



**At a meeting of the Authority
held on Friday 3rd February 2017**

Present : Councillor Graham Morgan
Councillor Tony Concepcion
Councillor Carol Sung
Councillor Laura Robertson-Collins
Councillor Steve Williams
Councillor Alan Cunliffe
Councillor Mike O'Brien
Councillor Stef Nelson

40. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Cluskey, Councillor Norbury and Ian Stephenson.

41. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 25th November 2016**

Resolved that the minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 25th November 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

43. **Question(s) from Members under Procedural Rule 9**

There were no questions submitted by Members in accordance with Procedural Rule 9.

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

There were no questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with Procedural Rule 10.

45. **Motion proposed by Members under Procedural Rule 15**

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

46. **Timetable of Authority Meetings 2017-2018**
WDA/01/17

Members were presented with a report requesting that they set a date for the Annual Meeting and approve the timetable of Authority meetings for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

Resolved that:

1. the date for the Annual meeting for 2017/18 be fixed and a programme of meetings for the 2017/18 Municipal Year be considered; and
2. delegated powers be granted to the Clerk to make any future alterations to the timetable of meetings as deemed appropriate in consultation with the Chair of the Authority.

47. **Budget 2017-18**
WDA/04/17

Members considered a report detailing the budget and levy for 2017/18 requesting that the level of Levy to be charged to each of the constituent Local Authorities be agreed along with a Levy payment schedule. The report also asked for the consideration and approval of the capital programme proposals.

It was moved by Councillor Cunliffe and seconded by Councillor O'Brien that the Chair and Chief Executive write to Mayor Anderson and Eric Robinson on behalf of the Authority Members to request when a copy of the Strategic Review Report will be made available.

An amendment was proposed to by Councillor Williams that the amount levied on the constituent District Councils be in line with Option D in Appendix 2 as outlined in the report.

The amendment was then put and lost.

Resolved that the amendment be not approved.

Resolved that:

1. the revised budget for 2016/17 be approved;
2. the revenue budget for 2017/18 be approved;
3. the Levy proposals set out in Appendix 2 be considered and the proposal for a Levy of £65,591,099 be agreed;
4. the Levy proposal in recommendation 3 is likely to lead to a prospective overall Levy increase of 11.5% in 2018/19 be noted but that measures to mitigate future costs may alter this position;
5. the Levy to be made on the constituent District Councils for 2017/18 be authorised;
6. the payment dates for the levy be agreed; and
7. the remaining Capital Fund (a previously “earmarked” revenue fund) be transferred back into the General Fund.

The Chief Executive suggested that a workshop be held for Members to discuss the Strategic Review during the last week of February or beginning of March 2017. Councillor Robertson-Collins asked the Chair and Chief Executive to consider extending the invitation to cabinet members to the proposed workshop.

48. **Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2017/18; Annual Revenue Provision Policy Statement; Annual Investment Strategy; and Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators**
WDA/05/17

The Local Government Act 2003 (the Act) and the framework established by CIPFA through its Prudential Code requires the Authority set Prudential and Treasury Indicators for each of the next three years to ensure the Authority’s capital investment plans are affordable, prudent and sustainable. The Act requires the Authority to set out its Treasury Strategy for borrowing and to prepare an Annual Investment Strategy that sets out its policies for managing its investments and the priority given to the security and liquidity of those investments. Members were provided with a report and its appendix and were asked to consider and approve each of these elements.

Resolved that:

1. the report attached at Appendix 1 be considered;

2. the Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18, the Annual Revenue Provision Statement, the Annual Investment Strategy; and the Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators as set out in the report at Appendix 1 be approved;
3. the Treasurer be delegated authority, 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; and
4. authority be delegated to the Treasurer to effect movements between borrowing and other long term liabilities sums under the framework of the Prudential Code.

49. **Internal Audit - Reports**
WDA/06/17

As part of its statutory governance arrangements the Authority is required to maintain an effective Internal Audit. Members considered a report from the Authority's Internal Auditor reviewing the arrangements at the Authority reporting on any weaknesses or recommended improvements and detailing the outcome of the latest review.

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

50. **Contingency Waste Disposals – Notice of Urgent Action**
WDA/03/17

Members considered a report informing the Authority of the decision taken after an urgent situation arose in late November 2016 that required the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair, to make a decision to enter into a temporary negotiated (non-procured) contract arrangement with Suez for interim disposal of residual municipal waste.

Resolved that the urgent action that was undertaken to enter into a temporary negotiated contract arrangement in relation to the Authority's residual municipal waste disposals be noted.

51. **Resource Recovery Contract – Progress Update**

WDA/02/17

A report was given to Members providing an update on the progress of construction and commissioning of the Resource Recovery Contract (RRC), and the arrangements for the disposal of the Authority's residual waste until operational full service commences.

Resolved that the current state of developments with delivery of the Authority's 'Resource Recovery Contract' and the key issues currently arising be noted.