

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **THURSDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 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, Geof Cooke, Isidoros Diakides, Paul Douglas, Nelly Gyosheva and Adam Harrison

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ABSENT

Councillors Robert Chapman, Mike Hakata, Richard Olszewski, Alan Schneiderman and Diarmaid Ward

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 Richard Olszewski, Mike Hakata, Alan Schneiderman, Diarmaid Ward and Robert Chapman.

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

Councillors Clyde Loakes, Rowena Champion and Mete Coban 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. It was noted that both Councillors Loakes and Champion had been given a dispensation from their local authorities to participate and vote on the items. Councillor Coban had not yet been given a dispensation from his local authority to participate and vote on the items so would leave the room and not participate in Item 10: *Planning for Future Service Delivery with LondonEnergy Ltd (LEL)*, Item 12: *Transfer Station in West of Area*, and Item 18: *Governance of LondonEnergy Ltd*.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the public minutes of the meeting held on 31st October 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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.

Councillor Melvin Cohen

The Chair expressed condolences to the family of Councillor Melvin Cohen, of Barnet Council, who had passed away on 13 December 2022. Councillor Cohen had previously sat on the North London Waste Authority, giving many years of valued service. The Authority joined in a minute's silence to remember Councillor Cohen and his family.

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.

Members welcomed the windfall payment that had been shared among boroughs via a rebate to the 2022/23 levy in November 2022. Constituent councils had been able to use the money to support residents going through a difficult time.

In response to a question about the anticipated further windfall payment, the Director of Corporate Services explained that the detail was being worked on with borough directors and Member Finance Working Group for 2023/24.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the review of the 2022/23 revenue budget be noted;
- (ii) THAT the current assessment of the budget and resource requirements for 2023/24 and the factors that could affect the level of the 2023/24 levy be noted;
- (iii) THAT the issues that will need to be addressed in setting the budget and levy for 2023/24 at the Authority meeting on 9 February 2023 be noted.

9. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT UPDATE AND REPORTS

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

The Chair offered condolences on behalf the Authority to the family of the construction worker who had died on site at Edmonton. The incident was being formally investigated by the Health and Safety Executive. The programme team was working closely with the contractor to ensure a safe restart to the work on site. Officers were thanked for keeping Members updated on progress.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority commented as summarised above and noted the contents of the report.

10. PLANNING FOR FUTURE SERVICE DELIVERY WITH LONDONENERGY LTD (LEL)

Councillor Mete Coban withdrew and did not participate in this item.

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

The Chair expressed the Authority's pleasure that the new facilities at the EcoPark would be coming into operation in 2023, supporting recycling and reuse. It was requested that the acronym EPRRC not be adopted for EcoPark Recycling and Reuse Centre as it was too lengthy.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the progress that has been made in developing an Operating and Maintenance Contract for new facilities situated on the Edmonton EcoPark be noted;

- (ii) THAT the Managing Director be delegated, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs, the authority to determine whether the criteria for Direct Award to LondonEnergy Ltd have been satisfied; and
- (iii) THAT the Managing Director be delegated, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs, the authority to award a Contract in January 2023, for the Operation and Maintenance of Facilities situated on EcoPark South.

11. SERVICES UPDATE

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

The Chair commended the work on specialist recycling, with 110,000 mattresses and 600kg of expanded polystyrene recycled. The hard plastics and DIY materials trials were also important projects. Members lauded the progress with reducing the reliance on processors of Dry Mixed Recycling in the Far-East and non-European countries.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the operational, performance and recycling updates provided be noted; and
- (ii) THAT the update on changes to regulations that govern the management of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) found in items of soft seating be noted.

12. TRANSFER STATION IN WEST OF AREA

Councillor Mete Coban withdrew and did not participate in this item.

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

The Authority was thanked for its cooperation with Barnet Council on exploring the potential to free up the Geron Way site for other purposes.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the update provided was noted; and
- (ii) THAT the Managing Director was delegated, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs, the authority to revise the Settlement Agreement with the London Borough of Barnet (LB Barnet), the operating contract with LondonEnergy Ltd (LEL) and the lease agreement for the Wembley site.

13. FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

The Chair requested that a final report on the review of Reuse and Recycling Centres be scheduled for an Authority meeting.

ACTION BY: Managing Director

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority commented as summarised above and 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 North London Waste Authority on 15th December 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.

16. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the private minutes of the meeting held on 31st October 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

17. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the cost and commercial status summary was noted.

18. GOVERNANCE OF LONDONENERGY LTD

Councillor Mete Coban withdrew and did not participate in this item.

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the comments on the Company's performance and activities be noted;
- (ii) THAT the report for the Third Quarter 2022 on the Company's activities and Board Minutes for July 2022 at Appendix A be noted;
- (iii) THAT the Company's budget for 2023 be approved and business plans for 2024-2026 be noted, as set out in section 4 of the report.
- (iv) THAT the appointment of Capital Cranfield (a professional trustee company) to be the sole trustee for the closed defined benefit pension scheme for which the Company is responsible, as set out in section 6 of 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 3.15 pm.

CHAIR

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