



**At a Meeting of the Authority  
held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

Present : Councillor Graham Morgan  
Councillor Tony Concepcion  
Councillor Richard Oglethorpe  
Councillor Laura Robertson-Collins  
Councillor Alan Cunliffe  
Councillor Kevin Cluskey  
Councillor Patricia Hardy  
Councillor Irene Williams

29. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Steve Williams and Stef Nelson.

30. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record.

31. **Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

Peter Williams declared a personal interest in Item 11, recorded herewith as Resolution 39 in relation to his position as Treasurer to the Authority.

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

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

34. **Questions from Members of the Public under Procedural Rule 10**

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

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

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

36. **Internal Audit Report - Capital Programme**  
**WDA/36/13**

A report was submitted which informed Members of the outcome of the Internal Auditor's review of the Capital Programme.

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

37. **Statement of Accounts 2012/13**  
**WDA/37/13**

The Authority was presented with the Statement of Accounts for 2012/13 for approval. The Treasurer informed Members that the Audit was ongoing and that an amended version of the accounts was available to Members, however, the changes were largely technical accounting adjustments.

**Resolved** that:

1. the changes made to the accounts during the audit be noted;
2. the Statement of Accounts be approved; and
3. the Letter of Management Representation to the auditor be agreed.

38. **Auditor's Report to Members**  
**WDA/38/13**

Members were presented with the Authority's external auditor's report which reviewed the Authority's statutory accounts and its arrangements to secure value for money. The auditor informed Members at the meeting that the work was ongoing but that he intends to give the Authority an unqualified opinion.

**Resolved** that:

1. the auditor's findings attached at Appendix 1 to the report be noted; and

2. the recommendations contained within the auditor's report to further strengthen the Authority's financial and governance arrangements be noted and delegated powers of the Authority be granted to the Treasurer to finalise the proposed action plan.

Peter Williams declared a personal interest in the following item, recorded herewith as Resolution 39 and in accordance with the Authority's Code of Conduct for Officers left the meeting during consideration of this item.

39. **Treasurer's Indemnity**  
**WDA/39/13**

A report was submitted seeking Members' approval to providing an indemnity to the Treasurer against the risk of incurring personal liability in relation to the certification of the Resource Recovery Contract.

**Resolved** that:

1. an indemnity be granted to the Authority's Treasurer for the purposes of the signing by the Treasurer of certificates under the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997;
2. the indemnity be granted on the terms set out in the Appendix to the report;
3. the Chief Executive be allowed to authorise the Treasurer to obtain his own legal advice about signing the certificates relating to the Authority's Resource Recovery Contract; and
4. Members confirm that the Authority will certify it has the power to enter into the Resource Recovery Contract and associated Direct Agreement and that it is appropriate for the Treasurer to be indemnified in the circumstances.

40. **Performance Report – Quarter 1 2013/14**  
**WDA/34/13**

Members were presented with the first quarterly performance report for 2013/14 which outlined current performance as monitored against the Authority's Corporate Plan.

**Resolved** that the Authority's performance as monitored between April and June 2013 for the 2013/14 year be noted.

41. **Pilot Apprenticeship Support Scheme**  
**WDA/33/13**

A report was submitted which informed Members of a number of proposals received by the constituent councils and sought Members' consideration of options to provide apprenticeship support.

**Resolved** that:

1. Option Two be approved as the preferred option for the delivery of the Waste Apprenticeships support scheme as detailed in Para 4 of the report; and
2. delegated powers of the Authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairperson, to agree the necessary amendments to the individual schemes to ensure the outcomes and overall budget agreed with providers are aligned with the option chosen by Members.

42. **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>
43	Exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12A)
44	Exempt information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings (Para 5 of Schedule 12A)

43. **Redevelopment of Ravenhead HWRC, Burtonhead Road, St Helens**  
**WDA/35/13**

A report was submitted seeking approval to the detail of the development of Ravenhead Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) and the acquisition of additional land from the adjacent landowner.

**Resolved** that:

1. the redevelopment of Ravenhead HWRC be approved;

2. agreement be given to the purchase of additional land from Biffa Waste Management Ltd as detailed in the report;
3. a contract be entered into with Cheetham Hill Construction Ltd for the redevelopment works;
4. delegated powers of the Authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer, to complete the contracts; and
5. the Clerk to the Authority be authorised to affix the seal of the Authority to the completed documentation.

The Chairman agreed to consider the following item which had been included in the summons for the meeting but for which the report had not been available to Members until the workshop immediately prior to it for reasons of urgency, taking account of the special and exceptional circumstances.

44. **Resource Recover Contract (RRC) Procurement**  
**WDA/40/13**

The Authority considered a report which provided Members with an update on the Resource Recovery Contract (RRC) Procurement and in particular the latest position regarding a legal claim.

The Chairperson asked Members if they required a short adjournment to provide more time to read the report. Members agreed unanimously to continue without adjournment.

The Chief Executive brought Members' attention to a minor typographical error in paragraph 4.14 to remove the wording, 'and legal case.'

Members voted unanimously and:

**Resolved that:**

1. the options set out in section 4 of the report be noted and the course of action set out at paragraph 4.11 be followed; and
2. delegated powers of the Authority be granted to the Chief Executive to pursue the course of action at paragraph 4.11.