

**WESTERN RIVERSIDE WASTE AUTHORITY  
(VERSION B)**

**NOTE: These minutes are to be read in conjunction with the agenda papers relating to the meeting on 6th February 2018.**

Minutes of the meeting of the Western Riverside Waste Authority held at the Town Hall (Room 140), Wandsworth High Street, SW18 on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7pm.

**PRESENT**

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| <b>Kensington and Chelsea Council</b> | – Councillor P. Warrick (Chairman)     |
|                                       | – Councillor M. Palmer                 |
| <b>Lambeth Council</b>                | – Councillor M. Atkins                 |
| <b>Wandsworth Council</b>             | – Councillor J. Cook (Deputy Chairman) |
|                                       | – Councillor G. Senior                 |

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cartwright and Harcourt.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

At the suggestion of the Chairman, the Authority agreed to deal with:

- Item 7 - Various matters associated with the potential development of the Authority's Cringle Dock Waste Transfer Station (Paper No. 851)
- Item 8 - Various matters associated with operational matters and the Authority's Waste Management Services Agreement with Cory Environmental Limited (Paper No. 852\*\*)

before returning to the numerical order of the agenda.

## **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 the exempt minutes and items 7 & 8 (Paper No. WRWA 851 and Paper No. WRWA 852) are 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.

### **MINUTES**

On item 2 it was **RESOLVED** - That Version A (the closed version) of the minutes of the Authority held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record, and that version B be confirmed as the open summary of the minutes.

## **VARIOUS MATTERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE AUTHORITY'S CRINGLE DOCK WASTE TRANSFER STATION (PAPER NO. WRWA 851).**

The following consultants and advisers were in attendance for this item:

- a) John Chandler, Partner (Energy), from the Authority's WMSA lawyers Shakespeare Martineau LLP; and
- b) Tim Shaw, Head of Central London Development from the Authority's property advisers Carter Jonas.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Chandler and Mr. Shaw for their attendance. Following discussion, it was then

**RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations in paragraph 66 of the report.

## **VARIOUS MATTERS ASSOCIATED WITH OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND THE AUTHORITY'S WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CORY ENVIRONMENTAL LIMITED (PAPER NO. WRWA 852)**

John Chandler, Partner (Energy), from the Authority's WMSA lawyers Shakespeare Martineau LLP was in attendance for this item.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Chandler for his attendance. Following discussion, it was then

**RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations in paragraph 35 of the report.

**THE AUDIT PLAN FOR 2017/18 (PAPER NO. WRWA 847).**

The Deputy Treasurer introduced the report. Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED to**

- a) accept the level of materiality and misstatement outlined on page 7 of the plan; and
- b) otherwise receive this report as information.

**AUTHORITY'S BUDGET AND LEVY FOR 2018/19 AND THE PROSPECTS FOR 2019/20 AND BEYOND (PAPER NO. WRWA 848).**

The Deputy Treasurer introduced the report. Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED to**

- a) approve a revised gross expenditure budget for the Authority of £50.2 million for 2017/18 (£44.6m directly determined by direct tonnage delivered and £5.5 million paid for by the Levy) and £52.9 million for 2018/19 (£46.6 million directly determined by direct tonnage delivered and £6.3 million paid for by the Levy), as presented in the Budgets for Direct costs and Levy costs in Appendices B and C;
- b) approve the AWDC rates to apply for 2018/19 as detailed on page 5; and
- c) approve the basis of cost recovery as set out in the report, including the residual Levy figure of £5.963 million for 2018/19 for the Treasurer to apportion and issue the levy among the constituent councils.

**TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND CAPITAL STRATEGY FOR 2018/19 (PAPER NO. WRWA 849).**

The Deputy Treasurer introduced the report. Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED to:**

- a) adopt an Authorised Borrowing Limit and Operational Boundary for 2018/19 of £11 million;
- b) agree the MRP policy in 2017/18 and 2018/19 outlined in paragraphs 14-16;
- c) agree to the investment policy outlined in paragraph 17;

- d) note the 'Prudential Indicators' contained in the Appendix to this report, including newly specified borrowing and investment policies and the capital strategy; and
- e) otherwise receive this report as information.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (PAPER NO. WRWA 850).**

The Deputy General Manager introduced the report and reminded Members that at the last Authority meeting it had been reported that China had taken the decision to ban imports of 24 categories of recyclables and waste by the end of 2017. The Deputy General Manager advised that this was part of China's Environmental campaign to reduce the amounts of 'dirty waste and hazardous waste' that have been found mixed with the recycling material exported to China. The Deputy General Manager added that Cory had reported a decline in the market for mixed paper.

The Deputy General Manager referred to paragraph 6 of the report and advised that the Government had published on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 its 25-year Environment Plan to eliminate avoidable plastic waste by 2042.

The Deputy Chairman, Councillor Cook highlighted paragraph 16 of the report which stated that the general waste at the Household Waste and Recycling Centre was forecasted to decrease by 4.4%, with total waste falling by 2.00 %, which in turn would indicate an increased level of recycling as well as waste reduction.

The Authority at its meeting in June 2017 agreed to a tender brief being developed with a view to appointing a consultant to advise on a number of matters as set out in paragraph 23 of the report. Members are being requested to approve the appointment of Ricardo and M.E.L to undertake the Waste Policy Support and M.E.L. to undertake the compositional analysis for a combined budget of £37,000 in 2018/19.

In relation to the Recycle for London (RfL) Campaign a request was made to see how the outcome for this campaign would be measured.

The Deputy General Manager advised that the Wandsworth Planning Applications Committee had approved the London Square planning application (to redevelop the B&Q site in Smugglers Way) at its meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

The General Manager advised the Authority that it would be prudent to extend both the Clerk's and Treasurer's employment until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 to ensure stability in what is likely to be a complex period for the Authority.

The Deputy General Manager advised of the necessary refurbishment works needed at the Authority's offices. The Authority was being recommended to agree to an architect being procured to design a better use of the existing space and for quotes to be obtained for the refurbishment works. This information would be reported back to the Authority's meeting in July 2018.

It was then

**RESOLVED** to agree to:

- a) the appointment of Ricardo and M.E.L. to carry out the Waste Policy Support and MEL to carry out the Compositional Analysis for a combined budget of £37,000 in 2018/19 (as described in paragraphs 23 to 27 of this report);
- b) a change in tone of messaging at the Smugglers Way Household Waste and Recycling Centre (as detailed in paragraphs 30 and 31 above);
- c) approve a budget of £150,000 for the RWR 2018/19 programme (detailed in paragraphs 40 and 41 above);
- d) the extension of the employment of the Clerk and Treasurer until 31st March 2019, as detailed in paragraphs 48 to 50;
- e) the procurement of an architect and bids for the refurbishment of the authority's offices as detailed in paragraphs 56 to 58; and
- f) receive this report as information.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBC** (from one of the following dates - Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018).

The Chairman, Councillor Warrick thanked Members and officers for all their support and commitment and wished them well for the future.

The Chairman was in turn thanked for his contributions and for his chairmanship of the Authority's meetings.

The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.