

## **THE NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY**

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2004** at 3.00 pm in the Council Chamber 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 Melvin Cohen	-	London Borough of Barnet
Councillor Brian Coleman	-	London Borough of Barnet
Councillor Brian Haley	-	London Borough of Haringey
Councillor Bill Hodgson	-	London Borough of Hackney
Councillor Heather Johnson	-	London Borough of Camden
Councillor Narinda Matharoo	-	London Borough of Waltham Forest
Councillor Bill Price	-	London Borough of Enfield
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 Ray Dodds (Chair)	-	London Borough of Haringey
Councillor Bridget Fox	-	London Borough of Islington

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

### **COUNCILLOR ERIC SIZER, VICE-CHAIR, IN THE CHAIR.**

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ray Dodds. It was noted that Councillor Eric Sizer, Vice-Chair, would therefore be chairing the meeting.

It was noted that Councillor Dodds' absence was due to the birth of a grandchild and the Authority therefore sent its congratulations to him and his family.

There were no further apologies.

**2. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

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

Councillors Haley, Matharoo and Robinson declared personal interests as NLWA appointed A-Directors on the Board of LondonWaste Limited (LWL).

Councillors Coleman and Cohen declared personal interests in respect of agenda item 7, Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Development Update, as representatives of the London Borough of Barnet which was in receipt of London Recycling Fund monies.

There were no other declarations of interests.

**5. MINUTES**

It was

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the North London Waste Authority held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2004, having been confirmed as a correct record, be signed by the Chair.

Councillor Stops advised that he had not received a copy of the letter from Councillor Haley to Councillor Price, which had been agreed for circulation to all at the last meeting. However, other Members confirmed that they had received copies of this letter, although it was agreed that the letter be circulated again.

**ACTION BY: Deputy Clerk**

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

There were no such items.

## **7. JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

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

The Chair advised that the second recommendation should state that the Authority would note the potential of having a special meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2004, as it might not be necessary to have one.

### **TO NOTE: All**

Councillor Stops welcomed the cabinet member seminars and commended the resulting document as being a useful one. Councillor Coleman advised that the report had been called in for further scrutiny in the London Borough of Barnet. He also stated that, as the Waste Strategy was to be a partnership of all seven boroughs, he wished to see representatives of the opposition parties included as part of the Strategy Implementation Board. Councillor Hodgson advised that it was important to remember that whoever chaired the Board, the body itself should reflect the balance of the Authority as a whole.

It was then proposed by Councillor Hodgson, and seconded by Councillor Matharoo, that Councillor Stops be nominated as Chair of the Strategy Implementation Board.

It was proposed by Councillor Hodgson, and seconded by Councillor Matharoo, that Councillor Sizer be nominated as Deputy Chair of the Strategy Implementation Board.

It was proposed by Councillor Coleman, and seconded by Councillor Boast, that Councillor Price be nominated as Deputy Chair of the Strategy Implementation Board.

As Councillor Stops' nomination was unopposed, he was duly elected Chair of the Strategy Implementation Board.

There then followed a vote to decide the appointment of the Deputy Chair of the Board: Seven votes were recorded in favour of Councillor Sizer and five were recorded in favour of Councillor Price - therefore Councillor Sizer was appointed as Deputy Chair of the Strategy Implementation Board.

A vote was then held on Recommendations (i), (ii), (iv), (v) and (vi). Upon a vote being taken there were eight votes in favour and four votes opposed to the recommendations and they were therefore held to be carried.

It was therefore

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the progress of the stakeholder dialogue be noted;
- (ii) THAT it be noted there was a potential for a special meeting of the Authority on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2004 to consider the final draft of the Strategy as acceptable for submission to the Greater London Authority;
- (iii) THAT Councillor Stops be appointed Chair of the Strategy Implementation Group and Councillor Sizer be appointed Deputy Chair of the same body;
- (iv) THAT it be agreed to fund up to £25,000 to support the North London Community Compost Network element of North London Integrated Compost Project bid to the London Recycling Fund (if in the view of the Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts, in liaison with the Chair of the Authority, sufficient funding has been awarded by the London Recycling Fund for the North London Integrated Compost Project to be viable);
- (v) THAT it be agreed to fund to a level limited by the current recycling credit already provided for in the 2004/2005 draft budget to support the development of an in-vessel compost facility as part of the North London Integrated Compost Project bids to the London Recycling Fund (under a variation to the main disposal contract with LondonWaste Limited and if in the view of the Head of Waste Strategy Contracts, in liaison with the Chair of the Authority, sufficient funding has been awarded by the London Recycling Fund for the North London Integrated Compost Project to be viable); and
- (vi) THAT it be agreed to fund approximately £6,000 in the 2004/2005 year and approximately £12,000 in 2005/2006 to support the continuation of the North London Recycling Forum in the current format for 18 months from September 2004 (if in the view of the Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts, in liaison with the Chair of the Authority, sufficient funding has been awarded by the London Recycling Fund for the North London Community Sector Building Partnerships Project to be viable).

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

**8.     NORTH LONDON COMPLIANCE WITH RECYLING AND  
COMPOSTING BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE INDICATOR  
STANDARDS**

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

Mr Lappage, Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts, advised Members that the projection of 11% detailed in the report had in fact been reached and the figure was nearer 12%, according to the most recent submissions from the constituent Boroughs, which was in line with the NLWA strategy target.

Members discussed the relative success and levels of recycling and waste minimisation within their boroughs and then

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

**9. ARSENAL RELOCATION – UPDATE**

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

It was

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

**10. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2004**

The Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts introduced this report which was then considered by Members.

Councillor Hodgson's view was that the plan did not clarify which matters were the responsibility of the Authority itself and which the boroughs were responsible for. In response, Mr Lappage stated that this would follow from the implementation of the joint waste strategy. Once decisions had been made as to where responsibility lay for various tasks, future performance plans would need to ensure that this was clear. Councillor Coleman then expressed his view that it was down to individual boroughs to undertake responsibility for waste and that the Authority should be encouraging and supporting individual boroughs to do so. He also commended officers for the clarity and layout of the draft plan.

Mr Lappage finally reiterated that the first meeting of the Board would consider a list of the jobs that needed to be done and suggestions as to who was best placed to carry them out before making final recommendations in this area.

It was then

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the draft Best Value Performance Plan (as attached to the report) be approved in the light of the comments made above, delegating authority to the Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts, in consultation with the Chair, to make the necessary final changes as full year end data becomes available.

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

**11.   LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Members considered a report by the Legal Adviser who introduced the item.

In response to a question from Councillor Boast in respect of page 11/4, paragraph 4.2(g), as to whether the figures related to each inhabitant rather than each household, the Legal Adviser undertook to investigate and confirm in writing to him.

**ACTION BY:           Legal Adviser**

Councillor Coleman enquired about how the Authority might use the power of direction under the Waste and Emissions Trading Act 2003. Mr Lappage advised that his expectation was that the Authority would negotiate and agree changes with boroughs and then use this power to “seal” the agreements.

After discussion it was then

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

**12.   LONDONWASTE LIMITED – WASTE INCINERATION DIRECTIVE**

Members considered a report by the Financial Adviser who introduced the item.

A document entitled “LondonWaste Limited – Waste Incineration Directive” containing two diagrams illustrating the cross-section of the plant before and after refurbishment was tabled. A copy of this document is attached to the official copy of these minutes.

It was then

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

**13. AWARD OF CONTRACTS BY OFFICERS UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

Members considered a report by the Deputy Clerk.

It was

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the contracts awarded by officers under delegated authority be noted.

**14. FUTURE REPORTS**

Members considered a report by the Deputy Clerk.

It was noted that the item, Assessment of the Amount of Non-Household Waste, was scheduled to be presented to the Authority at its September meeting rather than in December as detailed in the report.

**TO NOTE: All**

It was then

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

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

There was no such business.

**16. 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 held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2004 during consideration of Items 17 and 18 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 Items 17 and 18 would be likely to lead to disclosure of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the Authority).

## **17. LONDONWASTE LIMITED – WASTE INCINERATION DIRECTIVE**

Members considered a report by the Financial Adviser.

Members expressed concerns that the original planned budget for the improvements to the LWL premises had been exceeded. Councillor Coleman asked the LondonWaste Limited A-Directors on the Authority what they were doing to ensure that the company kept within budget. In response, Councillor Haley explained how the Board had requested the Engineering Team to cut costs where possible whilst remembering the necessity of complying with the Waste Incineration Directive. He then gave examples of where expenditure had been saved and explained that as the operation was now likely to be completed ahead of the timetable there would be a saving to the Authority in respect of Landfill Tax costs.

Councillor Haley then invited Members to attend a tour of the LWL premises to see what was being done in respect of the Waste Incineration Directive changes.

It was then

### **RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

## **18. LONDONWASTE LIMITED BOARD MINUTES**

Members considered a report by the Deputy Clerk.

In response to a question from Councillor Boast, the Financial Adviser explained that the compensation payment referred to in the LondonWaste Limited Board minutes was a contractual payment by the Authority to the company. The Compensation Price Review was one of three price review clauses contained in the contract between the company and the Authority that partially compensated the company for the reduction in the price it received for electricity after 31<sup>st</sup> December 1998, i.e. on cessation of the Non Fossil Fuel Obligation on the National Grid to pay a premium price for electricity.

Councillor Price suggested that LondonWaste Limited should investigate providing electricity directly to manufacturing companies in London rather than via the National Grid as a way of getting a better price.

It was then

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

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

There was no such business.

Councillor Sizer reminded Members that this was the last scheduled meeting of the Authority of the year and paid thanks to Councillor Dodds and to Councillor Hodgson for their chairing of meetings. He also thanked all Members for their work on the Authority. In response, Councillor Haley thanked Councillor Sizer for his chairing.

The meeting ended at 4.00 p.m.

**CHAIR**

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