

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **THURSDAY, 22ND APRIL, 2021** at 2.30 pm as a Remote meeting via Microsoft Teams.

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY PRESENT

Councillors Clyde Loakes (Chair), Peter Zinkin (Vice-Chair), Charles Adje, Kate Anolue, Rowena Champion, Robert Chapman, Mete Coban, Dean Cohen, Rosalind Doré, Satnam Gill, Adam Harrison, Kirsten Hearn, Richard Olszewski and Hass Yusuf

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

Apologies for needing to leave early were received from Councillors Kirsten Hearn and Rowena Champion and from the Financial Adviser, Jon Rowney.

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

Councillors Clyde Loakes and Peter Zinkin declared an interest in items on the agenda relating to LondonEnergy Ltd (LEL) as they had been appointed as Non-Executive Directors of LEL by the Authority. They noted that they had been given dispensations from their local authorities to participate and vote on the items.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Broadcast of the Meeting

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.

Future Meetings

The Chair noted that the regulations enabling remote meetings would lapse as of 7 May 2021. Future meetings would need to be held in person with all participating Members present in the room. The meeting of the Programme Committee on 10 May would be an informal, private, consultative meeting held remotely. Work was ongoing to develop the procedures for formal meetings following 7 May.

Councillor Rebecca Rennison

Authority Members offered congratulations to Councillor Rebecca Rennison, who had recently stood down from the Authority, on the birth of her son.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

6. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

There were no deputations.

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

- a) THAT the public minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record; and
- b) THAT the public minutes of the Programme Committee meeting held on 15th March 2021 be noted.

8. MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY AND COMMITTEES: UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

- (a) THAT the Authority noted the changes to membership as outlined in the report;
- (b) THAT the Authority would not appoint a second Vice-Chair for the remainder of the municipal year; and
- (c) THAT the Authority approved the following appointments to Committee and Working Groups:
 - a. Councillor Mete Coban to Urgency Committee
 - b. Councillor Robert Chapman to Audit Committee

- c. Councillor Robert Chapman to Programme Committee
- d. Councillor Robert Chapman to Finance Working Group
- e. Councillor Mete Coban to Recycling Working Group

9. UPDATE ON AUDIT 2019/20

Consideration was given to the report of the Financial Adviser.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the contents of the report.

10. ANNUAL RISK REVIEW

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the update.

11. SERVICES UPDATE

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

The Head of Strategy and Services clarified that draft consultation responses would be circulated to Member Recycling Working Group in early May and a further draft circulated in the final week of May. This would enable engagement with these Members when finalising the responses to consultation.

The Chair commented on discussions with LondonEnergy Ltd to increase recycling rates. This included trial use of a picking line in the Wembley transfer station to extract recycle from certain residual waste such as that collected at the Recycling and Reuse Centre network. It also included recycling of mattresses and collection of polystyrene packaging for recycling. It was considered important to seek new opportunities to increase the range of recycling derived from north London's waste.

It was agreed that it was important to get the consultation response right. Members noted that they might also need further briefings to understand the issues fully.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority:

- (a) Noted the latest tonnage performance in the current year;
- (b) Noted the operational update provided since the last report to the Authority on 11 February 2021;
- (c) Noted the progress and plans in coordination with Biffa to increase the percentage of Dry Recycled Materials treated within the UK

- (d) Delegated to the Managing Director, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs, authority to respond to the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) and Waste Prevention Programme (WPP) consultations, as set out in Section 6; and
- (e) Agreed the scope and timeline for a review of future arrangements for the Reuse and Recycling Centres, as set out in in Section 8.

12. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT UPDATE AND REPORTS

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

In response to questions, the Programme Director agreed to circulate more detailed data on recruitment to apprenticeships by borough, sex and ethnicity. A thorough dashboard on diversity had been provided in previous reports but would be included in future reports more consistently.

ACTION BY: Programme Director

The Chair reported that the Head of Legal and Governance had attended a recent Waltham Forest job summit and suggested that other boroughs invite Authority officers to events.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the contents of the report.

13. FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the report.

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

There were no urgent items.

15. 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 22nd April 2021 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 1 - Information which relates to an individual: the reason why the public interest favours withholding the information is that the release of such information could constitute or facilitate an unwarranted interference with the individual's privacy.

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.

16. PART II MINUTES

RESOLVED –

- a) THAT the private minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record; and
- b) THAT the private minutes of the Programme Committee meeting held on 15th March 2021 be noted.

17. WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT AWARD UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

18. 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.

19. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT PROGRAMME UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the cost and commercial status summary.

20. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT PROCUREMENT

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

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

There were no other exempt items of business.

The meeting ended at 4.11 pm.

CHAIR

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