



**At a Meeting of the Authority
held on Friday 1st February 2013**

Present : Councillor J De Asha
Councillor I Williams
Councillor S Williams
Councillor T Concepcion
Councillor R Oglethorpe
Councillor K Cluskey
Councillor P Hardy

46. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nelson, Morgan and Munby.

47. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 23rd November 2012**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2012 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

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

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

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

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

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

52. **Annual Meeting and Timetable of Meetings 2013/14**
WDA/01/13

A report was submitted which requested that Members set the date of the Annual Meeting and approve the timetable of Authority meetings for the forward year.

Resolved that:

1. the Authority's Annual Meeting take place on 28th June 2013 with further ordinary meetings on: 27th September 2013; 29th November 2013; 31st January 2014; and 25th April 2014; and
2. the Clerk to the Authority be granted delegated powers to make any future alterations to the timetable of meetings as deemed appropriate, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Authority.

53. **Revenue Budget 2013-14 and Prudential Indicators**
2012-13 to 2015-16
WDA/03/13

The Authority considered a report seeking Members' approval to a revised Revenue Budget for 2012/13 and a proposed Revenue Budget for 2013/14 of £65,591,099.

The Treasurer advised Members at the meeting that recycling credits should not be removed from the budget as issues still exist in relation to the DCLG funding calculation. With this in mind, recommendation 11 of the report was withdrawn and recommendation 13 was no longer relevant.

Resolved that:

1. the revised budget for 2012-13 be approved;
2. the Revenue Budget for 2013-14, including proposals for additional savings to enable service development be approved;
3. the levy option proposed by the Treasurer of £65.591M be approved;
4. the levy be made on the constituent District Councils for 2013-14;

5. the payment dates for the levy outlined in para 6.2 of the report be approved;
6. the Rainford HWRC be closed in line with the end of the current lease and contractual terms;
7. potential savings be sought from interim contracts;
8. the proposals for returning savings to a service development fund be approved;
9. the proposals for developing the Community Fund be approved and options be developed for an apprenticeship, graduate trainee and a volunteer scheme for Merseyside;
10. the proposals in the capital programme to develop HWRCs during 2013-14 be approved;
11. the Prudential Indicators for 2012-13 to 2015-16 as set out in the report and detailed in Appendix 4 be approved;
12. delegated powers be granted to the Treasurer, within the total limit for each year, to effect movements between the separately agreed prudential indicator limits in accordance with option appraisal and best value for money for the Authority;
13. delegated powers be granted to the Treasurer to effect movements between borrowing and other long term liabilities sums under the framework of the Prudential Code; and
14. the methodology for calculating Minimum Revenue Provisions for the Authority as set out at section 12 of the detailed report be noted.

54. **Envirolink – Debt Recovery Position Statement**
WDA/05/13

Members were informed of a debt owed to the Authority by Envirolink and the likelihood of recovering the amount due.

Resolved that:

1. the position regarding Envirolink be noted;

2. the outstanding debt owed by Envirolink in the Authority's accounts be written off; and
3. the shortfall be funded from the balance on the General Fund.

55. **External Audit Fee Proposal**
WDA/04/13

A report was submitted informing Members of the audit fee proposal submitted by the Authority's external auditors, Grant Thornton.

Resolved that:

1. the audit approach set out in the fee letter be noted; and
2. the level of fee proposed be approved.

56. **Performance Reporting – Quarter 2 2012-13**
WDA/02/13

A report was submitted which informed Members of the Authority's performance against its Corporate Plan, as monitored at the end of Quarter 2 of 2012/13.

The Chairperson asked that Member's thanks be passed on to the Authority's staff and contractors responsible for the continued improvement in environmental performance and education and awareness.

Resolved that the Authority's performance as monitored between July and September 2012 for the 2012/13 year be noted.

57. **Internal Audit Report – Waste Disposal Contract**
WDA/06/13

The Authority was informed of a review undertaken by its internal auditors in relation to the Final Claim on the Waste Disposal Contract.

Resolved that the contents of the report from the Internal Auditor be noted.

58. **Internal Audit - Review of Allegations**
WDA/07/13

Members were informed of an Internal Audit review in relation to the response made by the Authority and the Authority's contractor, Veolia to allegations of improper practices.

Resolved that the contents of the report from the Internal Auditor be noted.

59. **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> |
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| 60 | Exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12A) |

60. **Interim Residual Waste Treatment Opportunity**
WDA/08/12

The Authority considered a report which informed Members of the results of negotiations with Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority in relation to the treatment of residual Municipal Solid Waste.

Resolved that:

1. the terms negotiated with Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority to access capacity for the treatment of residual Municipal Solid Waste be approved;
2. subject to agreement of the final drafting of the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA), the Authority's waste disposal function for the waste covered by the IAA be delegated to Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority;
3. delegated powers of the Authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer, to agree the final drafting of the IAA and sign on behalf of the Authority;

4. the Clerk to the Authority be authorised to affix the seal of the Authority to the completed IAA in accordance with the Authority's procedural rules; and
5. the necessary changes to the WMRC contract and the compensatory payments to be made under the FCC landfill contract be noted.