

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

REPORT TITLE: MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY 2020/21

REPORT OF: MANAGING DIRECTOR

FOR SUBMISSION TO: AUTHORITY MEETING

DATE: 24 SEPTEMBER 2020

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report contains an update on the membership of the North London Waste Authority.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Authority is recommended to note the membership of the Authority.

SIGNED:  **Managing Director**

DATE: 14 September 2020

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The North London Waste Authority (NLWA) comprises two representatives appointed by each of the seven constituent councils and notified to the Authority in writing. No substitute representatives are permitted.
- 1.2. The term of office of appointed members is normally until the next annual meeting of the constituent Council making the appointment, or until notification in writing by a constituent Council of a change in their appointment(s) before their next annual Council meeting.
- 1.3. The ongoing Coronavirus emergency has impacted on the annual meetings held by local authorities. This report provides an update on the impact on the membership of the Authority.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1. The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 came into force on 4 April 2020. The regulations removed the requirement for local authorities to hold annual meetings in March, April or May 2020. This gave flexibility to local authorities to hold the annual meeting as planned (although remotely), postpone to later in the year or not hold an annual meeting in 2020. Any appointments usually made at an annual meeting can continue until an annual meeting is held.
- 2.2. Most of the constituent boroughs to the Authority appoint their representatives at their annual meeting. All of those have either postponed their annual meeting from the usual period March, April or May, or will not hold an annual meeting in the current year.
- 2.3. The following appointments have been rolled forward:

London Borough of Barnet

Councillor Dean Cohen (C), Councillor Peter Zinkin (C)

London Borough of Hackney

Councillor Rebecca Rennison (L), Councillor Jon Burke (L)

London Borough of Haringey

Councillor Charles Adje (L), Councillor Seema Chandwani (L)

London Borough of Islington

Councillor Rowena Champion (L), Councillor Satnam Gill (L)

London Borough of Waltham Forest

Councillor Clyde Loakes (L), Councillor Rosalind Doré (L)

- 2.4. At the London Borough of Camden, appointments to the Authority are made by the Leader of the Council. The following appointments were made on 3 June 2020 and renewed on 7 September 2020:

London Borough of Camden

Councillor Richard Olszewski (L), Councillor Adam Harrison (L)

- 2.5. The London Borough of Enfield held its annual meeting and made the following appointments on 1 July 2020:

London Borough of Enfield

Councillor Kate Anolue (L), Councillor Chris Bond (L)

- 2.6. On 17 July 2020, Enfield Council announced the death of Councillor Bond. On 29 July, the Programme Committee held a minute's silence in memory of Councillor Bond and asked Councillor Anolue to pass on the Authority's condolences.

- 2.7. On 21 August 2020, Enfield Council appointed:

London Borough of Enfield

Councillor Hass Yusuf (L)

3. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. Meetings of the Authority and its Committees are being held remotely in accordance with the powers contained within the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 ("the Regulations").
- 3.2. It is recognised that that some persons who ordinarily would be able to participate in Authority meetings in person will not be able to participate in remote meetings due to physical or other disability or because they lack the technological capability to do so. It is believed that this will only be a small minority of persons, but will likely disproportionately affect older persons and those of less financial means. It is acknowledged that in terms of income those that fall within certain protected groups are statistically more likely to lack the means to have access to that equipment or the ability to use it. The Authority is of the view that in passing the Regulations to permit remote meetings, the Government has both considered this impact and also set out the importance of holding council meetings, including joint authorities, during the coronavirus emergency. Therefore, having given its obligations under Section 149 of the Equality Act due regard it considers the public interest in public elected member decisions resuming outweighs the impacts on any persons who may not be able to participate. It is also mindful of the current

statutory prohibition on public gatherings when alternative means are available and it considers that the regulations allowing remote decision making is such an alternative which should be used.

- 3.3. Where there is the functionality to dial into a meeting instead of joining via the Internet, the Authority will support this as far as possible in line with the procedures set out in the Guidance on Remote Meetings Held During the Coronavirus National Emergency agreed at each meeting.
- 3.4. Teams has live captions functionality for remote meetings for the deaf / hard of hearing, which users can independently turn on; guidance on how to do so will be provided. The Authority cannot accept any liability for the accuracy of these live captions.
- 3.5. The Authority will consider any other requests for reasonable adjustments to be made in order to allow parties to be involved in remote Authority meetings as far as circumstances at the time of the meeting allows.
- 3.6. In addition the Authority will review and monitor the operation of its remote decision making and make adjustments when it considers it can further mitigate any adverse impact.

4. COMMENTS OF THE LEGAL ADVISER

- 4.1. The Legal Adviser has been consulted in the preparation of this report and comments have been incorporated.

5. COMMENTS OF THE FINANCIAL ADVISER

- 5.1. The Financial Adviser has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no comments to add.

List of documents used:

Correspondence with constituent Boroughs relating to membership.

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