

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

REPORT TITLE: DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE AUTHORITY IN 2022/23

REPORT OF: MANAGING DIRECTOR

FOR SUBMISSION TO: AUTHORITY MEETING

DATE: 23 JUNE 2022

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report sets out proposed dates for Authority meetings in 2022/23, and includes information about meetings for the following year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Authority is recommended to:

- A. Agree the proposed dates and times for meetings during the municipal year 2022/23 and the AGM for the following year;
- B. Note the meeting of the Audit Committee scheduled for 21 July 2022; and
- C. Note the meetings of the Programme Committee during the municipal year 2022/23.

SIGNED:



Managing Director

DATE: 13 JUNE 2022

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In accordance with Standing Order A.4, the North London Waste Authority holds five scheduled meetings a year, plus extraordinary meetings which are called if there are important urgent matters requiring the decision of the full Authority.
- 1.2. The meeting dates are proposed on the basis of an even spread throughout the year but taking account of statutory deadlines imposed in relation to various Authority functions as detailed below.

2. AUTHORITY MEETINGS

- 2.1. Members are asked to note that the Levy must be notified to boroughs before 15 February 2023 which requires the Authority to meet prior to that date, but late enough to allow officers to prepare the budgetary information needed for Members to make the decision.
- 2.2. Taking account of the above, the proposed dates for Authority meetings in 2022/23 are as follows:

Thursday 20 October 2022, 2.30pm
Thursday 15 December 2022, 2.30pm
Thursday 9 February 2023, 2.30pm
Thursday 27 April 2023, 2.30pm
Thursday 22 June 2023, 2.30pm (AGM)

3. AUDIT COMMITTEE

- 3.1. Members' attention is drawn to a need for meetings of the Audit Committee arising from the provisions of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.
- 3.2. The Government has published The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021 extending the timetable for the production and audit of the 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial statements. The regulations have amended the date that the Responsible Financial Officer – the Authority's Financial Adviser - must commence the period for the exercise of public rights. This is the date that the accounts must be made publicly available.
- 3.3. For both the 2020/21 and the 2021/22 financial statements, the date has changed from the first working day in June to the first working day in August, an extension of 2 months. Similarly, the date by which the Authority must approve the accounts, following the audit, has been amended from the last working day in July to the last working day in September.
- 3.4. Local Authority audits have been delayed across England, and although draft set of accounts for 2020/21 was published in line with the revised timetable, the audit

commenced in February 2022. As a result, and in accordance with regulation 10, paragraph 2a of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, a notice was published on the Authority website (a link is provided below) stating that the audit had been delayed.

[HTTPS://WWW.NLWA.GOV.UK/OURAUTHORITY/FINANCIAL-STATEMENTS](https://www.nlwa.gov.uk/ourauthority/financial-statements)

- 3.5. Work on the audit is progressing and the Audit Committee will meet at 2.30pm on 21 July 2022 to consider the 2020/21 accounts.
- 3.6. Given the delays to local authority audits, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities have proposed amending the date for completion of the 2021/22 audits to the last working day in November 2022. This however, requires secondary legislation. A date for the Audit Committee to meet to consider the 2021/22 accounts will be scheduled in due course.

4. PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

- 4.1. The Programme Committee was established on 4 April 2019 to meet in between the meetings of the Authority and, together with the Authority, be authorised to take decisions to allow the North London Heat and Power Project (NLHPP) to be managed effectively.
- 4.2. The proposed dates for the Programme Committee in 2022/23 are as follows:
 - Thursday 21 July 2022, 3.00pm
 - Thursday 8 September 2022, 2.30pm
 - Thursday 17 November 2022, 2.30pm
 - Thursday 12 January 2023, 2.30pm
 - Thursday 16 March 2023, 2.30pm

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. There are no Equalities implications.

6. COMMENTS OF THE LEGAL ADVISER

- 6.1. The Legal Adviser has been consulted in the preparation of this report and comments have been incorporated.

7. COMMENTS OF THE FINANCIAL ADVISER

- 7.1. The Financial Adviser has been consulted in the preparation of this report and comments have been incorporated.

List of documents used:

No documents required to be listed.

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