

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **FRIDAY, 21ST JUNE, 2019** at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 2, Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BD

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY PRESENT

Councillors Charles Adje, Dean Cohen, Adam Harrison, Andy Hull, Clyde Loakes, Richard Olszewski, Claudia Webbe and Peter Zinkin

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ABSENT

Councillors Jon Burke, Seema Chandwani, Guney Dogan, Rosalind Doré and Rebecca Rennison

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. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY FOR THE 2019/20 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED –

THAT Councillor Clyde Loakes be appointed Chair of the North London Waste Authority for the 2019/20 municipal year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR(S) OR THE AUTHORITY FOR THE 2019/20 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED –

THAT Councillors Dean Cohen and Rebecca Rennison be appointed Vice-Chairs of the North London Waste Authority for the 2019/20 municipal year.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rebecca Rennison, Seema Chandwani and Jon Burke.

Councillor Burke dialled into the meeting as an observer.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

The Chair announced that there was a deputation and *Item 12: Deputations* would be taken next.

12. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

The Chair announced that he had agreed to hear a deputation. Consideration was given to the deputation by Louise Krzan on the North London Heat and Power Project.

The Chair responded to the deputation and made the following initial comments:

- The population of both London and North London was set to grow and repeated governments had failed to make recycling compulsory. This meant that the need to manage waste that would otherwise head to landfill would continue.
- The North London Waste Authority had set an ambitious target of 50% recycling. Local authorities had been encouraging residents to increase recycling rates over many years.
- Decisions to invest in a replacement for the current facility at the Edmonton EcoPark had not been taken lightly.
- The facility had gone through public consultations, government reviews and government sign-offs.

The Chair offered to provide a more detailed response to the deputation in writing.

ACTION BY: Councillor Clyde Loakes

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the public minutes of the North London Waste Authority meeting held on 4th April 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record; and
- (ii) THAT the draft public minutes of the Programme Committee meeting held on 3rd June 2019 be noted.

6. MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY 2019/2020

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

The Chair thanked departing Councillors Kirsten Hearn, Patrick Berryman and Daniel Anderson for their time on the Authority. He particularly commended Councillor

Anderson, who had been a long-standing member and made a significant contribution to the work of the Authority.

The Chair went on to thank Kevin O'Leary, Corporate Director Environment and Regeneration at the London Borough of Islington, who was retiring from the Council.

RESOLVED –

THAT the membership of the Authority for 2019/20 be noted.

7. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

- i) THAT the political balance requirements as they affect the Authority for the ensuing municipal year be noted;
- ii) THAT an Urgency Committee be established as per section 3 of the report with seven Members as follows:

Councillor Jon Burke
Councillor Seema Chandwani
Councillor Dean Cohen
Councillor Guney Dogan
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Richard Olszewski
Councillor Claudia Webbe

- iii) THAT an Audit Committee be established as per section 4 of the report with membership as follows:

Councillor Charles Adje
Councillor Guney Dogan
Councillor Andy Hull
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Richard Olszewski
Councillor Rebecca Rennison
Councillor Peter Zinkin

- iv) THAT a Programme Committee be established as per section 5 of the report with membership as follows:

Councillor Charles Adje
Councillor Guney Dogan
Councillor Andy Hull

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Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Richard Olszewski
Councillor Rebecca Rennison
Councillor Peter Zinkin

- v) THAT the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Authority be appointed to the LondonEnergy Ltd Shareholder Group as identified in paragraph 6.1 of the report;
- vi) THAT a Finance Working Group be maintained as per paragraph 7.2 of the report with membership as follows:

Councillor Charles Adje
Councillor Guney Dogan
Councillor Andy Hull (Chair)
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Richard Olszewski
Councillor Rebecca Rennison
Councillor Peter Zinkin

- vii) THAT a Recycling Working Group be maintained as per paragraph 7.3 of the report with membership as follows:

Councillor Jon Burke
Councillor Seema Chandwani
Councillor Guney Dogan
Councillor Adam Harrison
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Claudia Webbe (Chair)
Councillor Peter Zinkin

- viii) THAT a Reuse and Recycling Centre(RRC) Review Group be appointed as follows:

Councillor Dean Cohen
Councillor Adam Harrison
Councillor Seema Chandwani
Councillor Claudia Webbe
Councillor Clyde Loakes

- ix) THAT it be confirmed that officers will consult the Chair of the Authority on the Authority's communications strategy and individual media communications of a sensitive nature; and
- x) THAT the position regarding attendance at meetings be noted.

8. NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

It was suggested that the Chair send the Annual Report and its covering report to the deputation with his written response. It was noted that every tonne of residual waste which is diverted from landfill saves the equivalent of 20kgs of carbon dioxide.

The Chair commented that officers were working on developing the communications for the North London Heat and Power Project. Members suggested that information was needed on where the new facility fit into the waste hierarchy.

ACTION BY: Managing Director

RESOLVED –

THAT the Annual Report be approved.

9. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF LONDONENERGY LTD.

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

10. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE AUTHORITY IN 2019/2020

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

- i) THAT the proposed dates and times for meetings during the 2019/20 municipal year and the annual general meeting for the following year be agreed;
- ii) THAT the meeting of the Audit Committee scheduled for 25th July 2019 be noted; and
- iii) THAT the dates of meetings for the Programme Committee during the 2019/20 municipal year be noted.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

13. 2018/19 FINANCIAL OUTTURN AND 2019/20 UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Financial Adviser.

It was agreed to bring a paper to the Members' Finance Working Group on implications for revenue funding of the capital programme given the delayed completion of the lease on the EcoPark.

ACTION BY: Head of Finance

The Authority discussed the contingency provision in the budget and it was suggested that the approach to contingencies be discussed at the Members' Finance Working Group.

ACTION BY: Head of Finance

RESOLVED –

- i) THAT the 2018/19 outturn be noted (subject to audit);
- ii) THAT the over and underpayments by boroughs in respect of non-household and chargeable household waste in 2018/19 and the arrangements for repayment to and collection from the boroughs be noted;
- iii) THAT the 2019/20 update be noted and that it be noted that a further report will be submitted to the Authority in October; and
- iv) THAT it be noted that an update on the budget and resource requirements for 2020/21 and future years will be reported to the Authority in future budget reviews.

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PROCESSING OF MIXED DRY RECYCLABLES

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director

The new requirement that all staff working on the contract be required to receive at least London Living Wage was commended. It was also noted that manual removal of non-conforming materials to allow the processing of increased amounts of recycling was a positive outcome for the Authority.

In response to questions it was confirmed that the contractors would be required to inform the Authority where the recyclables would be sent. The Committee was informed that one bidder had confirmed that they would not be sending any recyclables to the Far East. The other bidder was investing in new recycling facilities in the United Kingdom. The Chair noted that 85% of recycled plastics were processed in the United Kingdom, with 15% sent to Europe. The Head of Strategy and Services commented that more reprocessing facilities were being built in the United Kingdom because of contracts with high tonnages of recyclables.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority agreed the award of the contract for eight (8) lots to Bidder A, and two (2) lots to Bidder B as set out in section 4 of the report and detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

15. SERVICES UPDATE

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

In response to a question about why an external consultant was needed to assist LondonEnergy Ltd to regain Gold Accreditation under the Fleet Operators Recognition Scheme, officers explained that the Scheme had recently been reviewed and it had become more difficult to gain accreditation.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the report.

16. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT UPDATE AND REPORTS

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director

Members commented that the Project Health Check on page 156 of the agenda pack was very helpful. It was suggested that arrows be included to indicate the direction of travel for each of the projects.

ACTION BY: Programme Director

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the report.

17. CONSULTATIONS AND POLICY UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority:

A. Noted the submission of the following Authority responses:

- (i) to the 'Consultation on reforming the UK packaging producer responsibility system', from the England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland governments;

- (ii) to the 'Consultation on consistency in household and business recycling collections in England', from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra);
- (iii) to the 'Consultation on introducing a Deposit Return Scheme in England, Wales and Northern Ireland', from the England, Wales and Northern Ireland Government; and

B. Agreed that no further response was required to the Edmonton Leaside Area Action Plan (ELAAP).

18. FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the report.

19. 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 21st June 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 related to commercial activities that are conducted in a competitive environment.

20. PART II MINUTES

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the private minutes of the North London Waste Authority meeting held on 4th April 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record; and
- (ii) THAT the draft private minutes of the Programme Committee meeting held on 3rd June 2019 be noted.

21. GOVERNANCE OF LONDONENERGY LTD.

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

22. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT PROGRAMME UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

23. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT - PROCUREMENT OF INTRUSIVE WORKS CONTRACT

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

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

There was no urgent business.

The meeting ended at 3.10 pm.

CHAIR

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MINUTES END