

## **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY**

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **MONDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 2022** 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), Rowena Champion (Vice-Chair), Mete Coban (Vice-Chair), Kate Anolue, Robert Chapman, Isidoros Diakides, Nelly Gyosheva, Richard Olszewski, Alan Schneiderman and Diarmaid Ward

### **MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ABSENT**

Councillors Geof Cooke, Paul Douglas, Mike Hakata and Adam Harrison

**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**

#### **RESOLVED –**

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

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Geof Cooke, Paul Douglas, Adam Harrison and Mike Hakata.

### **3. 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.

Councillors Rowena Champion and Mete Coban also 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 had not yet been given dispensations from their local authority to participate and vote on the items so would leave the room and not participate in Item 20: *Governance of LondonEnergy Ltd.*

#### **4. MINUTES**

##### **RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record; and
- (ii) THAT the public minutes of the Programme Committee meeting held on 23 September 2022 be noted.

#### **5. 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 were seated in the Council 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.

##### **Supplementary Agenda**

The Chair announced that a supplementary paper had been published for Item 8: *2022/23 Finance Update*, which updated some of the tables.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

#### **7. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)**

There were no deputations.

#### **8. 2022/23 FINANCE UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Financial Adviser and to the supplementary paper that corrected an error in the original report.

Members noted that high energy bills were having a negative impact on residents but welcomed the additional income and deduction of the November charge to constituent authorities. They noted that it was a difficult time for residents and that each council would consider how the funds could support services such as to those affected by the increased cost of living.

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT a rebate to the 2022/23 levy of £4.753m was approved and the Financial Adviser was authorised to write to boroughs asking them to deduct this from their November payment;
- (ii) THAT the Prudential Indicators as laid out in the supplementary paper were approved;
- (iii) THAT the review of the 2022/23 revenue budget was noted; and
- (iv) THAT it was noted that a further update of the 2022/23 budget would be reported to the Authority meeting in December together with an updated assessment of the budget and resource requirements for 2023/24.

**9. PEER REVIEW OF THE AUTHORITY'S GOVERNANCE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the terms of reference and plan for the review was approved; and
- (ii) THAT it was noted the recommendations from the review and follow-up action would be reported at future meetings.

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

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

In response to questions, the Programme Director stated that 138 training placements had been achieved to date. While four recent apprentices were from the local area, their home boroughs would be circulated to Members following the meeting.

**ACTION BY: Programme Director**

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the Authority noted the contents of the report.

**11. ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

In response to questions, the Managing Director explained that the Asset Management Strategy focus was on collating the data for assets being created through the North London Heat and Power Project. There were relatively few existing assets and a record was checked as part of the annual audit. An Asset Register for

existing assets was not proactively managed but existing asset management would be brought up to the standard of the approach for new assets.

Pinkham Way was the only asset owned by the Authority that was not currently in operation. In terms of asset management, the Authority maintained it in a safe and environmentally responsible way. Options for its use could be brought to Members during the year.

**ACTION BY: Managing Director**

**RESOLVED –**

THAT the Authority noted the contents of the report.

**12. SERVICES UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Strategy and Services.

In response to questions, the Managing Director clarified that the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) services were focused on end of life material. However, through the discretionary elements there was the opportunity to work with providers to identify materials that could be used in the circular economy. The cost of the discretionary element was currently just under £90,000 per year.

Members commented on improvements to customer service and the deployment of resource through the use of the car booking system. The reasons for removing the system were understood and supported but it was requested that the lessons learnt be reflected on.

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the procurement of adviser services to conduct analysis to support the development of a North London Joint Waste Strategy (NLJWS) was approved and authority was delegated to the Managing Director in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chairs to award a contract within a financial limit of £500,000;
- (ii) THAT the procurement of a Waste Electrical, Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Service Contract was approved and authority was delegated to the Managing Director in consultation with the Member Recycling Working Group to award a contract;
- (iii) THAT the removal of the car booking system that currently operated across the Authority's network of Reuse and Recycling Centres (RRCs) was approved; and
- (iv) THAT the operational, performance and recycling updates provided were noted.

### **13. NORTH LONDON WASTE PREVENTION PLAN**

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

Members welcomed the additional money going into waste prevention activity and the collaborative work with the community.

In response to questions, it was explained that residents could apply for a voucher to purchase reusable nappies. It would be considered how this scheme could be expanded and promoted.

Members supported the development of a scheme to provide reusable period products, vouchers or subsidies.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the Authority commented on as summarised above and approved finalisation and publication of the North London Waste Reduction Plan, with oversight and steer of projects provided by the Members Recycling Working Group; and
- (ii) THAT an additional £130,000 to be made available to support locally delivered waste prevention projects in 2023/24 was authorised, to bring the total North London Community Fund budget up to £250,000.

### **14. FORWARD PLAN**

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

#### **RESOLVED –**

THAT the Authority noted the contents of the report.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

### **16. 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 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 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.

## **17. MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED –**

THAT the private minutes of the Programme Committee meeting held on 23 September 2022 be noted.

## **18. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

### **RESOLVED –**

THAT the Authority noted the cost and commercial status summary.

## **19. NEGOTIATING FINAL PAYMENTS FOR ECOPARK SOUTH, CONSISTENT WITH OVERALL BUDGET FOR NLHPP**

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

### **RESOLVED –**

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

## **20. GOVERNANCE OF LONDONENERGY LTD**

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

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Councillors Rowena Champion and Mete Coban left the Council Chamber for the duration of the discussion due to having been appointed as Non-Executive Directors of LondonEnergy Ltd but not having been given a dispensation from their local authorities.

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) THAT the comments on the Company's performance and activities were noted; and
- (ii) THAT the retention of Ms Rebecca Rennison and Mr Peter Zinkin as Board members and reappointment of Professor Don Lloyd as Board chair was approved.

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

There were no urgent exempt items.

The meeting ended at 3.35 pm.

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**MINUTES END**