

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **THURSDAY, 4TH APRIL, 2019** at 3.15 pm in Committee Room 2, Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BD

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT

Councillors Clyde Loakes (Chair), Dean Cohen (Vice-Chair), Rebecca Rennison (Vice-Chair), Daniel Anderson, Patrick Berryman, Jon Burke, Guney Dogan, Adam Harrison, Andy Hull, Richard Olszewski, Claudia Webbe and Peter Zinkin

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ABSENT

Councillors Rosalind Doré and Kirsten Hearn

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 and any corrections approved at that meeting will be recorded in those minutes.

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Doré and Hearn.

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

There were no declarations.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

4. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

There were no deputations.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the public minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

6. CONSULTATIONS AND POLICY UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director.

During discussion, some Members indicated that they did not concur with the view expressed in response to Question 20 on page 70 of the agenda about the benefits or otherwise of a separate food waste collection and felt that there were benefits from separating food waste out from the residual waste stream. In addition, it was felt that the challenges of storing food waste for residents of flats could be overcome. It was agreed that officers would email members with suggested amendments to the response that captured those comments.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the following draft Authority responses be noted:-
 - (a) to the 'Consultation on reforming the UK packaging producer responsibility system', from the England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland governments, attached as Appendix C;
 - (b) to the 'Consultation on consistency in household and business recycling collections in England', from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) attached as Appendix D;
 - (c) to the 'Consultation on introducing a Deposit Return Scheme in England, Wales and Northern Ireland', from the England, Wales and Northern Ireland Government attached as Appendix E;
- (ii) THAT the responses should be finalised in line with the drafts and taking account of Members' comments set out above, and subject to the circulation by email of a revised draft response to Question 20 of the 'Consultation on consistency in household and business recycling collections in England' from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs;
- (iii) THAT authority be delegated to the Managing Director in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs to finalise the consultation responses referred to in (i) to (ii) above prior to the end of the consultation periods;
- (iv) THAT the draft NLWA response to the Her Majesty's Treasury (HMT) consultation on introducing a tax on plastic packaging which contains less

than 30% recycled content, as attached as Appendix F to the report, be approved; and

- (v) THAT the draft NLWA response to the North London Waste Plan (NLWP) Regulation 19 consultation, as attached as Appendix G to the report, be approved.

ACTION BY: Managing Director

7. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Programme Director.

In relation to paragraph 2.5.7 of the report, Members discussed whether the word 'reasonable' was necessary and it was agreed that officers should take legal advice as to whether the commitment was stronger with or without the word 'reasonable'. Members also felt that the reference to 'cycling of the health of the....market' in paragraph 2.3.4 was confusing.

In response to questions the Programme Manager confirmed that the Employment Relations Policy would apply to all major contracts let during the course of the Project.

Members made the following additional comments on the report:-

- References to local labour within the Employment Relations Policy should include residents of all the constituent boroughs of the authority.
- Trade Union engagement should specifically include engagement around health and safety issues.
- Further consideration needed to be given to paying the London Living Wage to apprentices.
- Equalities implications needed to be specifically drawn out in all reports going forward.

ACTION BY: Programme Director

The Chair proposed a separate report to a future meeting capturing the expectations in relation to employment and training as a result of the Project.

ACTION BY: Programme Director

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the proposals for development of a Project-wide Workforce Standards Policy (section 2 of the report) be noted and the interim approach to

Employment Relations proposed in section 2.6 of the report for procurements commencing in April be agreed, subject to the comments recorded above.

- (ii) THAT the update on the stakeholder engagement in Section 3 of the report be noted.
- (iii) THAT the progress on the procurement of the works contracts in Section 4 of the report be noted.
- (iv) THAT the update on the Local Infrastructure Rate (LIR) application in Section 5 of the report be noted.

8. STANDING ORDERS REVISION: ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAMME COMMITTEE AND OTHER MINOR CHANGES

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director. In introducing the report, the Head of Legal and Governance clarified that, under the Authority's Standing Orders, members not appointed to the Programme Committee would automatically be substitute members of that Committee.

In relation to the establishment of the Programme Committee, a member requested that meetings of the committee be arranged around Member availability. The Chair remarked that he would be speaking with officers about the increasing demands on the time of Authority Members as a result of the North London Heat and Power Project.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT a Programme Committee be established with the terms of reference and membership set out in section 2 of the report and shown as changes to the Authority's Standing Orders (June 2018) in the version at Appendix A of the report.
- (ii) THAT the following members be appointed to the Programme Committee:-
 - Councillor Clyde Loakes, LB Waltham Forest
 - Councillor Daniel Anderson, LB Enfield
 - Councillor Rebecca Rennison, LB Hackney
 - Councillor Andy Hull, LB Islington
 - Councillor Richard Olszewski, LB Camden
 - Councillor Peter Zinkin, LB Barnet
 - Vacancy, LB Haringey
- (iii) THAT meetings of the Programme Committee can be held prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Authority on 27 June 2019 and that the Managing Director be requested to arrange such meetings in accordance with the arrangements set out in section 2 of the report.

- (iv) THAT the other recommended changes to Standing Orders set out in section 3 of and shown in the version of Standing Orders at Appendix A of the report be agreed.

ACTION BY: Managing Director

9. SERVICES UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Strategy and Services.

A member remarked on the presentation at the recent waste prevention conference about re-use shops in Belgium and commented that this might be an interesting project for LondonEnergy Ltd (LEL) graduates to look at.

Members expressed their concern about the fact that LEL had lost its gold accreditation under the Fleet Operators Recognition Scheme (FORS). The Managing Director LEL remarked that he took responsibility for this and explained that the accreditation auditors had failed LEL as two of its drivers were booked into the appropriate course but had not yet undertaken it. The accreditation assessment had recently been privatised and that did seem to be causing some issues for operators. The drivers concerned had now been on the course and it was anticipated that LEL would regain its gold accreditation within the next six to twelve months.

Members who were on the London Councils Transport and Environment Committee would raise the issue of the privatisation of the FORS accreditation assessment at the next meeting of that Committee. It was also requested that FORS accreditation be a standing item within the Services report going forward so that it could be monitored.

ACTION BY: Head of Strategy and Services

In response to a question about the incentives for LEL to accept third party waste in preference to NLWA waste, the Managing Director NLWA remarked that, while it was the case that LEL could receive additional income by increasing third party waste, officers recognised that LEL was mindful of the group interest and not just of the company's interest. The paper assured Members that liaison between officers and LEL on data enabled regular dialogue between the organisations to ensure that best overall value was achieved. The Managing Director LEL confirmed that LEL did not take third party waste in preference to Hendon waste. The Chair suggested that the Member Finance Group look in more detail at how financial incentives aligned between LEL and the NLWA for handling waste.

ACTION BY: Member Finance Working Group

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

10. FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

11. 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 4th April 2019 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 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 relates to commercial activities that are conducted in a competitive environment.

12. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the part II minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

13. GOVERNANCE OF LONDONENERGY LIMITED

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

14. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Programme Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved, subject to further consideration of the timing of the implementation of recommendation C.

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

There was no urgent business.

The meeting ended at 4.42pm.

CHAIR

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MINUTES END