

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 2025** at 2.30 pm in Council Chamber, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY PRESENT

Councillors Clyde Loakes (Chair), Rowena Champion (Vice-Chair), Mike Hakata (Vice-Chair), Camron Aref-Adib, Sinan Boztas, Dana Carlin, Robert Chapman, Paul Douglas, Elif Erbil, Arjun Mittra, Alan Schneiderman, Flora Williamson and Sarah Young

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ABSENT

Councillors 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. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Harrison.

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

Councillors Clyde Loakes, Rowena Champion and Mike Hakata 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 they had been given dispensations from their local authorities to participate and vote on the items.

Councillors Arjun Mittra and Alan Schneiderman declared an interest in Item 10: West of Area Waste facilities, as Members of the London Borough of Barnet, and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Webcasting of the meeting

The Chair announced that the meeting was being broadcast live by Camden Council to the Internet and a recording would be made available after the meeting. Those who were addressing the meeting were deemed to be consenting to having their contributions recorded and broadcast.

Advisers to the Authority

The Chair welcomed Jon Rowney to his first meeting as Clerk to the Authority and Daniel Omisore to his first meeting as Financial Adviser to the Authority.

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

There was no notification of urgent business.

6. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

There were no deputations.

7. SERVICES UPDATE

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

Members welcomed the improvements in recycling and reuse and commended borough initiatives such as Waltham Forest's move to fortnightly residual collections. In discussion, Members praised the contribution of borough schemes to the reduction in residual waste and discussed reuse partnerships with baby banks and other community organisations. Officers confirmed that public affairs and producer-responsibility work were being expanded to influence national policy and reduce waste at source. In response to questions, officers confirmed that UK recycling capacity for paper and card remained limited, but a new UK paper mill was expected to improve domestic reprocessing once operational.

RESOLVED –

THAT the operational, performance and recycling updates be noted.

8. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director.

Members praised the efforts of LondonEnergy Ltd in maintaining the existing 50-year-old Energy from Waste facility and commented on the importance of robust auditing and oversight of contractor performance, as well as the importance of transparency and quality assurance, as the construction of the new facility progressed.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

9. FINANCE UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Financial Adviser.

A Member queried the implications of the 2023/24 disclaimed audit opinion and asked how assurance would be rebuilt. Officers confirmed that auditors Forvis Mazars were developing a framework for rebuilding assurance and that an update would be shared with Members in due course.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the review of the 2025/26 financial position and the early forecast of the budget assessment for 2026/27 be noted;
- (ii) THAT it be noted that a further update of the 2025/26 financial position will be reported to the Authority meeting in December together with an updated assessment of the budget and resource requirements for 2026/27; and
- (iii) THAT the Forvis Mazars Audit Strategy Memorandum in Appendix C of the report be noted.

10. WEST OF AREA WASTE FACILITIES

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director.

Officers advised that liaison with the Environment Agency was ongoing to secure the required environmental permits, with no significant risks currently identified.

A Member raised concerns about the possibility of stringent planning conditions and capacity exceeding projections. Officers confirmed that Barnet, as client authority, would manage any implications and that exception reports would be provided to the Authority.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the update provided on the progress being made to deliver a replacement for Hendon Waste Transfer Station and Rail Head be noted; and
- (ii) THAT the update provided on proposals to relocate the current Regis Road Reuse and Recycling Centre to a new location on Regis Road be noted.

11. STRATEGY AND POLICY UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director.

Members expressed concern about the long-term impact of the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and the need for fair treatment across disposal methods.

A Member queried whether the policy could inadvertently incentivise landfill; officers confirmed that landfill was already subject to tax and added that no one wanted to be a position where the ETS scheme incentivised less environmentally responsible solutions.

Members highlighted the importance of influencing producer behaviour rather than making the consumer pay. The Head of Strategic Communications summarised key advocacy priorities: expanding producer responsibility; accelerating deposit-return schemes; and strengthening local enforcement powers. He also highlighted the impact of the £250,000 Community Fund, which supported grassroots waste prevention and reuse initiatives.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

12. GOVERNANCE OF LONDONENERGY LTD

Consideration was given a report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the comments on the Company's performance and activities in the Quarter 2 2025 report be noted; and
- (ii) THAT the Company's intention to create a deputy chair role, which will not involve adding to the number of board directors, be noted.

13. FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

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 9th October 2025 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.

16. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT PROGRAMME UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the cost and commercial status summary be noted.

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

There were no exempt items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 3.42pm.

CHAIR

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MINUTES END