

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

REPORT TITLE:
RESIDUAL WASTE STRATEGY

REPORT OF:
MANAGING DIRECTOR

FOR SUBMISSION TO:
NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

DATE:
12 DECEMBER 2013

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report outlines the next steps in developing future arrangements for managing residual waste in North London consistent with the decisions made at the meeting in September 2013.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be noted.

SIGNED:Managing Director

DATE: 3 December 2013

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At the Authority meeting in September Members asked for further advice on the steps required to maintain current service delivery to December 2014 following the ending of the Procurement and preparation for an in-house service delivery solution thereafter. The in-house service is to be based on using the existing Energy from Waste (EfW) facility at Edmonton until 2025 with a new EfW facility capable of delivering heat to a Decentralised Energy Network (DEN) developed alongside the existing one to be ready by 2025. This report outlines ongoing work in this area.

2.0 MAINTAINING CURRENT SERVICE

- 2.1 The Authority has an existing contract with its wholly owned waste management company LondonWaste Ltd until December 2014. Discussions have taken place with the Directors of the Company and the senior management team since the decisions made in September, in particular covering investment in the facility to ensure effective operation through to 2025. Officers are also working with legal advisers to consider arrangements between the Authority and the Company to take over from the current contract in December 2014; when completed these arrangements will be the subject of a separate report to the Authority during 2014.
- 2.2 Officers are currently working with senior managers of the Company and external advisers to agree a detailed approach to investment in the existing facility and an outline of this investment plan will also be reported at a later meeting of the Authority. However based on recent specialised external technical advice, officers are confident, as previously reported, that the current facility and other services provided by the Company can continue to run effectively through to December 2014 and beyond in line with decisions made in September.

3.0 EXTERNAL ADVISERS

- 3.1 A notice was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) on 19 November 2013 inviting interest from firms capable of providing technical and planning advice to the Authority. The purpose of this activity is to set up new arrangements for technical and planning advice following the end of the procurement and to take over from existing consultancy arrangements. Legal advice is not subject to EU procurement regulations and it is intended that Stephenson Harwood will continue to provide external legal support to the Authority. It is hoped that new technical and planning advice arrangements can be put in place by mid-February 2014 following the recent OJEU notice.

4.0 TIMETABLE FOR FUTURE ACTIVITY

- 4.1 Following the engagement of technical and planning advisers in February a timetable will be developed for the delivery of the Authority's longer-term strategy for residual waste management. In particular the work will focus on when the process of developing a new energy facility at Edmonton should be started; projects of this nature clearly have long lead-in times and a new facility will need to be operational by 2025. As a new facility will be important

to the DEN, mentioned above, the timing of the development of the heat network in the Upper Valley will be a key consideration.

- 4.2 Once a draft timetable has been developed this will be reported to the Authority for approval and officers currently expect this to be available by June 2014. The adoption of the timetable by the Authority will be accompanied by communications activity to ensure that the timetable and its implications are made public and key stakeholders are fully aware of the Authority's intentions.

5.0 LEGAL ADVISER'S COMMENTS

- 5.1 The Legal Adviser has been consulted on this report and has no comments to add.

6..0 FINANCIAL ADVISER'S COMMENTS

- 6.1 The Financial Adviser has been consulted on this report and has no comments to add.

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