

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **THURSDAY, 24TH JUNE, 2021** at 2.30 pm in The Council Chamber, Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BD

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY PRESENT

Councillors Clyde Loakes (Chair), Peter Zinkin (Vice-Chair), Kate Anolue, Rowena Champion, Robert Chapman, Mete Coban, Isidoros Diakides, Rosalind Doré, Satnam Gill, Mike Hakata, Adam Harrison and Hass Yusuf

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ABSENT

Councillors Dean Cohen and Richard Olszewski

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 HYBRID MEETINGS

The meeting was opened by the Clerk to the Authority.

RESOLVED –

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

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY FOR THE 2021/22 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED –

THAT Councillor Clyde Loakes be appointed Chair of the North London Waste Authority for the 2021/22 municipal year.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR(S) OF THE AUTHORITY FOR THE 2021/22 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED –

THAT Councillor Peter Zinkin be appointed Vice-Chair of the North London Waste Authority for the 2021/22 municipal year.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richard Olszewski and Dean Cohen. Councillor Olszewski asked that it be noted he was not attending because it was not possible for Members to participate remotely.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Adam Harrison.

5. 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.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the public minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

7. MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY 2021/22

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the membership of the Authority for 2021/22.

8. 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;
- ii) THAT an Urgency Committee be established as per section 3 of the report with seven Members as follows:

Councillor Kate Anolue
Councillor Mete Coban
Councillor Rowena Champion
Councillor Mike Hakata

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Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Richard Olszewski
Councillor Peter Zinkin

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

Councillor Robert Chapman
Councillor Satnam Gill
Councillor Mike Hakata
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Richard Olszewski
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 Robert Chapman
Councillor Satnam Gill
Councillor Mike Hakata
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Richard Olszewski
Councillor Hass Yusuf
Councillor Peter Zinkin

- v) THAT a Finance Working Group be maintained as per paragraph 7.2 of the report with membership as follows:

Councillor Robert Chapman
Councillor Isidoros Diakides
Councillor Satnam Gill
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Richard Olszewski (Chair)
Councillor Hass Yusuf
Councillor Peter Zinkin

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

Councillor Kate Anolue
Councillor Rowena Champion
Councillor Mete Coban
Councillor Mike Hakata
Councillor Adam Harrison (Chair)
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Peter Zinkin

- vii) 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
- viii) THAT the position regarding attendance at meetings be noted.

9. NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

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

10. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF LONDONENERGY LTD

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the report.

11. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE AUTHORITY IN 2021/22

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority:

- (i) Agreed the proposed dates and times for meetings during the municipal year 2021/22 and the AGM for the following year;
- (ii) Noted the meeting of the Audit Committee scheduled for 29 July 2021; and
- (iii) Noted the meetings of the Programme Committee during the municipal year 2021/22.

12. 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 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.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

14. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

The Chair announced that he had agreed to hear deputations from the following in relation to the North London Heat and Power Project:

- Annette Baker, Plastic Free Crouch End
- Olivia Eken, EnCaf Youth
- Delia Mattis, Black Lives Matter Enfield
- Betty Hales, Chingford resident
- Carina Millstone, Environmental campaigner
- Ben Griffith, Islington Environmental Emergency Alliance
- Helen Mayer, Haringey Labour Climate Action
- Helen Karamallakis, Edmonton Labour Party
- Aurora Yaacov, Enfield residents
- Dr Edward Tranah, local resident
- Emma Best, Conservative Londonwide Assembly Member
- Georgia Elliott-Smith, environmental engineer
- Fliss Premru, North London Trades Union and LESE TUC Environmental Sustainability and Just Transition Network

The Chair thanked the deputees for their comments and made the following points:

- All members of the Authority had considered the matters raised by deputees over many years in planning for the North London Heat and Power Project (NLHPP).
- The project aligned with efforts to protect the environment, public health and to tackle the climate emergency.
- The project would deliver a world class recycling infrastructure for north London and was essential to ensure that the 50% target for recycling was met and beaten. It would be the biggest publicly owned facility of its type in London.
- The new household reuse and recycling centre would add to the network of centres across north London, allowing residents to recycle their waste.
- The project was providing social value, with 16 apprentices having been appointed, the majority being Enfield residents and at least a hundred of these opportunities would be created across the project. Fifty-two construction trainees had already been involved in the NLHPP.

- The existing energy from waste plant for non-recyclable waste was one of the oldest in Europe. A modern replacement facility was needed or waste would be diverted to landfill.
- The project would unlock one of the biggest heat networks in London, providing heating and hot water to thousands of homes and generating low carbon electricity for the country's national grid.
- The project was in line with the exemplar approach recommended by the All Party Parliamentary Sustainable Research Group in 2020.
- The Authority had invested in better emission control technologies than any other UK facility.

The Chair indicated that a more detailed response to the issues raised by the deputies would be provided to them.

At the request of an Authority member, the Chair agreed that Authority Members would have an opportunity to discuss the issues raised at a future occasion.

15. 2020/21 FINANCIAL OUTTURN AND 2021/22 UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Financial Adviser.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority:

- (i) Noted the 2020/21 outturn (subject to audit);
- (ii) Noted the over and under payments by boroughs in respect of non-household and chargeable household waste in 2020/21 and the arrangements for repayment to and collection from the boroughs;
- (iii) Noted the 2021/22 update and that a further report would be submitted to the Authority in October; and
- (iv) Noted that an update on the budget and resource requirements for 2022/23 and future years would be reported to the Authority in future budget reviews.

16. SERVICES UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Strategy and Services. The Managing Director noted that the Tables 1b and 1d had been switched in the published report but that the figures were correct. It was also acknowledged that paragraph 7.2 should refer to Barnet and Camden rather than Enfield and Camden.

The Chair welcomed the introduction of new recycling streams, particularly enabling the extraction and recycling of mattresses.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority:

- (i) Noted the latest tonnage performance in the current year;
- (ii) Noted the operational update provided since the last report to the Authority on 22 April 2021; and
- (iii) Noted the change in third party residual waste off-taker for North London Waste Authority residual waste.

17. REUSE AND RECYCLING CENTRE UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Strategy and Services. The Managing Director reported that slots for attending the Reuse and Recycling Centres were currently not being used in full, meaning that there was capacity on every day at every site at present.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority:

- (i) Approved the permanent implementation of an appointment booking system for Reuse and Recycling Centres, as set out in Section 5 to the report;
- (ii) Noted the findings of the review of current third party off takers and proposed next steps;
- (iii) Noted the planned review of service and operational costs.

18. RESIDUAL WASTE REDUCTION PLAN

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

In response to a question about initiatives with producers of residual waste, the Chair highlighted the conversations with the British Plastic Federation, which had led to the Expanded Polystyrene trial, and with the trade body for disposable nappy manufacturers to improve packaging and to encourage residents not to put disposable nappies into the recycling as this is contamination.

The Chair noted that the Waste Prevention Community Fund was heavily oversubscribed for 2021-22. The Managing Director informed the meeting that the Fund was in process of being awarded and the final list would be circulated to Members within a few weeks of the Authority meeting.

ACTION BY: Managing Director

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the report.

19. CONSULTATIONS AND POLICY UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

The Chair commented that the consultation on recycling was an opportunity to make the case that in a climate emergency, recycling should be compulsory and local authorities should have associated powers.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority:

- a) Noted the submission of the following Authority responses:
 - i. to the Consultation on Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging - England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales;
 - ii. to the second Consultation on Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme in England, Wales and Northern Ireland
 - iii. to the Consultation on a Waste Prevention Programme for England Towards a resource efficient economy.
- b) Delegated authority to the Managing Director in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair to submit the final Authority response to the Consultation on Consistency in Household and Business Recycling in England, which has a deadline of 4 July 2021.

20. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT UPDATE AND REPORTS

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

The Chair thanked Councillor Anolue for encouraging the inclusion of the social value dashboard. The Managing Director highlighted that 99% of soil and spoil from construction activities had been recycled, avoiding landfill.

In response to a question, the Managing Director confirmed that the Community Liaison Group met on a quarterly basis, providing a formal structure to community engagement. There were also informal engagement opportunities.

The Managing Director explained that the generation of heat and power from waste for local communities rather than generating electricity for the national grid gave a direct benefit to local residents, achieved a more efficient power transfer, and avoided the use of gas boilers within individual residences. The Authority was working with Enfield to bring a heat network to a new development of 10,000 homes. Discussions were underway with neighbouring authorities to extend that heat network. It was acknowledged that generating power from waste created carbon but it was better to burn waste and gain heat and power than to burn waste and gain nothing. Landfill had significantly worse adverse carbon impacts.

In response to a request, the Managing Director agreed to include environmental impacts, with a focus on emissions, in future reports.

ACTION BY: Managing Director

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the contents of the report.

21. FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the report.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

23. 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 24 June 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.

24. PART II MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the private minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

25. NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

26. GOVERNANCE OF LONDONENERGY LTD

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority:

- (i) Noted the comments on LondonEnergy Ltd's performance and activities; and
- (ii) Noted the report for the First Quarter 2021 on LondonEnergy Ltd's activities at Appendix A to the report.

27. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT PROGRAMME UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the cost and commercial status summary.

**28. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT PROGRAMME -
NORTHERN AREA CLEARANCE PROCUREMENT**

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

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

There were other exempt items of business.

Having applied Standing Order A.19.1 at 4.30pm, the meeting ended at 5.00 pm.

CHAIR

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MINUTES END