



**At a Special Meeting of the Authority
held on Thursday 12th December 2013**

Present : Councillor Graham Morgan
Councillor Tony Concepcion
Councillor Kevin Cluskey
Councillor Richard Oglethorpe
Councillor Alan Cunliffe
Councillor Irene Williams
Councillor Stef Nelson (Observer Status)

66. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Laura Robertson-Collins and Steve Williams.

67. **Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers**

Carl Beer, Chief Executive of the Authority declared a personal interest in Item 6, recorded herewith as Resolution 71 in relation to the matter of indemnity to the Chief Executive.

68. **Questions from Members under Procedural Rule 9**

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

69. **Motions proposed by Members under Procedural Rule 15**

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

70. **Exclusion of the Public**

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

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)</u>
71	Exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the

Authority holding that information) (Para 3 of Schedule 12A)

The Chairman agreed to consider the following item which had been included in the summons for the meeting but for which the report had not been available to Members until the meeting for reasons of urgency, taking account of the special and exceptional circumstances. It was noted that the tabled report had been incorrectly labelled as Item 5 but should read Item 6.

Carl Beer declared a personal interest in the item, recorded herewith as Resolution 71 insofar as it related to an indemnity. In accordance with the Authority's Code of Conduct for Officers he did not contribute to any discussions relating to the matter of indemnity.

71. **Resource Recovery Contract (RRC)**
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The Chairperson asked Members if they required more time to read the report. Members requested a short adjournment.

Following the adjournment, the meeting resumed and the Authority considered the report which updated Members on the progress in finalising the contract documentation. Members were informed that the proposed contract continues to represent value for money, however, an additional financial leeway for the terms of the Chief Executive's delegation was required.

Members voted unanimously and:

Resolved that:

1. as a consequence of the matters set out in section 3 of the report, that the financial boundaries of the Chief Executive's delegated Authority to enter into the proposed RRC contract with SITA be extended, as detailed at Paragraph 3.8 of the report, as the price still represents value for money for Merseyside and Halton;
2. an indemnity be granted to the Authority's Chief Executive for the purposes of signing letters of assurance in respect of the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) and Resource Recovery Contract (RRC) process to the Sita consortium (SSUK) and its funders; and
3. the Chief Executive be granted indemnity on the terms set out in Appendix 1 of the report.