

## **THE NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY**

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **WEDNESDAY 6th JULY 2005** at 3.00pm in the Council Chamber at Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillor George Allan	–	London Borough of Islington
Councillor David Blunt	–	London Borough of Waltham Forest
Councillor John Boast	–	London Borough of Enfield
Councillor Melvin Cohen	–	London Borough of Barnet
Councillor Don Delman	–	London Borough of Enfield
Councillor Ray Dodds	–	London Borough of Haringey
Councillor Bridget Fox	–	London Borough of Islington
Councillor Brian Haley	–	London Borough of Haringey
Councillor Bill Hodgson	–	London Borough of Hackney
Councillor Heather Johnson	–	London Borough of Camden
Councillor Roger Robinson	–	London Borough of Camden
Councillor Eric Sizer	–	London Borough of Waltham Forest
Councillor Vincent Stops	–	London Borough of Hackney

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councillor Brian Coleman	–	London Borough of Barnet
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**The minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting.**

### **DEPUTY CLERK IN THE CHAIR**

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

Mr Thomas Ribbits, Deputy Clerk, opened the meeting and sought nominations for the position of Chair.

It was proposed by Councillor Stops, seconded by Councillor Haley and

#### **RESOLVED –**

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

**COUNCILLOR RAY DODDS IN THE CHAIR**

**2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRS**

It was proposed by Councillor Stops, seconded by Councillor Haley and

**RESOLVED –**

THAT Councillors Bill Hodgson and Eric Sizer 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 Brian Coleman. An apology for late arrival was received from Councillor George Allan.

There were no other apologies.

**4. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Councillor Don Delman**

The Chair, on behalf of the Authority, welcomed Councillor Don Delman as a new member. The Chair also noted that former Member of the Authority, Councillor Bill Price, was currently Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield and he wished him success in that role.

There were no other announcements.

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

Councillors Haley, Robinson and Sizer each declared a personal interest as NLWA appointed A-Directors on the board of LondonWaste Limited (LWL). Councillor Dodds declared a personal interest as an NLWA alternate A Director on the board of LondonWaste Limited.

Councillor Cohen declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item 16, Joint Waste Management Strategy Development Update, as a representative of the London Borough of Barnet which was in receipt of London Recycling Fund monies.

There were no other declarations of interest.

**7. MINUTES**

It was

**RESOLVED –**

THAT minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on 27th April 2005, 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, who introduced the item.

Members discussed the arrangements for the two trustee appointments for the LondonWaste Limited Pension Scheme and concluded that they would appoint one councillor as a trustee and leave the other position vacant until a permanent Financial Adviser had been appointed to the NLWA.

It was then

**RESOLVED –**

THAT

- (i) THAT the political balance requirements as they effect 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 Boast, Coleman, Dodds, Fox, Hodgson, Sizer and Stops;
- (iii) THAT the A-Directors for LondonWaste Limited for the period until the Annual General Meeting of the Authority in 2006 be as follows: Councillors Haley, Robinson and Sizer with Councillor Dodds being appointed as the alternative A-Director;
- (iv) THAT Councillor Eric Sizer be appointed as trustee to the LondonWaste Limited Pension Scheme, the other post to remain vacant until the appointment of a permanent Financial Adviser to the NLWA;
- (v) THAT Councillor Vincent Stops be appointed as the representative to the Joint Waste Implementation Board with Councillor Eric Sizer being appointed as the substitute representative; and
- (vi) THAT the position regarding attendance at meetings be noted.

**ACTION BY: Deputy Clerk**  
**TO NOTE: All**

**11. NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY – ANNUAL REPORT 2004/05**

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

Members noted an omission to the report in relation to paragraph 1.8; whilst noting that Mr John Mabey, the former Financial Adviser to the Authority, had retired in the course of the last year, it was noted that Mr Peter Norton, Technical Adviser to the Authority, had also retired during this period.

It was then

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted

**12. ANNUAL REPORT OF NLWA DIRECTORS OF LONDONWASTE LIMITED**

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

Members then asked questions of Councillor Haley in respect of the report and the work of LondonWaste Limited over the last year.

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At the request of the Chair, Councillor Haley undertook to arrange visits of the new composting facility at LondonWaste Limited for both Members and officers who were interested.

**ACTION BY: Councillor Haley**  
**TO NOTE: Deputy Clerk**

It was then

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

**13. AMENDMENTS TO THE NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY'S STANDING ORDERS**

Members considered a report by the Deputy Clerk, who introduced the item.

It was then

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the Standing Orders of the North London Waste Authority be amended as described in Section 2 of the report.

**ACTION BY: Deputy Clerk**  
**TO NOTE: All**

**14. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE AUTHORITY IN 2005/06**

Members considered a report by the Deputy Clerk.

Members agreed that it would be appropriate for meetings to continue to commence at 3.00pm for the remainder of the year and that the decision be revisited after the municipal elections of May 2006.

**TO NOTE: Deputy Clerk**

After discussion, it was then

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the Annual Meeting of the Authority be rescheduled to June for future years;
- (ii) THAT the dates for meetings of the Authority in 2005/6 be as follows:
  - Wednesday 19th October 2005
  - Wednesday 7th December 2005
  - Wednesday 8th February 2006
  - Wednesday 5th April 2006
  - Wednesday 28th June 2006 (Annual Meeting)
- (iii) THAT these meetings commence at 3.00pm.

**ACTION BY: Deputy Clerk**  
**TO NOTE: All**

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

**ORDINARY BUSINESS**

**15. 2004/05 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FINAL OUTTURN AND 2005/06 FIRST BUDGET REVIEW**

Members considered a report of the Financial Adviser.

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

After discussion it was

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the 2004/05 final outturn (subject to audit), be noted;
- (ii) THAT the overpayment by boroughs in respect of non-household waste in 2004/05 and arrangements for repayment to boroughs be noted;
- (iii) THAT the draft Statement of Accounts for 2004/05 be approved;
- (iv) THAT the first review of the 2005/06 budget be noted;
- (v) THAT it be noted that a second review of the 2005/06 budget would be submitted to the Authority in October;
- (vi) THAT the outlook for 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09 and the likely budget pressures be noted;
- (vii) THAT the current position on the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS) be noted; and
- (viii) THAT the proposed actions to identify efficiency gains for the inclusion in borough annual efficiency statements be noted.

**ACTION BY: Financial Adviser**  
**TO NOTE: Deputy Clerk**

**16. JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

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

Councillor Boast advised that he strongly welcomed the increased liaison between Chief Officers of the constituent boroughs of the Authority and in particular the meetings of the Chief Executives.

It was then

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

**17. ABANDONED VEHICLE UPDATE**

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

In response to a question from Councillor Allan as to the discrepancy between the numbers of cars retrieved and those destroyed, officers undertook to investigate and report back to him.

**ACTION BY: Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts**  
**TO NOTE: Deputy Clerk**

It was then

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

**18. FUTURE REPORTS**

Members considered a report by the Deputy Clerk.

Members requested the following reports be added for future consideration:

- A report to the next meeting written in conjunction with LondonWaste Limited on what happened to collected waste materials (e.g. plastics, paper, co-mingled materials, etc.) giving details such as where they were sold, what the make-up of the recycled products actually was (e.g. was there glass in the paper, what became of “bottom ash”, etc), how the products could be used by boroughs to encourage the market. The report should also include information on tonnages and be collated for individual boroughs. The Chair advised that he wished to be assured that the Authority’s waste was not being exported abroad in a way that it became a problem for someone else.

**ACTION BY: Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts**  
**TO NOTE: Deputy Clerk**

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- A presentation on the new Waste Education Centre in the London Borough of Islington near the waste transfer station and that a visit be organised for Members if they wished to attend.

**ACTION BY: Deputy Clerk**

- A report to the next meeting of the Authority detailing the property holdings of the Authority.

**ACTION BY: Valuation Adviser  
TO NOTE: Deputy Clerk**

It was then

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the North London Waste Authority would be held on 19th October 2005 at 3.00pm in Camden Town Hall.

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

There was no such business.

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

It was

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the press and public be excluded from the proceedings of the North London Waste Authority on 6th July 2005 during consideration of Item 22 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 to the Local Government Act 1972, specifically:

Publicity in respect of Item 22 would be likely to lead to disclosure of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the Authority).

**22. LONDONWASTE LIMITED MINUTES**

Members considered a report of the Deputy Clerk.



Members noted that there was a time delay between the provision of the minutes of the board of LondonWaste Limited and asked the reason for this. The Deputy Clerk explained that the minutes were provided to the Authority only after they had been formally ratified by the Company which usually took place a month after the meeting in question. Councillor Brian Haley, in his capacity as an A Director of the Company undertook to investigate this matter.

**ACTION BY: Councillor Brian Haley**

Councillor Hodgson, in relation to page 22/16 of the minutes of the meeting of the LondonWaste Board held on 23rd March 2005, commented that the Company should be using its own products which came from the recycling process wherever possible and suggested that future Materials Reclamation Facilities (MRFs) be built from breeze blocks made from LondonWaste Limited created "bottom ash". He suggested that the Authority, wherever possible, should persuade contractors to seek the highest possible Building Research Establishment rating, which was a building sustainability grading system.

It was then

**RESOLVED -**

THAT the report be noted.

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

There was no such business.

The meeting ended at 4.00pm

**CHAIR**

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