

**OPEN MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE WASTE
AUTHORITY (WRWA)**

**HELD AT THE LAMBETH TOWN HALL, 1 BRIXTON HILL, SW2 1RW ON
THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2023 AT 6.30 PM**

NOTE: These minutes are to be read in conjunction with the agenda papers relating to the meeting on Thursday 26 October 2023.

PRESENT

Hammersmith and Fulham Council

Councillor Wesley Harcourt

Councillor Sharon Holder

Kensington and Chelsea Council

Councillor Johnny Thalassites

Councillor Will Pascal

Lambeth Council

Councillor Rezina Chowdhury

Wandsworth Council

Councillor Leonie Cooper

Councillor Judi Gasser

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bayo Dosunmu – Clerk

Chris Buss - Treasurer

Mark Broxup – General Manager

Frances Devane – Assistant General Manager

Rachel Espinosa – Deputy General Manager*

Wayne Chandai – Deputy Clerk

Borough Technical Officers

Doug Perry – Lambeth

Annie Baker – Hammersmith & Fulham*

Matthew Lawrence – Kensington and Chelsea

Natasha Epstein – Wandsworth*

* Joined virtually

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Jackie Meldrum (Lambeth) and Katherine Burston – Deputy Treasurer.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:

To approve the open and restricted minutes of the last meeting held on 14 June 2023 as a correct record of proceedings and that the open versions be approved as a public summary.

3. FORWARD PLAN (WRWA PAPER NO. 23-22)

The General Manager confirmed that the Deputy Clerk would seek a suitable date for the February 2024 meeting.

Resolved:

To receive the report as information.

4. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (WRWA PAPER NO. 23-23)

Resolved:

That the proposed Annual Governance Statement for 2022/23 with the Authority's accounts for 2022/23, be approved, signed and published.

5. AUDITORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22 (WRWA PAPER NO. 23-24)

Resolved:

To receive the report as information.

6. ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23 (WRWA PAPER NO. 23-25)

The General Manager gave a brief introduction to the report. He highlighted that he had received some positive feedback from Members about the report.

Resolved:

a) That the proposed new wording for the relevant sections of the Annual Report, as depicted in the Appendix to this report be approved, and that officers be instructed to produce an updated version;

b) That the proposed improvements and supplemental documents/information to accompany the Forward Plan as detailed in paragraphs four and five be approved.

c) To approve the intended approach on Freedom of Information and Politically Restricted Posts set out in this report.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (WRWA PAPER NO. 23-26)

The General Manager gave a brief overview and said that work around carbon capture would be included into any proposals and future workstreams.

Resolved:

- a) That the response to the consultation on EPR Regulations as set out in Appendix B to this report or to suggest amendments be approved.
- b) That the suggested outline of the Education Programme Review (as detailed in paragraphs 34-36 above) be approved.
- c) as described in paragraphs 55 to 57, to instruct officers to enter into a new Licence to Occupy with Groundwork London and Cory; and
- d) To otherwise receives 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 remaining items were being considered because it was likely that exempt information as described in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act would be disclosed to them if they were present; and it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, given the fact that these papers and the presentation deal with ongoing negotiations and procurement terms.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 8.20pm

CHAIR

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