

**MINUTES (VERSION B) OF THE MEETING OF THE WESTERN  
RIVERSIDE WASTE AUTHORITY HELD AT THE TOWN HALL  
(COUNCIL CHAMBER), WANDSWORTH HIGH STREET, SW18 ON  
TUESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT 7.00 P.M.**

**NOTE:** These minutes are to be read in conjunction with the agenda papers relating to the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**PRESENT**

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| <b>Hammersmith &amp; Fulham Council</b> | – Councillor W. Harcourt<br>Councillor D. Morton            |
| <b>Kensington and Chelsea Council</b>   | – Councillor J. Husband (Chairman)<br>– Councillor M. Weale |
| <b>Lambeth Council</b>                  | – Councillor J. Meldrum                                     |
| <b>Wandsworth Council</b>               | – Councillor R. Morgan                                      |

In attendance:

**WRWA**

Mark Broxup – General Manager  
Chris Buss – Treasurer  
Bayo Dosunmu – Clerk

Sharon Ross – Deputy General Manager  
Thayyiba Shaah – Deputy Clerk

**Hammersmith & Fulham Council**

Annie Baker - Assistant Director – Street  
Environmental Services

**Lambeth Council**

Doug Perry – Assistant Director Environment  
Public Protection & Regulatory Services

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence received from Councillors Dr. Hashi and Mrs Sutters.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Morgan disclosed a connection in any relevant matter insofar as he is a resident in a block in Kirtling street which overlooks Cringle Dock.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY HELD ON 29TH JUNE 2021**

On item 2 it was –

**RESOLVED** - That Version A (the closed version) of the minutes of the Authority held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record, and that version B be confirmed as the open summary of these minutes.

**REVIEW OF THE AUTHORITY'S GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS AND PUBLICATION OF THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR 2020/21 (PAPER NO. WRWA 21-18)**

On item 3 (Paper No. WRWA 21-18) the Treasurer introduced the report.

During discussion, the Treasurer advised that the SO38 procedure allows matters that are urgent, and therefore, cannot wait until the next Authority meeting, to be determined by the Chairman.

In addition, the Treasurer advised that as parts of the Localism Act do not apply to the Authority, therefore, it is not obligated to provide a pay policy and that in answer to a Member question that the performance element of the General Manager's salary is determined by the Clerk and Treasurer and then confirmed by the Chairman.

Councillor Harcourt stated that the document had changed very little from last year and questioned whether it should reflect the discussions the Authority had had on governance arrangements. The Chairman, Councillor Husband, advised that the Governance Statement was a formal document and could be reviewed in light of the borough elections in May 2022.

It was then

**RESOLVED** to approve the proposed Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21 for signature and publication with the Authority's accounts for 2020/21.

**AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 2020/21 (PAPER NO. WRWA 21-19)**

On item 4 (Paper No. WRWA 21-19) the Treasurer explained that the report was late because the Auditors had concluded that the value that the Authority had been using for its land may be incorrect. In response to a Member question, the Treasurer confirmed that there would be a paper to the November or January Authority meeting on future auditing arrangements, and until these arrangements were changed the current Auditors would continue to audit the Authority's accounts.

The Chairman, Councillor Husband added although it was legitimate for the Auditors to raise this query, it was unsatisfactory to raise it this late in the process.

It was then

**RESOLVED** to receive this report as information.

**REVIEW OF THE SIX-MONTH TRIAL OF A BOOKING SYSTEM AT THE HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTRE IN SMUGGLERS WAY (PAPER NO. WRWA 21-20)**

On item 5 (Paper No. WRWA 21-20) the Deputy General Manager introduced the report. In response to questions the Deputy General Manager advised that:

- The staff at the HWRC are carrying out random identification checks to confirm that visitors who attend the Centre live in one of the constituent councils' areas or Westminster. Through this process of random sampling of asking for proof of address it continues to be possible to monitor and prevent non-residents from using the Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC).
- Based on the 2019-20 data and the data up to August 2021 that Authority officers had seen, the introduction of a free Booking System has not had a direct impact on the level of fly-tipping. As stated at paragraph 27 of the report it is highly unlikely that the introduction of a free Booking System would lead to residents, who have previously been acting responsibly, to start fly-tipping. Cllr Morgan said that Wandsworth Council thinks there may have been some impact in its area, but it had no direct evidence to that effect.
- Councillor Meldrum asked, given that Lambeth has a recycling centre and therefore the other constituent councils were benefitting more from this service, whether the contribution by each constituent council towards the service could reflect the level of benefit they receive. In response to Councillor Meldrum's suggestion, the Treasurer advised that the apportionment of costs was through the levy; and that all four Boroughs and the Authority had agreed to the conditions/clauses set out in the legal agreement on this matter and were bound by it until 2024. Any changes to the agreement can be made in 2024 but must be agreed by all four Boroughs and the Authority.
- The Chairman reminded his colleagues that they were present as WRWA Members and not as constituent borough councillors. Councillor Husband added that the figures given in Appendix B of the report were useful and thanked officers.
- Councillor Harcourt thanked officers for the maps produced in Appendix B which he said provided a baseline for each constituent council and would also assist each constituent council in targeting areas of fly-tipping.

It was then

**RESOLVED** to

- a) approve the continuation of the Booking System on a permanent basis;
- b) enter into a five-year support contract with Bookinglab, at a cost of £23,500 per annum; and
- c) otherwise receive this report as information.

## **PROGRESS WITH OPERATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY (PAPER NO. WRWA 21-21)**

On item 6 (Paper No. WRWA 21-21) the General Manager introduced the report. During discussion the General Manager advised that:

- Councillor Morgan questioned how the figures set out in paragraph 7 of the report had been modelled given the high level of building rate in Wandsworth. In response the Authority was advised that the figures were very basic in view of Covid. Normally a comparison would be undertaken with the same months in previous years.
- EPR rates – officers were awaiting the result of the consultation exercise.
- The report deals with the main commodities and not all items.
- Fly-tipped items that cannot be recycled such as mattresses are dealt with at Belvedere.
- It is the larger lithium batteries that are built into a product that tend to catch fire at the MRF. The industry had had an advertising campaign on this and officers through tweets have reminded residents that the MRF does not want to receive batteries.
- Posts of Deputy and Assistant General Manager have been evaluated by Wandsworth's Head of HR. Both appointments will be officer appointments. It was noted that the General Manager's position was a Member appointment. It was confirmed that the adverts for these two posts on the website did include clear references to the Authority's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy. Any applicant would be directed to the website from where they could download all the information for the post.

Councillor Meldrum stated that there had been an increase in recycling when Covid started but that it had now decreased a little. Both Councillors Meldrum and Morgan suggested that recycling needed to be promoted again.

It was then

**RESOLVED** to receive this report as information.

### **FORWARD PLAN (PAPER NO. WRWA 21-22)**

On item 7 (Paper No. WRWA 21-22) the General Manager introduced the report.

At the request of Councillor Meldrum, it was agreed to include in the Forward Plan a reference to the borough elections, the next being due in May 2022.

It was then

**RESOLVED** to receive this report as information.

### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED -**

That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, members of the public and the press be excluded from the meeting whilst item 9 (Waste Management Services Agreement and potential redevelopment of the Cringle Dock Transfer Station (Paper No. WRWA 21-23)) is being considered because exempt information, as described in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, is likely to be disclosed.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT AND POTENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CRINGLE DOCK TRANSFER STATION (PAPER NO. WRWA 21-23)**

On item 9, (Paper No. WRWA 21-23) the General Manager introduced the report. Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations in paragraph 80 of the report.

The Chairman acknowledged that the Deputy General Manager, Mrs Sharon Ross, had worked for local authorities for 42 years, including as a manager at Kensington and Chelsea and as Deputy General Manager for this Authority since 2008. On behalf of the Authority, Councillor Husband and fellow Members thanked Mrs Ross for all that she had done and wished her a long and happy retirement.

The meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.