

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **THURSDAY, 25TH JUNE, 2020** at 2.30 pm as a Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams.

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY PRESENT

Councillors Clyde Loakes (Chair), Dean Cohen (Vice-Chair), Rebecca Rennison (Vice-Chair), Charles Adje, Jon Burke, Rowena Champion, Seema Chandwani, Rosalind Doré, Ergin Erbil, Satnam Gill, Adam Harrison, Richard Olszewski and Peter Zinkin

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ABSENT

Councillors Chris Bond

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. GUIDANCE ON REMOTE MEETINGS HELD DURING THE CORONAVIRUS NATIONAL EMERGENCY

RESOLVED –

THAT the remote meetings procedures set out on the agenda be agreed.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

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

There were no declarations.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced that the meeting was being broadcast live by the Council to the Internet and could be viewed on the website for six months after the meeting. After that time, webcasts were archived and could be made available upon request. Those who had asked to address the meeting were deemed to be consenting to

having their contributions recorded and broadcast and to the use of those sound recordings and images for webcasting and/or training purposes.

5. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT

There was no notification.

6. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

The Chair announced that he had agreed to hear deputations from the following in relation to the North London Heat and Power Project:-

- Dr Rebecca Redwood
- Kate Osamor MP
- Councillor Caroline Russell, Islington Council/London Assembly
- Sir Iain Duncan Smith MP
- Councillor Vicki Pite, Enfield Council
- Councillor Tammy Palmer, Haringey Council
- Dorothea Hackman on behalf of Councillor Simon Pearson, Camden Council
- Evelyn Ryan, Pinkham Way Alliance
- Malcolm Stow (taken as read)

The Chair made the following comments in response to the deputations:-

- The Authority had been working for 20 years to develop the best solution for waste disposal in north London and there had been extensive and rigorous scrutiny of the proposals throughout. A decision now had to be made, and doing nothing was not an option.
- The Authority was at the forefront of work on waste prevention and was proud of its record in this area. However, ultimately it was the boroughs that were responsible for waste collection and the Authority was responsible only for the disposal of that waste.
- That said, the boroughs were working hard to secure a more sustainable future for north London and the Authority was supporting them in their work on waste prevention and recycling.
- Legislation was needed to make recycling compulsory and to reduce the use of packaging and plastics and the Authority would continue to lobby government on this.
- The Authority had already responded several times to the issues raised around climate impact and air quality. It was building one of the most sophisticated energy-from-waste facilities in the UK, if not Europe, and using the best technology currently available.
- The NLHPP project could make a real difference to the local economy and local people.

The Chair indicated that a more detailed response to the issues raised by the deputees would be posted on the Authority's website in due course.

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the public minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

8. MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY 2020/21

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the membership of the Authority be noted.

9. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE AUTHORITY IN 2020/21

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the proposed dates and times for meetings during 2020/21, including the postponed Annual General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting for the following year, be agreed;
- (ii) THAT the meeting of the Audit Committee scheduled for 2nd November 2020 be noted; and
- (iii) THAT the meetings of the Programme Committee during 2020/21 be noted.

10. 2019/20 FINANCIAL OUTTURN AND 2020/21 UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Financial Adviser.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the 2019/20 outturn (subject to audit) be noted;

- (ii) THAT the over and under payments by boroughs in respect of non-household and chargeable household waste in 2019/20 and the arrangements for repayment to and collection from the boroughs be noted;
- (iii) THAT the 2020/21 update, and that a further report will be submitted to the Authority in September, be noted; and
- (iv) THAT it be noted that an update on the budget and resource requirements for 2021/22 and future years will be reported to the Authority in future budget reviews.

11. ANNUAL RISK REVIEW

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

12. SERVICES UPDATE

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

In response to a question, the Head of Strategy and Services confirmed that residual waste had risen just under 1% on the previous year.

On being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED -

- (i) THAT the performance on service delivery in the current year be noted; and
- (ii) THAT authority be delegated to the Managing Director, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chairs, to respond to the Government consultation on plastic packaging tax, as described in Section 9 of the report.

13. WASTE PREVENTION UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director.

Members commented on the amount of work that went into waste prevention and the efforts that were made to think up with new initiatives to capture people's imagination and persuade them to change their behaviour. The amount of litter being left behind by people going to parks and open spaces during lockdown was also highlighted, although the fact that people were now using parks and open spaces in a way that

they had not previously was acknowledged as a positive development, albeit one that presented additional challenges.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

14. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT UPDATE AND REPORTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Programme Director.

In response to a question regarding measures taken to protect workers from Covid-19, the Programme Director remarked that a host of steps had been taken by a taskforce that included contractors, and these steps ranged from additional welfare facilities and toilets through to specialist PPE.

Officers were thanked for the thought and effort that had gone into making the Project Covid safe.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

15. FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

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

There were no urgent items.

17. 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 25th June 2020 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.

Exempt Information Category 5 - Information in respect of which there is a claim to legal professional privilege: the reasons why the public interest favours withholding the information are that the release of such information could prejudice the safeguarding of openness in all communications between client and lawyer and the Authority's ability to ensure access to full and frank legal advice.

18. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the private minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on 13th February 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

19. GOVERNANCE OF LONDONENERGY LTD

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

20. MIXED DRY RECYCLABLES (MDR) CONTRACT

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

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

21. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT PROGRAMME UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Programme Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

22. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT - ENERGY RECOVERY FACILITY WORKS PROCUREMENT

Consideration was given to a report of the Programme Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

23. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT PROCUREMENTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Programme Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be agreed.

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

There was no urgent business.

The meeting ended at 5.04pm.

CHAIR

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