



**At the Meeting of the Authority  
held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008**

Present :     Councillor Cluskey  
                 Councillor Salter  
                 Councillor Crowther  
                 Councillor Moffatt  
                 Councillor Tattersall  
                 Councillor Loneragan  
                 Councillor Harris (Halton BC / Observer Status)

67.     **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dean and Bridson.

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

Councillor Moffatt declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 5 and 6, recorded herewith as Minutes 71 and 72, in so far as it relates to his council ward.

Councillor Cluskey declared a non-prejudicial interest in item 5, recorded herewith as minute 71 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 5, recorded herewith as minute 71 in so far as it relates to his capacity as a director of Mersey Waste Holdings Limited.

69.     **Amendment to Procedural Rules - Petitions**  
**WDA/12/08**

The Authority considered a report which sought approval to the inclusion of a procedural rule to determine how the Authority will deal with local petitions. An amended version of the procedural rule was tabled at the meeting which clarified the wording of the rule. Members also agreed to the removal of the words 'of Merseyside' in paragraph (1).

**Resolved** that the Authority's Procedural Rules be amended to include a provision for the consideration of petitions as per Appendix 2 to the report, as amended at the meeting.

70. **Exclusion of the Public**

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

| <b><u>Minute</u></b> | <b><u>Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)</u></b>                                                                                                    |
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| 71, 72<br>& 73       | Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding the information (Para 3 of Schedule 12A)) |

Councillor Moffatt declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following items, recorded herewith as Minutes 71 and 72, and in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Members, left the meeting during the consideration of these items.

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

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

71. **Procurement: Resource Recovery Contract Programme WDA/17/08**

A report was submitted which advised Members of the progress in seeking proposals from participants in the Resource Recovery Contract, through the Competitive Dialogue process.

**Resolved** that Members note the report on the Resource Recovery Contract Competitive Dialogue and the actions being taken to enable revised Invitation to Submit Outline Solutions (ISOS) submissions to be obtained from participants.

72. **Procurement Programme – Sites and Planning Delivery Strategy WDA/15/08**

A report was submitted which requested that Members consider the approach to planning and sites acquisition, in particular the policy to be

followed regarding the identification of sites examined during the Site Selection process.

**Resolved** that the course of action relating to the release of information about sites contained in paragraph 8 of the report be approved.

73. **Medium Term Strategy and LATS Trading**  
**WDA/16/08**

The Authority considered a strategy for managing the Authority's obligations under The Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (England) Regulations 2005 (LATS Scheme) until 2013/14.

**Resolved** that:

1. the LATS trading be approved in accordance with the proposal in the report for the period until 2013/14 and delegated powers be granted to the Director, in consultation with the Chairperson and the Treasurer to the Authority to agree such trades;
2. the Authority terminates the current interim procurement process; and
3. approval be given to the development of a succession strategy options paper for the New Technologies Demonstrator Plant for the Authority.