



**At a Special Meeting of the Authority  
held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

Present : Councillor Cluskey  
Councillor Salter  
Councillor Gardiner  
Councillor Crowther  
Councillor Lonergan  
Councillor Harris

**53. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Twigger, Moffat and Tattersall.

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

Councillor Cluskey declared a non-prejudicial interest in item 8, recorded herewith as minute 60 in so far as it relates to his capacity as a director of Mersey Waste Holdings Limited.

Councillor Salter declared a non-prejudicial interest in item 8, recorded herewith as minute 60 in so far as it relates to his capacity as a director of Mersey Waste Holdings Limited.

Neil Ferris declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 5, recorded herewith as minute 57 in so far as it relates to the interim appointment of Statutory Officers.

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

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

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

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

Neil Ferris declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item and in accordance with the Code of Conduct, left the meeting during the consideration of the item.

57. **Recruitment of Statutory Officers**  
**WDA/61/08**

A report was presented to the Authority proposing a course of action to ensure that the Authority complies with its obligations for the provision of statutory officers.

Councillor Lonergan requested that it be minuted that he had asked for reasons for the resignations of the statutory officers be made public. The Clerk to the Authority responded that she would write personally to the Authority's Members.

**Resolved** that:

1. the Authority seek the appointment of a Chief Executive of a constituent council to the position of Clerk to the Authority in the first instance;
2. the recruitment process for statutory officers be approved; and

On a division, the following was **resolved**:

3. the interim measures for the provision of statutory officers detailed in the report be approved.

58. **Exclusion of the Public**

**Resolved** that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items for the reason stated.

<b><u>Minute</u></b>	<b><u>Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)</u></b>
59 &60	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding the information (Para 3 of Schedule 12)

59. **Review of Sites and Planning Strategy**  
**WDA/59/08**

A report was submitted seeking Members' approval to a number of recommendations to progress the Authority's Sites and Planning Strategy to meet the needs of the Procurement Programme.

On a division, it was **resolved** that:

1. Members note the review of the Authority's Sites and Planning Strategy undertaken by the Authority's planning advisor, Mouchel;
2. the recommendations highlighted in Section 3.6 of the report be approved in order to take forward a revised Sites and Planning Strategy; and
3. the Director report back to Members on the financial review of the revised Sites and Planning Strategy and the associated budgetary implications to the Authority's Revenue and Capital Budgets.

Councillors Cluskey and Salter declared a non-prejudicial interest in the following item and in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Members, remained in the meeting.

60. **Procurement Programme: Waste Management and Recycling Contract – Risk Management Issues**

A report was presented to Members regarding a number of issues emerging from the Competitive Dialogue with the bidders for the Waste Management and Recycling Contract. Members were informed that the Authority needs to determine its negotiating position and Members views were sought.

**Resolved** that the information contained in the report be noted and the proposed recommendations be approved in principle.