

## **THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN**

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY PROGRAMME COMMITTEE** held on **THURSDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2021** at 3.00 pm in The Council Chamber, Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BD

### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT**

Councillors Satnam Gill, Mike Hakata, Clyde Loakes, Richard Olszewski, Hass Yusuf and Peter Zinkin

### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ABSENT**

Councillors 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 HYBRID MEETINGS**

The meeting was opened by the Managing Director to the Authority.

#### **RESOLVED –**

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

#### **2. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

#### **RESOLVED –**

THAT Councillor Clyde Loakes be appointed Chair of the Committee for the 2021/22 municipal year.

#### **3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

#### **RESOLVED –**

THAT Councillor Peter Zinkin be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee for the 2021/22 municipal year.

#### **4. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The terms of reference of the Committee were noted.

**5. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Robert Chapman.

**6. 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.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)**

**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 its website for twelve 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, whether seated in the Chamber or participating via Teams, 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.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

**9. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)**

There were no deputations.

**10. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the public minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**11. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT UPDATE AND REPORTS**

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

In response to questions about social value, the Programme Director confirmed that most apprentices had been recruited from Enfield. While the data evidenced the low number of female apprentices in comparison with male apprentices, this was a problem endemic to the industry. The Chair reported that he had spoken with apprentices and trainees during a recent site visit and they had been enthusiastic and proud to be involved in a significant infrastructure project.

The Programme Director informed the meeting that the target for recruiting local labour was 25% and that this had been achieved. There was no complacency but a higher target could be considered. Given the complexities of the project, it was proposed that a yearly review of social value targets be built into the programme. A discussion paper was requested for the next meeting of the Committee.

**ACTION BY: Programme Director**

In response to concern about recent high levels of rainfall, the Programme Director assured the Committee that there had been no reported incidents in relation to that. However, it had been noted in the monthly site inspections that there were opportunities for improvement in relation to site drainage.

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the Committee noted the contents of the report.

**12. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT - CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

In response to questions about engaging with other CO<sub>2</sub> emitters in the South East, the Programme Director explained that the feasibility study was at an early stage. However, to be a credible participant in the second wave of government funding for carbon capture and storage (CCS) infrastructure the Authority should aim to join others in a CCS cluster for the South East. Officers had met with representatives of the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and made the case that investment in a CCS project for the Energy Recovery Facility would be for an asset with a long lifespan. They had stressed that the Climate Change Committee had also recognised that CCS technology was necessary to achieve the net zero carbon target.

The Programme Director assured the Committee that storage of CO<sub>2</sub> under the North Sea was a well-developed concept. The UK had several depleted oil wells in the North Sea where CO<sub>2</sub> could be stored.

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the Committee commented as summarised above and agreed the outline strategy set out in Appendix A.

**13. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT - FORWARD PLAN**

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the Committee noted the contents of the report.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

**15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the press and public be excluded from the proceedings of the Programme Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 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.

**16. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the private minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**17. 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.

**18. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT - FINANCING STRATEGY UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Financial Adviser.

**RESOLVED –**

THAT, subject to one additional resolution, the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

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

There were no exempt items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 3.52 pm.

**CHAIR**

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**MINUTES END**