

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

At a meeting of the **NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY** held on **THURSDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 2020** at 2.30 pm in Committee Room 2, Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BD

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY PRESENT

Councillors Clyde Loakes (Chair), Dean Cohen (Vice-Chair), Rebecca Rennison (Vice-Chair), Chris Bond, Jon Burke, Rowena Champion, Andy Hull and Peter Zinkin

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ABSENT

Councillors Charles Adje, Seema Chandwani, Rosalind Doré, Ergin Erbil, Adam Harrison and Richard Olszewski

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 Councillors Charles Adje, Seema Chandwani, Rosalind Dore, Ergin Erbil, Adam Harrison and Richard Olszewski.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership of the Authority

The Chair noted that Councillor Claudia Webbe had stood down from the Authority following her election to Parliament. She was thanked for her work over many years, including as Chair of the Member Recycling Working Group. The Chair commented that he would write to her on behalf of the Authority. Councillor Rowena Champion was welcomed as Councillor Webbe's successor on the Authority.

The Chair noted that Councillor Ergin Erbil had recently appointed by London Borough of Enfield to replace Councillor Guney Dogan.

The Chair announced that Councillor Andy Hull would be stepping down from his Cabinet portfolio in London Borough of Islington and would be standing down from the Authority. He had given significant time and effort to the Authority over many

years, steering the finances through a challenging period. He was thanked for his work and the Chair commented that he would write to Councillor Hull on behalf of the Authority.

4. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

There were no deputations.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the public minutes of the North London Waste Authority meeting held on 2nd December 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record; and
- (ii) THAT the public minutes of the Programme Committee held on 13th January 2020 be noted.

6. MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY AND COMMITTEES: UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director. The Authority were advised that since the agenda was published, the Authority had been advised that Councillor Rowena Champion had been appointed as Councillor Claudia Webbe's replacement by the London Borough of Islington.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the Authority noted the changes to membership as outlined in the report and as verbally updated at the meeting; and
- (ii) THAT the Authority approved the following updates to membership of Committees and working groups:
 - a. Councillors Rowena Champion and Ergin Erbil appointed to Urgency Committee
 - b. Councillor Ergin Erbil appointed to Audit Committee
 - c. Councillor Ergin Erbil appointed to Programme Committee
 - d. Councillor Ergin Erbil appointed to Finance Working Group
 - e. Councillors Rowena Champion and Ergin Erbil appointed to Recycling Working Group

7. BUDGET AND LEVY 2020/21

Consideration was given to the report of the Financial Adviser.

The Chair thanked the Head of Finance and his team for working with borough officers to deliver the budget report.

It was noted that on page 50 of the agenda pack, tonnage forecasts were provided for organic recycling. However, there were significant differences in the cost of

processing food and gardening waste and it was requested that, in future updates, the tonnage forecast be split. Officers accepted that this was the case and commented that there were three categories of organic recycling as some boroughs delivered food and gardening waste mixed together. It was agreed that the categories could be split for the next update.

ACTION BY: Head of Finance

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority:

- A. Satisfied itself that the proposed budget will be sufficient to meet the net expenditure requirements for the year ahead and agreed the 2020/21 budget;
- B. Agreed to use revenue balance of £5.540m to support the 2020/21 budget;
- C. Agreed the levy for 2020/21 as laid out in table 5;
- D. Authorised the Financial Adviser to make the arrangements for collection of the levy and charges for non-household and household waste;
- E. Approved the Prudential Indicators and the basis for calculating the Minimum Revenue Provision as laid out in sections 6 and 7;
- F. Approved the per tonne charge for non-household and chargeable household residual and recyclable waste as follows:
 - Residual £87.63
 - Dry Recyclable £70.81
 - Food £25.48
 - Green £48.85
 - Mixed Organics £76.35
- G. Noted the medium-term budget forecasts for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

8. SERVICES UPDATE

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

In response to a question, the Head of Strategy and Services commented that the green waste tonnage had decreased between 2018/19 and 2019/20 due to Barnet ceasing collection of the waste stream for a number of months during the winter to repair Oakleigh Road. There were also seasonal impacts, with the summer in 2018/19 being drier than 2019/20.

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the Authority noted performance on service delivery in the current year; and
- (ii) THAT the Authority noted that a contractor sought changes to the mixed dry recycling contract immediately before it was due to come into operation, and the actions taken to maintain mixed dry recycling disposal.

9. RESIDUAL WASTE REDUCTION PLAN 2020-22

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

It was noted that the report included proposals for the first six months of activities. It was reported that the Member Recycling Working Group had reviewed the six months of activities in detail so the Working Group had clear engagement with the programme it was approved by the Authority.

The Chair commented that he was not aware of any other waste authority with such a comprehensive waste reduction plan.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority approved the Residual Waste Reduction Plan set out in Appendix 1 on the basis that:

- a. the first six months' activities set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report are agreed, allowing officers to progress to implementation from 1 April 2020;
- b. the detail of the activities proposed for the rest of the plan is reviewed and agreed on a rolling six monthly basis; and
- c. the metrics used for assessing the impact of the activities will be developed as set out in paragraph 3.1, and forthcoming activities are then assessed against these metrics.

10. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT UPDATE AND REPORTS

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

It was commented that officers had previously mentioned early scoping work on major carbon offsetting and carbon capture to deal with future emissions and an update was requested.

ACTION BY: Programme Director

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the contents of the report.

11. FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the report.

12. 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 13th February 2020 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.

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.

13. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

- (i) THAT the private minutes of the North London Waste Authority meeting held on 2nd December 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record; and
- (ii) THAT the draft private minutes of the Programme Committee meeting held on 13th January 2020 be noted.

14. GOVERNANCE OF LONDONENERGY LTD

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

15. PARENT PROTECTION FOR LONDONENERGY LTD

Consideration was given to the report of the Managing Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

16. NORTH LONDON HEAT AND POWER PROJECT PROGRAMME UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the Authority noted the contents of the report.

17. ENERGY RECOVERY FACILITY PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Director.

RESOLVED –

THAT the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

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

There was no urgent business.

The meeting ended at 3.25 pm.

CHAIR

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