

## **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY**

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **THURSDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 2019** at 2.30 pm in Committee Room 2, Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BD

### **MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY PRESENT**

Councillors Clyde Loakes (Chair), Rebecca Rennison (Vice-Chair), Bond, Jon Burke, Rosalind Doré, Adam Harrison, Andy Hull, Richard Olszewski, Claudia Webbe and Peter Zinkin

### **MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ABSENT**

Councillors Dean Cohen, Charles Adje, Seema Chandwani and Guney Dogan

**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 received from Councillors Charles Adje, Seema Chandwani, Guney Dogan and Dean Cohen.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

### **4. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)**

There were no deputations.

### **5. MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the public minutes of the North London Waste Authority meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record;
- (ii) THAT the public minutes of the Programme Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 be noted; and

- (iii) THAT the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be noted.

## **6. MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY AND COMMITTEES: UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

Councillor Chris Bond was welcomed back to the North London Waste Authority after an absence of four years.

### **RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the changes to membership as outlined in the Committee report be noted; and
- (ii) THAT the appointment of Councillor Bond to the Recycling Working Group be agreed, replacing Councillor Dogan as the London Borough of Enfield representative.

## **7. 2019/20 BUDGET UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Financial Adviser.

Members queried the officer response to the external auditor's recommendation that the North London Waste Authority sets up its own bank account and establishes its own processes to undertake regular bank reconciliations. It was noted that this recommendation had been made previously. Officers commented that Internal Audit had noted the proposal to test the internal controls currently in place to review if they were working effectively and if any improvements could be made to minimise the income risk. Members would be informed whether Internal Audit supported this proposal.

**ACTION BY:           Head of Finance**

### **RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the findings and recommendations of the 2018/19 Annual Audit Letter be noted;
- (ii) THAT the second update of the 2019/20 revenue budget be noted; and
- (iii) THAT it be noted a third update of the 2019/20 budget would be reported to the Authority meeting in December together with an updated assessment of the budget and resource requirements for 2020/21.

**8. SERVICES UPDATE**

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

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the report be noted.

**9. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT UPDATE AND REPORTS**

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

The positive proposals for employee relations were commended by Members.

The Authority discussed the judicial review claim into the decision by the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Industrial Strategy not to reopen the Development Consent Order granted in February 2017. Officers offered to circulate the Authority's response to the claim to all Members.

**ACTION BY: Head of Legal and Governance**

Officers noted that they had met with communications officers in all the constituent London Borough Councils to discuss the response. The Managing Director stated that the Authority would be clear that the new facility was compatible with the UK achieving a zero net carbon economy. It was understood that there would still be a need to deal with waste that could not be recycled. There would be a saving in carbon dioxide emissions compared to the equivalent waste going to landfill.

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the contents of the report be noted; and
- (ii) THAT the revised wording of the Employment Relations Code of Practice as described in Section 9 and Appendix C of the report be agreed.

**10. FORWARD PLAN**

Consideration was given to the 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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.

**12. PART II MINUTES**

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the private minutes of the North London Waste Authority meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record; and
- (ii) THAT the draft private minutes of the Programme Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 be noted.

**13. 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.

**14. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the Authority noted the report.

**15. NLHPP FINANCING STRATEGY**

Consideration was given to the report of the Financial Adviser.

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

**16. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT - ECOPARK SOUTH WORKS PROCUREMENT**

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

**17. ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT**

There was no urgent business.

The meeting ended at 3.30 pm.

**CHAIR**

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**MINUTES END**