

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY PROGRAMME COMMITTEE** held on **MONDAY, 15TH MARCH, 2021** at 2.00 pm as a Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams. The meeting could be watched live via <https://councilmeetings.camden.gov.uk>

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT

Councillors Clyde Loakes (Chair), Charles Adje, Satnam Gill, Richard Olszewski, Hass Yusuf and Peter Zinkin

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Robert Chapman

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 Programme Committee and any corrections approved at that meeting will be recorded in those minutes.

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 absence were received from Jenny Rowlands (Clerk to the Authority).

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 (IF ANY)

Broadcasting

The Chair announced that the meeting was being broadcast live by the Authority to the Internet and could be viewed on Camden Council's 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 urgent business.

6. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

There were no deputations.

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the public minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

8. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT UPDATE AND REPORTS

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

The Chair welcomed the comprehensive report and progress on health and safety activities.

In response to questions about communications, the Head of Legal and Governance reported that there had been no direct feedback to the newsletter issued to 28,000 homes. The Programme Director assessed the Community Liaison Group meeting on 25 February 2021 as having been positive. It was well-attended, including by Enfield ward councillors. The main topic of discussion was a report on progress with the project. The ward councillors emphasised the importance of the social value programme.

With regard to traffic movements, the Programme Director commented that there had been changes to traffic routes on site at the beginning of March. Traffic management had worked as had been modelled with no disproportionate delays to traffic. There had been a significant traffic marshalling presence on the ground. A couple of vehicles had taken the wrong route but the situation had been corrected quickly and overall traffic had adapted without difficulty.

In response to a request that apprenticeship opportunities be highlighted to boroughs other than those immediately local to the EcoPark, officers confirmed that after the local areas, the other north London boroughs were the next priority for apprenticeship opportunities. There was a representation of apprentices from across

the north London boroughs. A balance was sought between meeting the expectations of local boroughs and the provision of good quality apprenticeships. The Programme Director would emphasise to the social value team the need to have avenues in place to speak to the right people about apprenticeship opportunities and report back to Members on the tangible steps taken.

ACTION BY: Programme Director

The Chair highlighted that as the country moved out of the coronavirus pandemic, employment would be a key priority. There was an opportunity to change the face of the workforce for the long term for example through increasing the representation of women.

Members highlighted that there was increased public interest in the Energy Recovery Facility with councillors receiving a lot of emails. The Chair commented that the Authority's officers were always ready to support responses to public questions.

The Managing Director expressed disappointment at a recent Dispatches programme which had discussed the Energy from Waste industry. Many of the points sought to generalise from specific incidents to the whole industry. A comprehensive response had been published by the Authority and circulated to Members, which highlighted why points in the programme did not apply to the Authority's plans. There had not been much correspondence arising from the programme. Members commended the response and noted that repetition of arguments was helpful as not all councillors would see every communication from the Authority.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Committee noted the report.

9. FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

The Programme Director explained that the Project Carbon Strategy would be a consolidation of all opportunities for carbon efficiency during the build programme for the project. It would ensure there were no gaps and that there was a clear strategy for the build. It would start horizon scanning post construction although the operation of the facility was the domain of LondonEnergy Ltd.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Committee noted the report.

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

There were no urgent items of business.

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - ACCESS TO INFORMATION

RESOLVED –

THAT the press and public be excluded from the proceedings of the Programme Committee on 15th March 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 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 Committee's ability to ensure access to full and frank legal advice.

12. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the private minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

13. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT PROGRAMME UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Programme Committee noted the cost and commercial status summary.

14. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/22 PROJECT EXPENDITURE FORECAST

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Programme Committee noted the contents of the report.

15. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT - PROCUREMENT OF AN OWNER CONTROLLED INSURANCE PROGRAMME FOR THE ENERGY RECOVERY FACILITY

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

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

There were no urgent exempt items of business.

The meeting ended at 3.18 pm.

CHAIR

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