

**North London Waste Authority
Members' Recycling Working Group (MRWG)
21 January 2020
Stephenson Harwood Offices
1 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2M 7SH**

Present

Cllr C Bond (Cllr CB)
Cllr R Champion (Cllr RC)
Cllr P Zinkin (Cllr PZ)
Cllr J Burke (Cllr JB)
Cllr C Loakes (Cllr CL)

Apologies

Cllr A Harrison (Cllr AH)
Cllr S Chandwani (Cllr SC)
Cllr C Bond (Cllr CB)
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Borough officers present

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NLWA officers present

Martin Capstick (MCK) - Managing Director
Andrew O'Connor (AOC) - Head of Strategy & Services
Barbara Herridge (BH) - External Relations Manager
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		Action
1.	<p>Introductions/Apologies/Appointment of new Chair</p> <p>Introductions were made and apologies noted. It was agreed that Cllr Jon Burke would take over as Chair of the MRWG after the departure of Cllr Webbe to Parliament. Cllr Burke commended Cllr Webbe's record as chair of the group.</p>	None
2.	<p>Notes of last meeting held on 4 October 2019 and matters arising</p> <p>Item 2 - AOC reported that LondonEnergy Ltd are currently procuring Euro 6 compliant vehicles.</p> <p>Item 3 –XX confirmed that after the launch of the Low Plastic Zone in Islington, the launch toolkit and materials would be provided to other boroughs.</p> <p>Item 4 – X queried the availability of NLWA's recycling adverts after the television and digital recycling campaign had ended. BH confirmed that artistes' royalties and a music licence (the latter for the third-year advert only) would have to be paid if NLWA wanted to continue to use the adverts proactively. It had therefore been decided to leave them only on YouTube.</p> <p>Item 4 – MCK noted that work to demystify recycling and provide confidence to residents about end destinations would be ongoing.</p> <p>Items 4 and 5 – MCK added that the remaining actions are included in the proposals for a residual waste reduction plan.</p> <p>The minutes and actions were agreed</p>	

3.	<p>Residual Waste Reduction Plan (2020-2022) – consultation draft plan for consideration</p> <p>A consultation draft Residual Waste Reduction Plan for 2020-2022 had been previously circulated. The current two-year Waste Prevention Plan for 2016-20 expires at the end of March 2020.</p> <p>MCK advised that the new draft document involved strategy developments on both waste prevention and enhanced recycling activities, with the intention of bringing together activities which help reduce residual waste into a single plan.</p> <p>It was noted that the previous Waste Prevention Plan lasted two years and that there had been some difficulties including new ideas such as Low Plastic Zones into a work programme that was set at the start of a two-year period. Section 3 of the report sets out proposed actions with a set of questions for Members in Sections 4.1 and 4.2. If Members are happy with the general thrust of the plan officers advised they would prepare a set of overall actions which would be refreshed every six months. Section 4.2 of the report outlines the first six month's activities.</p> <p>X queried the approach to enforcement included in the contamination communication proposals, said he thought the idea to display old waste in a pop-up shop window was an invitation to fly tip and added that the idea to work with a housing block to be an exemplar for waste prevention was in his view too ambitious for a two-year programme of work. X also stated that the report was unclear which Borough has signed up to particular initiatives.</p> <p>X said that the report would be seeking full approbation and could be reviewed line-by-line at the September MRWG meeting (for the second six-months of activity). A decision whether to make enforcement of recycling official Authority policy could be discussed at a later date. X suggested that officers should send out a note to all Members to see if they had any objections which could be amended prior to the page-turn meeting.</p> <p>X stated that in order to get Borough buy-in we should make it clear what enforcement powers we are asking for. X advised that enforcement had been around for some time and included in NLWA consultation responses; an ideal action would be if Government were to say recycling becomes compulsory not voluntary.</p> <p>MCK said plan adoption is ideally in February but that the recycling campaign would not be operational from 13 February. X suggested that Members could approve the plan in principle and at the next meeting the option for change would still be open. MCK advised that the normal approach would be to put the plan on the website once it has been adopted.</p> <p>X stated that the direction of travel of the plan is not a problem but we need to peel back some layers in the plan so it better reflects what boroughs are doing to increase their own recycling.</p> <p>MCK suggested officers issue a list of proposed activities ranging from the more appealing to the less appealing and Members could then highlight what they thought would be too ambitious so that officers could update the programme based on Members' comments.</p>	BH
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4.	<p>Materials Recovery Facility contract mobilisation</p> <p>A briefing note had been circulated on the mobilisation of the two MRF contracts awarded to Biffa and Bywaters due to run from December 2019 – December 2025. Whilst the Biffa mobilisation was going well the paper went on to highlight the issue of the post award actions by Bywaters that [redacted text] ----- -----</p> <p>A discussion between the group ensued on the Bywaters situation including that the lack of a transfer station in the east of the NLWA area had restricted the alternative options available.</p> <p>AOC had spoken with Biffa to advise that the two contracts will end in March then NLWA will move all recycling over to them.</p> <p>X said [redacted text] ----- ----- -----</p> <p>X had [redacted text] ----- ----- -----</p> <p>MCK said [redacted text] ----- ----- -----</p> <p>X requested that officers need to raise with Biffa the importance of vehicles not parking in cycle lanes).</p> <p>It was agreed that Biffa had been very transparent in all their actions.</p> <p>MCK advised that he and AOC had accepted invitations to Durham to the opening of Biffa's new Plastic Recycling facility on 29 January.</p> <p>ACTION Officers should report on use of the plastic recycling facility for NLWA plastic when there was data available.</p> <p>X closed the discussion by saying that where we send our waste to is moving into a different area and we should really improve information, do communications announcements and that it would be wise to get out top line of data. ACTION</p>	<p>AOC</p> <p>AOC</p> <p>AOC/XX</p>
5.	<p>This agenda item has been redacted for reasons of commercial confidentiality</p>	

6.	<p>Review of NLWA's approach to paying Reuse and Recycling Credits</p> <p>Members had also received a briefing note on the Authority's approach to giving nominated charities credit payments of £76.54 /tonne for the amount of waste that is diverted from the Authority's waste stream. A discussion on the briefing note ensued.</p> <p>X said that we should work on an alternative scheme and encourage charities to take on working with the Authority. He added that Members were happy to take up officer recommendations on how to proceed with this. AOC advised that he felt we should discontinue textiles but continue the credit scheme for furniture and books. X questioned what the position is in terms of governance and could the Authority provide more details for a future MRWG with a view to taking a full report to a subsequent Authority meeting for decision. ACTION.</p> <p>X stated that we should ensure the scheme works for the Authority. He suggested however we proceed it should be reviewed every two years.</p> <p>X asked officers to come back following further consideration, with the beginning of a proposal.</p>	AOC
7.	<p>Review of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) collection service across north London</p> <p>A briefing note had been circulated to Members advising that there had not been much change since the December update apart from a new incentive from Government that large retailers will be obliged to take back similar WEEE items in-store from 1 January 2021.</p> <p>X stated that he had rung up to use the WEEE collection service and found it not very professional. It was suggested to bring the 3rd sector back into working with the Authority. X advised that there would be some value in exploring what X X has to offer.</p> <p>X advised that Hackney would be seeking reassurance that they could achieve some or better actions with a different method. He further questioned what would happen if we withdrew the WEEE service. AOC replied that Boroughs have their own bulky waste collections in place. X said that there is a piece of work to be done around what the practice is in all the Authority Boroughs i.e. what is the practice for collection from people on a fixed income?</p> <p>X asked about current trends. AOC advised that tonnages are down. There is leakage within the system. A lot of shops are also taking back WEEE (Larger WEEE) and that we need to keep an eye on trends that indicate a change in behaviour.</p> <p>It was agreed that officers would come forward with a proposal of what we are achieving – is NLWA filling in the gaps in other services?</p>	AOC
8.	A.O.B.	

	There was no other business	
9.	Date of next meeting – Before the Authority Meeting on 13 February 2020, 12:30 at the Crowndale Centre.	