



**At a Meeting of the Authority  
held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

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

69. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nelson and Morgan.

70. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record.

71. **Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record.

72. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

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

75. **To hear and respond to any question submitted by a Member of the Public in accordance with Procedural Rule 10.**

Members of the Public may ask questions of the relevant portfolio holder at ordinary meetings of the Authority in accordance with Section 10 of the Authority's Procedural Rules.

The following questions were received and asked by members of the public:

**1. Submitted by Ms Clara Paillard, Liverpool, Merseyside:**

"This authority will be aware of the loss of PFI funding for the proposed MWRA incinerator with one the reason given by government being there are enough waste incinerators in the UK.

You may be aware that the new INEOS energy from waste CHP plant in Runcorn has been unable to secure sufficient refused-derived fuel delivered by sustainable transport such as rail and water and is trying to lift the planning condition so that it can use lorries instead and import waste from areas such as Scotland.

Will this authority now consider pressing for the PFI project to be dropped in favour of using the capacity of the INEOS plant in Runcorn and seeking to deliver that fuel by local sustainable transport?

What obstacles stand in the way of such a solution?"

**The following response was provided by the Chairperson:**

"Ineos Chlor withdrew from the Merseyside and Halton Waste Resource and Recovery Contract in 2008

The Authority reviewed its position following the withdrawal of Waste Infrastructure Credits by DEFRA in February 2013 and has announced this morning (19<sup>th</sup> April 2013) that it will be continuing with the procurement of its Resource and Recovery Contract on behalf of the Merseyside and Halton Waste Partnership.

Sita, has been selected as Preferred Bidder and the Authority will now work with the Preferred Bidder, to move towards Financial Close which is likely to be in late 2013/early 2014.

The winning bid from Sita includes a high efficiency Energy from Waste facility with Combined Heat and Power at the Wilton International site in Teeside, and a new rail hub for the transportation of waste at the existing Potter Group Rail Freight Terminal at Kirkby on Merseyside.”

The Chairperson then asked Mr Brace if he had a supplementary question and Mr Brace asked the following question:

“Will the Authority consider increased recycling rather than Energy from Waste (given the impact of Energy from Waste on recycling rates)?”

The Chairperson replied that he would provide a written response to the question.

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

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

77. **Internal Audit Reports**  
**Contract Waste and District Council Recycling Credits**  
**WDA/15/13**

A report was submitted which informed Members of the outcome of the latest reviews undertaken by the Authority’s internal auditors which included a review of waste contract payments and recycling credits paid to district councils.

**Resolved** that the contents of the report be noted.

78. **Service Plans 2013/14**  
**WDA/10/13**

A report was submitted which informed Members of the progress made against the approved Corporate Plan and sought approval of the Annual Service Plans for 2013/14 to deliver continued performance improvements in the coming year.

**Resolved that:**

1. the progress made to date in the delivery of the Corporate Plan be noted; and
2. the Authority's set of Annual Service Plans for 2013/14 be approved.

79. **Performance Report – Quarter 3 2012/13**  
**WDA/11/13**

A report was submitted which informed Members of the Authority's performance against its Corporate Plan, as monitored at the end of Quarter 3 of 2012/13.

**Resolved** that the Authority's performance as monitored between October and December 2012 for the 2012/13 year be noted.

80. **Community Fund 2013/14**  
**WDA/12/13**

The Authority considered a report which sought Members' approval to a policy framework to manage the Community Fund. At the meeting, the Chief Executive asked Members to consider an amendment to the Scheme outlined in Table 1 of the report to include up to six large scale projects in Funding Stream One.

**Resolved that:**

1. the projects awarded Community Funding in 2012/13 as listed in Appendix 1 of the report be noted;
2. the Community Fund Policy Framework at Appendix 2 of the report be approved; and
3. the details for the Community Fund for 2013/14 listed at Table 1 (subject to the amendment proposed by the Chief Executive) and the assessment criteria and scoring in Appendix 3 in the report be approved.

81. **Contract Management Resource Review**  
**WDA/14/13**

A report was submitted which considered the remaining phases of the Resource Recovery Contract Procurement in the context of the overall suite of waste contracts to be managed by the Authority.

**Resolved** that:

1. the phased approach to the deployment of resources to meet the Authority's Contract Management needs be endorsed;
2. Phase One of the Contract Management Resource Plan be endorsed; and
3. the Chief Executive presents further reports to Members about the remaining phases of the Contract Management Resource Plan at the appropriate time.