

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

NOTE: These minutes are to be read in conjunction with the agenda papers relating to the meeting on 19th September 2018.

Minutes of the meeting of the Western Riverside Waste Authority held at the Town Hall (Room 140), Wandsworth High Street, SW18 on 19th September 2018 at 7pm.

PRESENT

- Kensington and Chelsea Council** – Councillor J. Husband (Chairman)
– Councillor M. Palmer
- Lambeth Council** – Councillor M. Clark
– Councillor C. Holland
- Wandsworth Council** – Councillor Mrs. Sutters
– Councillor G. Senior

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W. Harcourt and D. Morton.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

On item 1, Councillor Husband called for nominations to the post of Deputy Chairman. Councillor Palmer proposed Councillor Mrs. Sutters and the nomination was seconded by Councillor Senior. There being no other nominations, the Chairman declared Councillor Mrs. Sutters to have been duly elected as Deputy Chairman of the Authority.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Authority, thanked Councillor Cook for his contributions and commitment as Deputy Chairman, and wished him well for the future.

MINUTES

On item 2 it was –

RESOLVED - That version B (open summary) of the minutes of the Authority held on 17th July 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

2017/18 EXTERNAL AUDIT LETTER (PAPER NO. WRWA 861).

The Treasurer introduced the report. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED to receive the report for information.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT STRATEGY - UPDATE (PAPER NO. WRWA 862).

The Treasurer introduced the report. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED to:

- (a) agree the changes to the investment policy as set out in paragraph 8 of the report;
- (b) agree to Authorise the Treasurer to agree any arrangements to ensure that the Authority is MIFID 2 compliant; and
- (c) otherwise receive this report as information.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (PAPER NO. WRWA 863).

The Deputy General Manager introduced the report and highlighted the following from the Ricardo reports:

- given their built environment and demographics, the Authority and its constituent councils generally perform well in comparison to London as a whole and the rest of the UK in terms of dry recycling performance. The 2015 'At This Rate' report by SITA (now Suez) noted that the highest reported recycling rate for authorities with a proportion of multi-occupancy dwellings of above 50% was 39%. In 2016/17 WRWA recorded a capture rate of 34% with a multi-occupancy rate of 73%; and
- consideration of alternative methodologies for measuring the best environmental option for each material stream would enable more appropriate targets to be set which would better reflect the performance in the Authority's area, whilst also demonstrating environmental best practice. For example reducing or recycling textiles and WEEE would generate significant carbon savings but would contribute very little to weight based recycling targets.

The General Manager advised that the lack of garden waste available for collection impacts on the overall weight-based recycling rate of the Authority and its constituent councils, which results in the level of recycling performance not comparing favourably with outer London and England, where garden waste tonnages are more easily available.

In response to a question from Councillor Palmer as to what the consequences would be if we did not meet the Mayor's target on food waste collection, the General Manager advised that there were no sanctions at present. The General Manager added that Barnet Council is in dialogue with the Mayor of London about its decision

to stop its collection of food waste. Barnet Council's website clearly states that the separate food waste collection will be suspended from 4th November 2018; and residents are asked to place food waste in their refuse bin. The General Manager added that excessive costs had to be balanced against the environmental impact.

The General Manager advised that the report sought approval to delay the presentation of the draft joint waste policy document to the Authority until 2019 to allow the policy to reflect any change in national Government Policy, and to include the results of the next planned waste composition survey, in October 2018.

The Deputy General Manager referred the Authority to the "End Of The Line" - Waste Avoidance /Reduction Campaign, and highlighted that Nappies would not be included in the End of Line waste reduction campaign as the significant financial investment offered as an incentive to encourage parents to either purchase reusable nappies or use a nappy laundry service would not be covered by the estimated waste disposal savings.

The Deputy General Manager advised that based on waste composition analysis, the two waste streams that have the potential to yield the biggest savings in waste disposal costs through waste minimisation measures are food waste and garden waste. Plastic waste is not as significant in terms of waste tonnage, but it has a very high carbon impact. It is planned to launch a staggered campaign, commencing in October 2018, starting with a focus on Plastics followed by a focus on Food Waste. It is planned to launch the Garden Waste campaign in the New Year at the start of the growing season when residents are likely to be more receptive. The campaign is looking to offer home composting solutions to encourage residents with gardens to deal with their waste at home.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED to:

- a) Agree, for the reasons given in paragraph 16 of the report, that presentation of a new draft joint waste policy document for the Authority and the constituent councils be delayed until 2019; and
- b) to 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 the exempt minutes and item 7 (Paper No. WRWA 864) 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.

MINUTES

On item 2

it was **RESOLVED** - That Version A (the closed version) of the minutes of the Authority held on 6th February 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT AND POTENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CRINGLE DOCK TRANSFER STATION (PAPER NO. WRWA 864).

Following discussion, it was then

RESOLVED to approve the recommendations in paragraph 47 of the report.

The meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.