

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

NOTE: These minutes are to be read in conjunction with the agenda papers relating to the meeting on 21st November 2017.

Minutes of the meeting of the Western Riverside Waste Authority held at the Town Hall (Room 140), Wandsworth High Street, SW18 on 21st November 2017 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Kensington and Chelsea Council	– Councillor P. Warrick (Chairman)
	– Councillor M. Palmer
Hammersmith & Fulham Council	– Councillor W. Harcourt
Lambeth Council	– Councillor M. Atkins
Wandsworth Council	– Councillor J. Cook (Deputy Chairman)
	– Councillor G. Senior

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cartwright and Brathwaite.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

On item 2 it was **RESOLVED** - That Version A (the closed version) of the minutes of the Authority held on 20th September 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record, and that version B be confirmed as the open summary of the minutes subject to the following amendments:

- Page 4, second bullet point – delete the word ‘an’;
- Page 6, third paragraph from the top – add after the word enquiry ‘on insurance premiums’ so that the sentence reads ‘In relation to the Chairman’s enquiry on insurance premiums, the Treasurer.....’
- Page 6, resolution a. –remove the number ‘3’.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

At the suggestion of the Chairman, the Authority agreed to receive a presentation from Cory Riverside Energy 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 the presentation from Cory Riverside Energy on their Riverside Energy Park Project are 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.

PRESENTATION FROM CORY RIVERSIDE ENERGY ON THEIR RIVERSIDE ENERGY PARK PROJECT

Presentation received from Nick Pollard, the Chief Executive of the Cory Group (Cory), Andy Pike, Strategic Infrastructure Director and Julian Walker, Chief Executive Officer.

2016/17 EXTERNAL AUDIT LETTER (PAPER NO. WRWA 840).

The Treasurer introduced the report. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED to receive this report as information.

THE BUDGET FORECAST FOR 2017/18 (PAPER NO. WRWA 841)

The Treasurer introduced the report and advised of the following amendments to the Appendix:

- On page 3 (page 38 of the agenda), the forecast is for 7 months and not 2 months as written.
- On page 1 (page 36 of the agenda), the forecast growth in Hammersmith & Fulham's green waste was overstated due to the formulae not coping with the sporadic and seasonal nature of these deliveries – a sense checked figure would be used in future.

In response to a question, the Treasurer advised that although the predicted rate per tonne for recyclables for 2018/19 was given as £51.78, the Treasurer anticipated that it would most likely be £26, which has been the reduced rate negotiated with Cory and retained over a number of years. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED to receive this report as information.

VARIOUS MATTERS ASSOCIATED WITH RECYCLING PERFORMANCE (PAPER NO. WRWA 842).

The General Manager introduced the report and advised of the following amendments:

- Paragraph 9, page 46, second line should say Appendix C instead of Appendix B; and
- Paragraph 59, page 56, recommendation b), insert after drinks containers, 'as set out in Appendix D; and ...'

The General Manager introduced the report. In response to a suggestion that we should be moving away from weight based targets, the General Manager advised that additional methods of assessing performance would be something to be addressed in the development of a new joint waste strategy for the Authority and its constituent Councils.

The General Manager referred the Authority to paragraph 11 of the report which set out the new initiatives that have been developed, including a waste composition analysis and encouraging the use of real nappies. In relation to the latter initiative, the General Manager advised that the £50 incentive was only a 25% or less contribution to the total upfront cost and therefore, less likely to persuade parents on low incomes to try real nappies. The General Manager added that it was hoped that the proposal could be further refined to help encourage low income families to use real nappies. Council registrar offices will also be asked to make literature available to new parents that advertises the work of constituent councils in this area. It was noted that a child is already two days old at least by the time the baby's name is registered.

In relation to Estates Trial – test use of carrier bags, the General Manager advised that Cory have agreed to trial receiving supermarket carrier bags filled with mixed recycling in the MRF which will be sampled frequently to check the quality of the material delivered. The supermarket bags will be used by residents as 'one use' bags to dispose of their mixed recycling. This will be implemented in one poor performing estate in Hammersmith & Fulham. Coupled to the trial will be the relocation of the recycling bin to make it less likely that residents who do not wish to recycle do not contaminate the recycling bin.

In relation to Food Waste reduction – the General Manager advised that in order to reach less receptive residents, more emphasis will be placed on practical advice such as how much their food waste is costing financially and environmentally. The General Manager added that this information can be produced by the Recycle Western Riverside (RWR) programme and made available on the Authority and constituent Council websites.

Garden waste – the General Manager advised that the decision to operate a subsidised home composting scheme should be taken by the constituent Councils. It was then

RESOLVED to:

- a) approve the draft tender briefs attached as Appendices A, B and C to this report;
- b) endorse the Authority's response to the Government's consultation on a 'Deposit or Reward and Return Scheme' (DRRS) for drinks containers, as set out in Appendix D; and
- c) otherwise receive this report as information.

REPORT OUTLINING PROGRESS WITH OPERATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY (PAPER NO. WRWA 843).

The General Manager introduced the report. In response to a question on why China has taken the decision to ban imports of 24 categories of recyclables and waste by the end of 2017, the 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 General Manager advised that on 9th November 2017 the Authority received confirmation from DEFRA that it had been successfully awarded £25,000 to establish a 'spare parts' scheme at Smugglers Way as part of the Rework project. The application was a joint partnership application between the Authority, Cory and Rework. Rework will collect reusable parts from large domestic appliances delivered (that are not in a suitable condition to be reused as whole appliances) to HWRC, sort and catalogue them and then put them up for resale via the internet.

In relation to the Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC) survey, the Authority noted that customer satisfaction was excellent. It was noted that Cory has banned all liquids on site, including paint and there is currently no scheme for recycling paint locally.

In relation to a question about the Authority's complaints procedure, the General Manager advised that a total of 11 complaints were received in 2016/17 and only 6 of these related to the HWRC, a very low level given the fact that there are approximately 330,000 car visits to the HWRC each year. It was then

RESOLVED to

- a) adopt the proposed procedure and policy at set out in Appendices B and C with immediate effect and to instruct the Clerk to distribute them to the relevant Authority employees as soon as possible; and
- b) otherwise 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 items 7, 8 & 9 (Paper No. WRWA 844, Paper No. WRWA 845 and Paper No. WRWA 841A) 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.

VARIOUS MATTERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE AUTHORITY'S CRINGLE DOCK WASTE TRANSFER STATION. (PAPER NO. 844)

Following discussion, it was then

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

VARIOUS MATTERS ASSOCIATED WITH OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND THE AUTHORITY'S WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CORY ENVIRONMENTAL LIMITED (PAPER NO. 845)

Following discussion, it was then

RESOLVED to approve the recommendations in paragraph 17 of the report.

THE BUDGET FORECAST FOR 2017/18 (CONT'D) (PAPER NO. WRWA 841A).

Following discussion, it was then

RESOLVED to receive this report as information.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS (PAPER NO. WRWA 846).

On Item 10 (Paper No. WRWA 846), it was

RESOLVED that

1. the date of the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 6th February 2018;
and
2. from the dates suggested below, the date of the Authority's meeting in July, September and November 2018 would be confirmed after the Council elections in May 2018.
 - Tuesday, 17th or Wednesday 18th or Thursday 19th July 2018
 - Wednesday, 19th September 2018
 - Wednesday, 21st November 2017

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY 2018.

The meeting ended at 8.50 p.m.