

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 2018** at 2.30 pm in Committee Room 2, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY PRESENT

Councillors Clyde Loakes (Chair), Feryal Demirci (Vice Chair), Dean Cohen (Vice Chair), Daniel Anderson, Andy Hull, Dino Lemonides, Peter Mitchell, Richard Olszewski, Rebecca Rennison, Claudia Webbe and Peter Zinkin

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ABSENT

Councillors Peray Ahmet, Adam Harrison and Alistair Strathern.

The minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting. They are subject to approval and signature at the next meeting of the North London Waste Authority.

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Harrison and Strathern.

2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY, NON-PECUNIARY AND ANY OTHER INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Members acknowledged that there were long-standing interests held in relation to the business of the Authority, but there were no pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements

4. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

There were no deputations.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 7 December be signed and agreed as a correct record.

6. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director

RESOLVED

THAT the Authority:

1. Notes the changes to membership as outlined in the report;
2. Notes Councillors Hulls appointment to the role of Chair of the Finance Working Group;
3. Appoints Councillor Webbe to the Urgency Committee.

7. REVENUE BUDGET AND LEVY 2018-19

Consideration was given to a report of the Financial Adviser

The Financial Adviser introduced the report and invited Members to comment. The Chair stated that he wished his thanks to officers for their hard work put on record. Other Members added their thanks.

RESOLVED

THAT the Authority

1. Agrees that the proposed budget is sufficient to meet the net expenditure requirements for the year ahead and agrees the 2018/19 budget;
2. Agrees to use the revenue balance of £8.019m to support the 2018/19 budget;
3. Agrees that the levy be apportioned as set out in the report at the level of £48.511m;
4. Authorises the Financial Adviser to make the arrangements for collection of the levy and charges for non-household and household waste;
5. Approves the Prudential Indicators and the basis for calculating the Minimum Revenue Provision as laid out in sections 6 and 7.
6. Approves the per tonne charge for non-household and chargeable household residual and recyclable waste as follows:
 - i. Residual £82.76

- ii. Dry Recyclable £49.31
- iii. Food £78.01
- iv. Green £49.96

7. Notes the medium term budget forecasts for 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22.

8. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN FOR THE 2017/18 ACCOUNTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Financial Adviser

RESOLVED

THAT the Authority notes the report

9. OPERATIONS UPDATE REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Operations.

The Head of Operations introduced the report and invited Members to comment. It was noted that there was a small error in the report's third recommendation, which should refer to paragraph 7.11 rather than 7.12.

In response to queries regarding Chinese import restrictions, the Head of Operations stated that expected income in the budget had been decreased as a response. The UK government had made a statement regarding the issue and the need to minimise the impact of changes was being stressed. The Chair added that it was not practical to simply rely on exporting to China, and it was necessary to look at ways of responding to changes in practice, and impacts on future contracts. It was suggested that the Recycling Working Group look at this issue in more detail.

RESOLVED

THAT the Authority:

1. Notes the contents of the report
2. Delegates authority to the Head of Operations to carry out a procurement exercise for future WEEE services in liaison with borough officers, noting that the contract will be awarded at a future meeting of the Authority;
3. Delegates authority to the Head of Operations to carry out a procurement exercise for future MRF services, with liaison with borough officers, noting that contracts will be awarded at a future meeting of the Authority as set out in paragraph 7.11 of the report.

10. THIRD PARTY RE-USE AND RECYCLING CREDIT REGISTRATIONS

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Operations

The Head of Operations introduced the report and invited Members to comment. In response to a query from a Member, the Head of Operations stated that officers did seek to encourage take-up of credits, but there was generally low appetite. The Chair added that it was worth looking at increasing tonnage requirements, and suggested that the Recycling Working Group look at this.

RESOLVED

THAT the Authority approves the applications from all the organisations listed at Appendix 2 for registration for re-use and recycling credits payments during the financial year 2018/19.

11. CONSULTATIONS AND POLICY UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Operations.

The Head of Operations introduced the report and invited Members to comment. A Member stated that it was important that any new facility met London Plan targets on emissions. The Head of Operations stated that the new facility would be compliant with London Plan targets. The Chair added that he had asked officers to submit a consultation response in respect of the Ultra Low Emission Zone, and that this would be circulated to the Chair and Vice-Chairs prior to submission.

RESOLVED

THAT the Authority:

1. Delegates authority to the Head of Operations to submit a response to the draft New London Plan (NLP) in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs;
2. Delegates authority to the Head of Operations to submit a response to the Ultra Low Emission Zone consultation with input from the Chair and Vice-Chairs;
3. Notes a response submitted to the Environment Agency consultation on charging proposals from 2018;
4. Notes the other contents of the report.

12. AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director.

The Managing Director introduced the report and invited Members to comment. A Member noted that there were a number of non-gender neutral terms in the standing orders and requested that these be amended. The Managing Director stated that these would be changed.

RESOLVED

That the Authority

1. Agrees the proposed amendments to Standing Orders as set out in Appendix A and reflected in the track change version of Standing Orders at Appendix B.
2. Agrees the original changes suggested above, whereby gendered terms are replaced with gender neutral ones.

13. WASTE PREVENTION PLAN 2018-20

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director

The Managing Director introduced the report and invited Members to comment. Councillor Zinkin stated that he had no quarrel with the quality of the work associated with the Plan but that he didn't feel that it should go ahead until there was greater clarity on what the figures actually represented and whether the waste prevention activities conducted were actually worthwhile. Other Members stated that they understood this position, and agreed that it was important to have good data in order to understand whether money spent was determined by outcomes. The Managing Director stated that it was useful to be challenged in this way, and that it was important to have good evidence and present it clearly. However, Appendix 2 was very output based, and the links between appendices could perhaps have been communicated better.

The Chair stated that his experience was that most authorities didn't engage in waste prevention activities. While the points raised were valid, they had been raised many times previously, and there was a lot of good work that would be wasted if the Plan wasn't agreed.

RESOLVED

THAT the Authority approves the activities to be included in the programme of waste prevention activity for 2018-20 based upon the budget recommended.

14. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT - UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director

RESOLVED

THAT the report be noted

15. FORWARD PLAN OF DECISIONS

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director

The Chair stated that this was the last meeting before elections at all boroughs, and wised his thanks to Members for their contributions, commitment, time and patience to be put on record.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - ACCESS TO INFORMATION

RESOLVED

“THAT the press and public be excluded from the proceedings of the North London Waste Authority on 8 February 2018 during consideration of the following items 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, as amended.

Specifically:

Exempt Information Category 1 - Information which relates to an individual: the reason why the public interest favours withholding the information is that the release of such information could constitute or facilitate an unwarranted interference with the individual's privacy.

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 Authority's conduct of a commercial operation OR because the disclosure of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Authority and organisations engaged in commercial activities as the information related to commercial activities that are conducted in a competitive environment.

Exempt Information Category 5 - Information in respect of which there is a claim to legal professional privilege: the reasons why the public interest favours withholding the information are that the release of such information could prejudice the safeguarding of openness in all communications between client and lawyer and the Authority's ability to ensure access to full and frank legal advice.

17. PRIVATE MINUTES

RESOLVED

THAT the Private Minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on 7 december 2017 be signed and agreed as a correct record.

18. GOVERNANCE OF LONDONENERGY LIMITED

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director

RESOLVED

THAT the recommendations be agreed as set out in the report.

19. ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT

The meeting ended at 3.43pm

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MINUTES END