<u>At a Meeting of the Authority</u> held on Friday 20th January 2012

Present : Councillor De Asha Councillor Morgan Councillor Cluskey Councillor Williams Councillor Moore Councillor Concepcion Councillor Brighouse Councillor Shaw Councillor Nelson

53. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Keaveney.

54. Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers

There were no declarations of interest.

55. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items for the reasons stated:

Minute Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)

56 Exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12A)

56. <u>Resource Recovery Contract (RRC) Competitive Dialogue</u> WDA/01/12

A report was submitted which informed Members of the progress to date in the procurement of the Resource Recovery Contract (RRC) and specifically in relation to the timetable for determination of the closure of the Competitive Dialogue Stage and Call for Final Tenders.

The Chief Executive took this opportunity to remind Members of the importance of confidentiality at these crucial stages of the procurement process. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that he would be writing to all Members on this matter.

Resolved that:

- Members note that the RRC Participants (the Bidders) have been advised of the intention to report to the Authority with a proposed date of closure of the dialogue of week commencing 19th March 2012;
- 2. the date of closure of the Competitive Dialogue Stage be considered at the Authority to be held on 3rd February 2012;
- 3. the following be approved:
 - a. the Evaluation Methodology be updated as set out in para 3 of the report to reflect current costs, including:
 - i. Reference Project
 - ii. Transport adjustment
 - iii. Electricity adjustment and the use of the Poyry Report as the basis of forecast within the Evaluation.
 - b. an appropriate fuel indexation and inflation rate to deal with the fuel cost increases within one participant's bid be used in the Evaluation;
 - c. delegated powers of the Authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Treasurer, to agree the final form of the updates, fuel indexation and rate of inflation to be used within the evaluation methodology; and
- 4. a revised payment approach to the unitary charge be approved as set out in para 7 of the report and delegated powers of the Authority be granted to the Treasurer to amend the Financial Procedural Rules to include the proposed contract payment process identified in the report.