

THE NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

At a special meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **MONDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2004** at 3.00 pm in Committee Room Two at Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor George Allan	-	London Borough of Islington
Councillor John Boast	-	London Borough of Enfield
Councillor Brian Coleman	-	London Borough of Barnet
Councillor Ray Dodds	-	London Borough of Haringey (Chair)
Councillor Bridget Fox	-	London Borough of Islington
Councillor Brian Haley	-	London Borough of Haringey
Councillor Bill Hodgson	-	London Borough of Hackney
Councillor Bill Price	-	London Borough of Enfield
Councillor Roger Robinson	-	London Borough of Camden
Councillor Eric Sizer	-	London Borough of Waltham Forest

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councillor David Blunt	-	London Borough of Waltham Forest
Councillor Melvin Cohen	-	London Borough of Barnet
Councillor Heather Johnson	-	London Borough of Camden
Councillor Vincent Stops	-	London Borough of Hackney

The minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Blunt, Cohen and Stops.

There were no other apologies.

2. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair, on behalf of the Authority, congratulated Councillor Brian Coleman on being elected Chair of the Greater London Assembly.

There were no other announcements.

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

Councillors Robinson, Haley and Sizer each declared personal interests as NLWA appointed A-Directors on the Board of LondonWaste Limited (LWL) in respect of those elements of Agenda Item 5, Joint Waste Strategy Adoption, relating to the London Recycling Fund.

Councillor Dodds declared a personal interest as an NLWA appointed alternate A-Director on the Board of LWL for the same item, also in respect of those parts relating to the London Recycling Fund.

There were no other declarations of interest.

5. JOINT WASTE STRATEGY ADOPTION

Members considered a report by the Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts who introduced the item. He also circulated a document containing amended recommendations to those present. A copy of this is attached to these minutes.

Members then debated the revised recommendations. Some Members expressed concern that, as written, it suggested that the Cabinet Member Seminars had been attended on each occasion by the Cabinet Member for Environment of each Authority, which was not the case. Members also expressed concerns that the revised recommendations implied that the Seminars had decision-making powers when in fact they were only able to make recommendations for the full Authority to consider.

In clarifying the situation, Ms Ursula Taylor, Acting Legal Adviser, advised that the Joint Waste Strategy in the report had been proposed by the Cabinet Seminars as the final version for consideration. However, all parties (the seven constituent Boroughs and the Authority itself) needed to determine whether to agree it or not. It would also be provided to the London Mayor who was entitled to make further comments. Therefore, it was likely that further discussions would be needed at each stage. It was also noted that the decision to be made at the meeting was whether the Authority approved the document in the report, and this did not affect individual boroughs decision making in respect of the Strategy.

It was then agreed that the recommendations should read:

- (i) That the Authority approves the North London Joint Waste Strategy as attached at Appendix 4
- (ii) That Members note that the Strategy, if approved on behalf of the Authority, will be submitted to the Mayor on the basis that the draft strategy has been recommended in seminars attended by representatives of all eight Authorities; that it has been formally approved by named North London Boroughs; and that the Mayor will be informed when approval is given by all remaining North London Boroughs
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Head of Waste Strategy & Contracts in consultation with the Chair, to approve a statement if there remain any disagreements with another Partner Authority(ies) on the revised wording for the final draft strategy
- (iv) That Members note that if the Mayor seeks any changes to the Strategy a Cabinet Member seminar may be required to address these and recommend any changes to the seven North London Boroughs and to the North London Waste Authority

The Chair then invited discussion on the report, and there was some debate on how far suggestions made by the individual partner Authorities had been incorporated into the document and the current status and implications of the Waste and Emission Trading (WET) Act.

The Chair requested that where Members had technical questions, it was appropriate for them to ask Officers to discuss such matters prior to Member level meetings. He also added that where such matters had already been discussed to conclusion elsewhere, it was inappropriate for these to be raised again.

There then followed some discussion on the Authority's role in working with Boroughs on Local Development Frameworks or a joint Development Plan Document for waste in the North London area.

After debate it was

RESOLVED –

- i) THAT the North London Joint Waste Strategy as attached at Appendix 4 be approved;
- ii) THAT it be noted that the strategy would be submitted to the Mayor on the basis that the draft strategy had been recommended in Seminars attended by representatives of all eight Authorities and that it had been

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formally approved by named North London Boroughs and that the Mayor would be informed when approval was given by all remaining North London Boroughs;

- iii) THAT authority be delegated to the Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts in consultation with the Chair to approve a statement if there remained any disagreements with other Partner Authorities on the revised wording for the final draft strategy; and
- iv) THAT it be noted that if the Mayor seeks any changes to the strategy, a Cabinet Member Seminar might be required to address these and recommend any changes to the seven North London Boroughs and to the North London Waste Authority.

ACTION BY: Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts

Councillors Boast, Coleman and Price abstained in respect of this decision.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the North London Waste Authority was scheduled for Wednesday 13th October 2004 and would take place in the Council Chamber at Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE from 3.00pm.

The meeting ended at 3.40pm

CHAIR

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