

At a Meeting of the Authority held on Friday 13th September 2013

Present : Councillor Graham Morgan Councillor Richard Oglethorpe Councillor Laura Robertson-Collins Councillor Alan Cunliffe Councillor Kevin Cluskey Councillor Patricia Hardy Councillor Irene Williams Councillor Stef Nelson (Observer Status)

22. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Concepcion and Steve Williams.

23. Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers

Councillor Laura Robertson-Collins declared a personal interest in Item 6, recorded herewith as Resolution 26, in relation to one of the applicants, Granby Toxteth Development Trust (GTDT) and her position as a member of the Steering Group for the L8 Living Sustainably Project (another GTDT project); and in her position as Deputy Chair of the L1578 Steering Group of which GTDT are a partner member but not a funded body.

23. Questions from Members under Procedural Rule 9

There were no questions submitted by Members under Procedural Rule 9.

24. Questions from Members of the Public under Procedural Rule 10

There were no questions submitted by Members of the Public under Procedural Rule 10.

25. Motions proposed by Members under Procedural Rule 15

There were no motions proposed by Members under Procedural Rule 15.

Councillor Laura Robertson-Collins declared a personal interest in the following item, recorded herewith as resolution 26 and in accordance with the Authority's Code of Conduct for Members, remained in the meeting.

26. Community Fund 2013/14 – Funding Approval WDA/31/13

A report was submitted which informed Members of applications received for the Community Fund and presented a number of options to deliver the programme in 2013/14.

Resolved that:

- 1. Option 3 as detailed in the report be selected and the applications referred to in paragraph 5.4 be approved and the Community Fund be increased by a further £105,987 in the current financial year to deliver the programme;
- Funding Stream 3 be cancelled as a similar programme of activity to schools has been approved in Funding Stream 1; and
- 3. delegated powers of the Authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairperson, to award funding to the next highest scoring application above the minimum threshold, should any approved applications be withdrawn, or to the next project listed that can be delivered within the financial year up the amount of funding available.

27. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item for the reason stated:

Minute Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)

28 Exempt information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings (Para 5 of Schedule 12A)

28. <u>Resource Recover Contract (RRC) Legal Progress</u> WDA/32/13

The Authority considered a report which provided Members with an update regarding a legal challenge to the Resource Recover Contract (RRC) preferred bidder appointment. The report summarised the legal position to date and sought Members' consideration of different courses of action open to the Authority.

Members voted unanimously and:

Resolved that:

- 1. the current position reached in relation to the legal challenge to the RRC preferred bidder appointment be noted;
- 2. the current assessment of the relative merits of different courses of action open to the Authority be noted;
- 3. the course of action proposed in paragraph 9 of the report be agreed; and
- 4. further reports be provided regarding the legal challenge prior to the Authority considering entering into the RRC with SITA.