

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **THURSDAY, 23RD JUNE, 2022** at 2.30 pm in Committee Room 2, Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BD

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY PRESENT

Councillors Kate Anolue, Rowena Champion, Mete Coban, Geof Cooke, Isidoros Diakides, Paul Douglas, Mike Hakata, Adam Harrison, Clyde Loakes, Richard Olszewski, Alan Schneiderman and Diarmaid Ward

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ABSENT

Councillors Robert Chapman and Nelly Gyosheva

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 Managing Director to the Authority.

RESOLVED –

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

Waiver of Standing Orders

The Managing Director drew to Members attention that a depute, Dorothea Hackman, had requested that her deputation be received before election for Chair and Vice-Chair.

RESOLVED –

THAT Standing Order A.9.1 on order of business at the AGM be waived to allow for the deputation by Dorothea Hackman to be heard prior to the Appointment of the Chair of the Authority for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

Deputation: Dorothea Hackman, XRCamden

Consideration was given to the deputation from Dorothea Hackman.

It was noted by a Member that decisions were taken by the whole Authority and not by the Chair alone. All members of the Authority had been recently elected or re-elected in the local elections and had then been appointed by their respective boroughs.

In response to a question by a Member about local democracy being subverted by an appeal to central Government to intervene in the Authority, the deputation commented that they considered the NLWA was not scrutinising effectively and that complaints had been made about the previous municipal year's Chair's behaviour.

Further to remarks by the deputation, the Managing Director advised that, in accordance with Standing Order A.17.6, personal attacks were not acceptable and should not be made.

A Member commented that the 2021/22 Chair had given many years of dedicated service to the Authority and did not deserve to be insulted by the deputation. It was suggested that it was good practice to review governance arrangements but that this could not be done on the spur of the moment. A review could potentially be conducted prior to the next AGM. A further Member commented that the Authority was a democratic decision-making body. It was noted any changes within the membership was due to the way that constituent boroughs made appointments.

Officers agreed to look into whether the Council Chamber should be used to hold future meetings of the Authority.

ACTION BY: Managing Director

In response to a question about whether the deputation considered the NLWA to be less accountable than private companies who operated other energy from waste facilities, the depute commented that her expertise on other arrangements was minimal but would come back with a response.

Disruption

There followed a period of disruption from the public gallery, during which two warnings were given by the Clerk to the Authority that the NLWA had an obligation under Standing Orders and the law to complete the business before it. As the disturbance continued, making it impossible to conduct the meeting properly, the meeting was adjourned at 3.00pm. Following further attempts to continue the meeting, it was determined that the public in attendance would be excluded for the remainder of the AGM which took place in another room, although the press were invited to remain. The ordinary business of the meeting would be deferred to a future meeting.

The meeting restarted at 3.40pm.

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY FOR THE 2022/23 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED –

THAT Councillor Clyde Loakes be appointed Chair of the North London Waste Authority for the 2022/23 municipal year.

Members discussed a proposal that the Authority review governance arrangements in preparation for the next AGM in 2023. This could follow the peer review process involving the Local Government Association. Officers were asked to consider a review as outlined.

ACTION BY: Managing Director

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR(S) OF THE AUTHORITY FOR THE 2022/23 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED –

THAT Councillors Rowena Champion and Mete Coban be appointed Vice-Chairs of the North London Waste Authority for the 2022/23 municipal year.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nelly Gyosheva and Robert Chapman.

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

Councillor Clyde Loakes declared an interest in items on the agenda relating to LondonEnergy Ltd (LEL) as he had been appointed as a Non-Executive Director of LEL by the Authority. It was noted that Cllr Loakes had been given dispensations from his local authority to participate and vote on the items.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

7. MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY 2022/23

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED -

THAT the membership of the Authority as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report be noted.

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 4 of the report with seven Members as follows:

Councillor Kate Anolue
Councillor Geof Cooke
Councillor Mete Coban
Councillor Rowena Champion
Councillor Mike Hakata
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Richard Olszewski

- iii) THAT an Audit Committee be established as per section 5 of the report with membership as follows:

Councillor Geof Cooke
Councillor Robert Chapman
Councillor Paul Douglas
Councillor Nelly Gyosheva
Councillor Isidoros Diakides
Councillor Richard Olszewski
Councillor Diarmaid Ward

- iv) THAT a Programme Committee be established as per section 6 of the report with membership as follows:

Councillor Kate Anolue
Councillor Robert Chapman
Councillor Alan Schneiderman
Councillor Mike Hakata
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Richard Olszewski
Councillor Diarmaid Ward

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- v) THAT the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Authority be appointed onto the LondonEnergy Ltd Board as identified in paragraph 7:
- vi) THAT a Finance Working Group be maintained as per paragraphs 8.4 – 8.6 of the report with membership as follows:

Councillor Kate Anolue
Councillor Geof Cooke
Councillor Robert Chapman
Councillor Isidoros Diakides
Councillor Paul Douglas
Councillor Richard Olszewski (Chair)
Councillor Diarmaid Ward

- vii) THAT a Recycling Working Group be maintained as per paragraphs 8.7 – 8.8 of the report with membership as follows:

Councillor Rowena Champion
Councillor Mete Coban
Councillor Nelly Gyosheva
Councillor Mike Hakata
Councillor Adam Harrison (Chair)
Councillor Clyde Loakes
Councillor Alan Schneiderman

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

9. NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

Members felt that the Recycling Working Group should take forward a best practice sharing discussion on improving recycling rates and reducing waste so that constituent boroughs could learn from each other. This would include how to reach out to people whose first language wasn't English, along with accessing their children who could help inform them of how they could recycle and reduce waste.

ACTION BY: Councillor Adam Harrison

Members felt that the Authority should continue its previous good work in seeking to change Government Policy to improve recycling and waste reduction rates. Also, they reiterated their desire to see the new Resource Recovery Facility at the EcoPark contributing to maximising the potential for helping recycling.

In response to questions about making improvements to the process of delivering waste to the incinerator, for example by making deliveries out of hours or consolidating waste at sites around the seven boroughs, officers agreed to consider this issue further.

ACTION BY: Managing Director

RESOLVED –

THAT approval be given to the annual report as set out in Appendix A.

10. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF LONDONENERGY LTD

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

Officers agreed to provide a briefing note in relation to the health and safety performance of LondonEnergy Ltd (LEL) against industry comparisons.

ACTION BY: Managing Director

Members noted that best practice auditing arrangements that were in place that sought to ensure that the company was transparent and well run.

The meeting noted that since the publication of the agenda, LEL had achieved Gold accreditation from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents for health and safety performance.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

11. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE AUTHORITY IN 2022/23

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 2022/23 and the AGM for the following year;
- (ii) Noted the meeting of the Audit Committee scheduled for 21 July 2022; and
- (iii) Noted the meetings of the Programme Committee during the municipal year 2022/23.

Thanks

Members thanked officers for their endeavours in seeking to ensure that the Authority could undertake its key business under difficult circumstances.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item deferred.

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

Item deferred.

14. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

Consideration was given to the Deputation from Dorothea Hackman, XR as set out in item 1.

The deputations from Malcolm Stow, Stop! The Edmonton Incinerator Now! And Sam Mason, London, Eastern and South East TUC Environmental Sustainability and Just Transition Network were deferred.

15. SERVICES UPDATE

Item deferred.

16. RESIDUAL WASTE REDUCTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Item deferred.

17. CONSULTATIONS UPDATE

Item deferred.

18. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT UPDATE AND REPORTS

Item deferred.

19. 2021/22 FINANCIAL OUTTURN AND 2022/23 UPDATE

Item deferred.

20. FORWARD PLAN

Item deferred.

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

There were no other items of urgent business.

22. 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 23rd June 2022 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.

23. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the private minutes of the Authority meeting held on 10th March 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

24. GOVERNANCE OF LONDONENERGY LTD

Item deferred.

25. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT PROGRAMME UPDATE

Item deferred.

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

There were no exempt urgent items.

The meeting ended at 4.20 pm.

CHAIR

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MINUTES END