borough of Haringey
Councillor Chris Knight	–	London Borough of Camden
Councillor Alan Laing	–	London Borough of Hackney
Councillor Jayanti Patel	–	London Borough of Haringey
Councillor Eleftherios Savva	–	London Borough of Enfield
Councillor Eric Sizer	–	London Borough of Waltham Forest
Councillor Vincent Stops	–	London Borough of Hackney
Councillor Lucy Watt	–	London Borough of Islington

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councillor Alexis Rowell	–	London Borough of Camden
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**The minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting.**

### **MOIRA GIBB, CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY, IN THE CHAIR**

#### **1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Ms Moira Gibb, Clerk to the Authority, opened the meeting and sought nominations for the position of Chair.

It was proposed by Councillor Boast, and seconded by Councillor Cohen, that Councillor Brian Coleman be appointed Chair of the North London Waste Authority for the remainder of the municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Sizer, and seconded by Councillor Laing, that Councillor Vincent Stops be elected Chair of the North London Waste Authority for the remainder of the municipal year.

There being two nominations, a vote was held and it was

**RESOLVED -**

THAT Councillor Brian Coleman be appointed Chair of the North London Waste Authority for the remainder of the municipal year.

**COUNCILLOR BRIAN COLEMAN IN THE CHAIR**

**2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRS**

It was proposed by Councillor Allan, and seconded by Councillor Watt, that Councillor Belam be appointed Vice Chair of the North London Waste Authority.

It was proposed by Councillor Haley, and seconded by Councillor Sizer, that Councillor Vincent Stops be elected Vice Chair of the North London Waste Authority.

There being only two nominations for the two vacancies it was

**RESOLVED –**

THAT Councillors Robert Belam and Vincent Stops be appointed Vice Chairs of the North London Waste Authority for the remainder of the municipal year.

**3. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Alexis Rowell.

An apology for absence was also received from Mike O'Donnell, the Financial Adviser.

There were no other apologies.

**4. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Chair's Statement**

Councillor Coleman thanked Ms Gibb for opening the meeting and colleagues for nominating him and voting for him as Chair. He expressed his intention to chair meetings of the Authority in a consensual manner for the benefit of all residents of the seven constituent boroughs. He pointed out that all Members of the Authority were aiming for the same goals including increased recycling and improved waste

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management. He then went on to welcome all Members of the Authority, particularly those for whom it was a new appointment.

The Chair formally thanked those Members who had retired at the end of the last municipal year or who had not been re-elected. He then paid particular tribute to Councillor Ray Dodds, the former Chair of the Authority. He also thanked those former councillors of the Authority who had not been reappointed.

There were no other announcements.

### **6. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

Councillors Boast, Cohen and Coleman declared personal interests as representatives of London Boroughs which were in receipt of London Recycling Fund monies.

Councillors Haley and Sizer declared personal interests as previously appointed NLWA A-Directors on the board of LondonWaste Ltd (LWL).

Councillor Sizer also declared a personal interest as an appointee to the organisation London Recycling.

In response to a question from the Chair, Alison Lowton, Legal Adviser to the Authority, stated that it would be possible for recurrent declarations to be included on the agenda in future but reminded Members that they would still need to declare additional ones if they were relevant.

#### **ACTION BY: Deputy Clerk**

There were no further declarations.

### **7. MINUTES**

It was

#### **RESOLVED –**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on 5th April 2006, having been confirmed as a correct record, be signed by the Chair.

### **8. NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT.**

There were no such items.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS**

**9. STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

Members considered a report of the Deputy Clerk who introduced the item.

It was then

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

**10. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

Members considered a report of the Deputy Clerk.

During the discussions on how to fill the appointments, there was only one contested election which was for the representative on the Joint Waste Strategy Implementation Board. Councillors Coleman and Stops were both nominated but, after a vote, it was confirmed that Councillor Coleman should take the position with Councillor Stops being appointed as the substitute representative on that body.

It was

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the political balance requirements as they affect the Authority for the ensuing municipal year be noted;
- (ii) THAT an Urgency Committee be established as set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report with the following membership: Councillors Belam, Boast, Coleman, Sizer and Stops (substitutes, councillors Knight, Patel and Watt);
- (iii) THAT A-Directors for LondonWaste Ltd for the period until the Annual General Meeting of the Authority in 2007 be as follows: Councillors Boast, Cohen and Haley with Councillor Sizer being appointed as the alternate A-Director;
- (iv) THAT Councillor Melvin Cohen and Mr Mike O'Donnell be appointed as trustees to the LondonWaste Ltd pension scheme;
- (v) THAT Councillor Brian Coleman be appointed as the representative to the Joint Waste Strategy Implementation Board with Councillor Vincent Stops being appointed as a substitute representative;
- (vi) THAT Councillors Allan, Boast and Stops be appointed as the representatives on the Landfill Allowances Trading Scheme (LATS) Member Working Group; and
- (vii) THAT the position regarding attendance at meetings be noted

**ACTION BY: Deputy Clerk**

**11. NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY – ANNUAL REPORT 2005/2006**

Members considered a report of the Deputy Clerk.

It was noted that all constituent boroughs of the Authority had approved the North London Waste Joint Waste Strategy and that the Mayor of London had begun his formal review of it. Officers undertook to circulate the Mayor's comments to the boroughs when they were known.

**ACTION BY: Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts**

It was then

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

**12. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NLWA DIRECTORS OF LONDONWASTE LTD**

Members considered a joint report of the Deputy Clerk and the NLWA Directors of LondonWaste Ltd which was introduced by Councillor Brian Haley.

After a short discussion, it was

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

**13. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE AUTHORITY IN 2006/2007**

Members considered a report of the Deputy Clerk.

Members discussed when they would prefer meetings to be scheduled and agreed that the current arrangements should continue, namely, that meetings take place at 3.00pm on Wednesday afternoons five times a year and that wherever possible these should take place at Camden Town Hall.

**TO NOTE: All**

Members also agreed that consideration of the dates of party conferences should be given when identifying dates.

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It was then

**RESOLVED –**

THAT officers be asked to investigate possible dates for meetings of the Authority in 2006/2007 to take place on Wednesday afternoons and that such dates be confirmed with Councillors Coleman, Stops and Belam as the Leaders of the parties of the Authority.

**ACTION BY: Deputy Clerk**

This concluded the business of the Annual meeting of the Authority.

**ORDINARY BUSINESS**

**14. 2005/2006 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FINAL OUTTURN AND 2006/07 FIRST BUDGET REVIEW**

Members considered a report of the Financial Adviser.

The Finance Officer introduced a report and answered questions from Members.

After discussion it was

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the 2005/2006 final outturn (subject to audit) be noted;
- (ii) THAT the over and under payments by boroughs in respect of non-household waste in 2005/2006 and the arrangements for collection from and repayment to boroughs as appropriate be noted;
- (iii) THAT the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS) accounting requirements for 2005/2006 be noted and that the establishment of a LATS reserve be agreed;
- (iv) THAT the 2005/2006 household waste tonnages (as detailed in Appendix A of the report) be noted;
- (v) THAT the 2005/2006 draft statement of accounts (as detailed in Appendix B) be approved;
- (vi) THAT the first review of the 2006/2007 budget be noted;
- (vii) THAT a second review of the 2006/2007 budget will be submitted to the Authority in September; and
- (viii) THAT the updated outlook for 2007/2008, 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 and the likely budget pressures be noted.

**ACTION BY: Financial Adviser**

## **15. ANNUAL REVIEW OF RISK MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

Members considered the report of the Financial Adviser.

The Chair proposed, and it was agreed, that a Member workshop should be held on the matter of risk management with at least one representative in attendance from each party on the Authority to be held on the same day as the next Authority meeting.

**ACTION BY: Financial Adviser**

It was then

### **RESOLVED -**

- (i) THAT the arrangements in place within the Authority and the annual review of risk management be noted;
- (ii) THAT the updated risk register be agreed; and
- (iii) THAT the future planned activity to achieve delivery of the Authority's approach to managing risk linked to compliance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 be noted.

**ACTION BY: Financial Adviser**

## **16. JOINT WASTE STRATEGY UPDATE**

Members considered a report by the Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts who introduced the item.

A document comprising a statement by the Mayor of London dated 21st June 2006 and a letter dated 26th June 2006 from Ms Gibb, the clerk to the Authority to Mr Barry Turner, the panel Chair of the Examination in Public of the Draft Alterations to the London Plan was circulated to those present. Copies of these are attached to these minutes.

The Chair stated that, wherever possible, he wished to avoid the circulation of late papers at meetings in future.

### **TO NOTE: All**

In response to a question from Councillors, the Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts advised that as yet there was no commitment from any borough on the matter of a unified approach to the presentation of waste to the North London Waste Authority but that a meeting on this matter was scheduled in the near future. Councillor Stops requested that a formal report on the position of each borough be presented to a future meeting and that a final decision on this matter should be forthcoming in the short term. In response, the Chair advised that the issue of collection was a matter for boroughs and that the Authority could not dictate to them how this should be done. However, he accepted that co-operative collaboration in relation to the Joint Waste Strategy and associated matters was important and suggested that the Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts should report back on this matter in future. Mr Lappage

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reminded Members that the matter would need to be concluded by the end of the year in order to allow important decisions on procurement to be made.

**TO NOTE: All**

It was then

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the provision of £8,812.50p (£7,500 plus VAT) to WEN/Real Nappies for London be approved as a contribution towards a final piece of research into the most effective and financially efficient methods for encouraging the use of real nappies and that authority be delegated to the Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts in consultation with the Chair to consider and approve any revised proposal from WEN if it is unable to raise sufficient funds from elsewhere to cover its full initial scope of work;
- (ii) THAT a payment of £10,000 to the London Community Recycling Network be approved towards the cost of a community compost support coordinator to carry out a range of tasks to promote and encourage more community composting in North London including the management of the £25,000 North London Composting Fund;
- (iii) THAT it be noted that both the above payments are to be paid from the Authority's "other recycling" budget;
- (iv) THAT the draft response to LondonWaste Ltd regarding their proposals to build a materials recycling facility at the Edmonton Eco-park be approved.

**ACTION BY: Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts**

**17. FUTURE REPORTS**

Members considered a report by the Deputy Clerk.

It was

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting had yet to be agreed (see the minute relating to agenda item 13).

**19. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT**

There were none.

**20. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

It was

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the press and public be excluded from the North London Waste Authority on 28 June 2006 during consideration of Item 21 on part II of the agenda, on the basis that, were members of the public to be present, there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

Specifically - publicity in respect of Item 21 would be likely to lead to the disclosure of information relating to exempt information category 3 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) and not required to be registered under various statutes: The reasons why the public interest favours withholding the information are that the release of such information would prejudice the Council's conduct of the commercial operation or because a disclosure of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interest of the Council and organisations engaged in commercial activities as the information relates to commercial activities that are conducted in a competitive environment.

**21. LONDONWASTE LTD BOARD MINUTES**

Members considered a report of the Deputy Clerk.

It was

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

**22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND IS EXEMPT WITHIN THE MEANING OF SCHEDULE 12A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

There was no such business.

The meeting ended at 3.50pm

**Chair**

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**MINUTES END**