



**At a meeting of the Authority
held on Friday 22nd April 2016**

Present : Councillor Graham Morgan
Councillor Tony Concepcion
Councillor Irene Williams
Councillor Steve Williams
Councillor Kevin Cluskey
Councillor Alan Cunliffe
Councillor Andrew Foxley

52. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fairclough, Robertson-Collins and Nelson.

53. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 5th February 2016**

Resolved that the minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 5th February 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

55. **Question(s) from Members under Procedural Rule 9**

There were no questions submitted by Members in accordance with Procedural Rule 9.

56. **Question(s) from Members of the Public under Procedural Rule 10**

There were no questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with Procedural Rule 10.

57. **Motion proposed by Members under Procedural Rule 15**

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

58. **Code of Corporate Governance and Annual Governance Statement**
WDA/09/16

Members were provided with a report informing them of the findings of the Annual Governance Assessment which included proposed amendments to the Code of Corporate Governance and an Improvement Plan for 2016/17. The report requested that Members approve the Annual Governance Statement for inclusion in the Statement of Accounts 2015/16.

Resolved that:

1. the findings of the Annual Corporate Governance Assessment be noted and the Improvement Action Plan for 2016/17 be approved ;
2. the revised Code of Corporate Governance be approved; and
3. the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Authority's representatives for inclusion in the Statement of Accounts 2015/16.

59. **Internal Audit Plan 2016/17**
WDA/11/16

Members were asked to approve the annual plan of work presented by Internal Audit to provide assurance about the governance arrangements at the Authority.

Resolved that the Internal Audit Plan for 2016/17 be approved.

60. **External Audit Plan 2015/16**
WDA/12/16

A report was provided by the External Auditor to Members setting out the plan of work that they propose to carry out at the Authority prior to commencing their substantive auditing.

Resolved the external auditor's plan and fee for the 2015/16 audit be approved.

61. **Service Delivery Plan 2016/17**
WDA/08/16

Members considered a report and were asked to note the previous year's performance and to approve amendments to the Corporate Plan and the proposed Service Delivery Plan for 2016/17.

Resolved that:

1. the progress made during 2015/16 in the delivery of the Corporate Plan be noted;
2. the revised Corporate Plan be approved; and
3. the proposed Service Delivery Plan 2016/17 be approved.

62. **The EU Circular Economy Package**
WDA/07/16

Members considered a report that provided an update on the European Commission proposals for a circular economy and were asked to approve ongoing consultation with District Councils and other Joint Waste Disposal Authorities (JWDAs) regarding the potential impacts of the Circular Economy package.

Resolved that a programme of consultation with constituent District Councils and other Joint Waste Disposal Authorities with regard to the potential impacts of the EU Circular Economy Package be agreed.

63. **Community Fund 2016/17: Invitations to submit Final Applications**
WDA/10/16

A report was provided to Members informing them of the Expressions of Interest received for the Community Fund 2016/17 and the outcome of the evaluation process. Approval was sought to invite final applications in accordance with the projects listed in paragraph 4.2 and Appendix 2. Members were asked to agree to delegate powers of the Authority to the Chief Executive at the final application stage and to make final awards for funding.

Resolved that:

1. the list of ten schemes detailed in paragraph 4.2 and Appendix 2 be invited to submit final applications for Community Fund; and
2. powers of the Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairperson for the following:
 - Should any project be withdrawn or an invited applicant fails to submit a credible project plan within an agreed timescale, those applications will be rejected and further submissions invited from the next best placed projects at the EOI stage; and
 - Approve the final awards for funding.

64. **Waste Management Recycling Contract 'Rigid Plastics' Recycling WDA/13/16**

Members considered a report that arose from a request from Wirral Council to increase the range of materials accepted at the Materials Recovery Facilities (MRF's) as part of the district kerbside co-mingled collection service. The request was specifically to include plastic pots, tubs and trays under the Waste Management and Recycling Contract.

Resolved that:

1. the response to the request made to the Authority by Wirral Council "to consider increasing the range of materials that are permitted to be accepted at the Materials Recovery Facilities as part of the district kerbside co-mingled collection service; to include plastic pots tube and trays" be noted; and
2. it be noted that at the present time, due to current financial conditions, investment in the Recycling of Rigid Plastics is not considered to represent sufficient value for money given other competing priorities and the financial austerity facing the Authority.

Councillor Steve Williams thanked Carl Beer and Alex Murray for their time and effort in producing the report.

65. **Exclusion of 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>
66	Exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A)

66. **Foul Lane Closed Landfill Site: Potential Income Generation**
WDA/06/16

Members were presented with a report that detailed two separate proposals received for Foul Lane closed landfill site, both of which offer a potential source of income for the Authority.

Resolved that:

1. the scheme detailed at paragraph 3.11 of the report be agreed in principal, and delegated powers be granted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Monitoring Officer to finalise the contract; and
2. agreement in principal is given to enter into the lease as described at paragraph 4.8 of the report, and delegated powers be granted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Monitoring Officer to finalise the lease.