

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2020** at 2.30 pm as a Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams. The meeting could be watched live via <https://councilmeetings.camden.gov.uk>

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY PRESENT

Councillors Charles Adje, Kate Anolue, Jon Burke, Rowena Champion, Seema Chandwani, Dean Cohen, Rosalind Doré, Satnam Gill, Adam Harrison, Clyde Loakes, Richard Olszewski, Rebecca Rennison, Hass Yusuf and Peter Zinkin

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

The meeting was opened by the Clerk to the Authority.

RESOLVED –

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

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY FOR THE 2020/21 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED –

THAT Councillor Clyde Loakes be appointed Chair of the North London Waste Authority for the 2020/21 municipal year.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR(S) OF THE AUTHORITY FOR THE 2020/21 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED –

THAT Councillors Rebecca Rennison and Peter Zinkin be appointed Vice-Chairs of the North London Waste Authority for the 2020/21 municipal year.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Satnam Gill and Councillor Seema Chandwani had given apologies that she would need to leave early.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced that the meeting was being broadcast live by Camden 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.

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the public minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record; and
- (ii) THAT the public minutes of the Programme Committee meetings held on 29th July 2020 and 7th September 2020 be noted.

8. MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY 2020/21

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

The Chair welcomed Councillors Hass Yusuf and Kate Anolue to the North London Waste Authority (NLWA). He restated the Authority's condolences for the death of Councillor Chris Bond who had been a hardworking, dedicated member of the NLWA and Enfield Council.

RESOLVED –

THAT the membership of the Authority for 2020/21 be noted.

9. 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;

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- ii) THAT an Urgency Committee be established as per section 3 of the report with seven Members as follows:

Councillor Charles Adje
Councillor Kate Anolue
Councillor Jon Burke
Councillor Rowena Champion
Councillor Dean Cohen
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Richard Olszewski

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

Councillor Charles Adje
Councillor Satnam Gill
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Richard Olszewski
Councillor Rebecca Rennison
Councillor Hass Yusuf
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 Satnam Gill
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Richard Olszewski
Councillor Rebecca Rennison
Councillor Hass Yusuf
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 Satnam Gill
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Richard Olszewski (Chair)
Councillor Rebecca Rennison
Councillor Hass Yusuf
Councillor Peter Zinkin

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

Councillor Charles Adje
Councillor Kate Anolue
Councillor Jon Burke (Chair)
Councillor Rowena Champion
Councillor Adam Harrison
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Peter Zinkin

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

Councillor Charles Adje
Councillor Satnam Gill
Councillor Adam Harrison
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Peter Zinkin

- 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.

10. NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

The Chair thanked officers for their work and noted that given the developments with COVID-19 since 31 March 2020, the Annual Report for 2020/21 could look very different.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority approved the Annual Report attached in Appendix A to the report.

11. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF LONDONENERGY LTD

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

13. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

The Chair announced that he had agreed to hear a deputation from Malcolm Stow in relation to the North London Heat and Power Project (NLHPP).

The Chair made the following comments in response to the deputation:

- He had held an email conversation with the depute.
- He shared many of Mr Stow's frustrations eg low levels of recycling by residents.
- He had spoken to the Minister that week and questioned why the Government was taking so long to introduce measures such as a deposit return scheme.
- He noted that local authorities had no powers to enforce recycling although the Authority did encourage greater recycling.
- 70 - 85% of waste could be recycled but resident recycling rates were still at approximately 30%.
- Key components of the NLHPP were the new Reuse and Recycling Centre (RRC) and a Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) which would enable 135,000 tonnes of recyclate to be taken from waste delivered to the Edmonton facility to be recycled. It would be one of the most technologically advanced facilities in the UK run by a local authority.
- There was a need to dispose of residual waste. There were no other tried and tested solutions on the market to handle the amount of residual waste that the Authority had at the present time and forecast into the future.
- The NLWA and borough councils were doing as much as they could to engage with residents to increase recycling.
- The A406 that ran through the boroughs was where the focus should be for improving air quality. The emissions from the Energy from Waste facility were tiny compared to the pollution from the road network.

A member of the Authority noted that the Chair had been unanimously appointed by other members of the Authority at the start of the meeting and stressed that he had their support.

14. 2020/21 BUDGET UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Financial Adviser.

In response to Member requests, officers confirmed that a Member Finance Working Group meeting would be arranged for October 2020. Further detail on the revised forecast levy increases would be provided.

ACTION BY: Head of Finance

The figures in *Table A5 – Green Waste tonnage forecast* were challenged and officers agreed to review the data.

ACTION BY: Head of Finance

It was suggested that communications needed to be developed on potential levy increases.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the Authority noted the review of the 2020/21 revenue budget; and
- (ii) THAT the Authority noted that a further update of the 2020/21 budget would be reported to the Authority meeting in December together with an updated assessment of the budget and resource requirements for 2021/22.

15. SERVICES UPDATE

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

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted performance on service delivery in the current year.

16. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT UPDATE AND REPORTS

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the contents of the report.

17. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT - HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

Members welcomed the accessible report and the level of information which enabled the Authority to ensure it was fulfilling its obligations. It was considered that the approach to COVID-19 as set out in the report had been right.

In response to whether the Health, Safety and Wellbeing resource structure should have been strengthened earlier, the Programme Director noted that the NLWA had not undertaken such a significant construction project previously. To date, the

organisation in place had benefit for purpose. With an increase in construction activity it was right to strengthen the team.

There was a suggestion that the five golden rules were not memorable and potentially an impediment to safety. The Chair suggested that officers review whether a different set of golden rules would improve workforce awareness of health, safety and wellbeing on site.

ACTION FOR: Programme Director

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the contents of the report.

18. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT - SOCIAL VALUE UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

Members commended the report and the social benefits of the programme, urging promotion of this to residents.

In response to a question, officers confirmed that tackling modern slavery was an essential provision within construction contracts. Future reports would highlight work on this.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the report.

19. FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the report.

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

There were no urgent items.

21. 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 24th September 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.

22. PART II MINUTES

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the private minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record; and
- (ii) THAT the private minutes of the Programme Committee meetings held on 29th July 2020 and 7th September 2020 be noted.

23. 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, subject to a minor amendment.

24. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT PROGRAMME UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the contents of the report.

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

There were no exempt items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 4.00 pm.

CHAIR

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MINUTES END