



**At a meeting of the Authority
held on Friday 2nd February 2018**

Present : Councillor Tony Concepcion
Councillor Laura Robertson-Collins
Councillor Steve Williams
Councillor Carol Sung
Councillor Mike O'Brien
Councillor Dianne Roscoe
Councillor Tony Norbury
Councillor Graham Morgan

36. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Preston & Nelson

The Chair requested that Item 9 on the agenda, herewith recorded as item 44 be taken off the agenda and that the report would be re-submitted at a later date.

37. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 24th November 2017**

Resolved that the minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 24th November 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

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

40. **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.

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

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

42. **Timetable of Authority Meetings 2018-2019**
WDA/04/18

Members were presented with a report and were asked to set the date for the Annual Meeting and approve the timetable of Authority Meetings for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

Resolved that:

1. the Authority fix the date of its Annual Meeting for 2018/19 to 22nd June 2018 and consider a programme of meetings for the 2018/19 Municipal year;
2. members note that a meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee is to be scheduled for July 2018 to approve the Authority's Statement of Accounts; and
3. the Clerk be granted delegated powers to make any future alterations to the timetable of meetings as deemed appropriate, in consultation with the Chair of the Authority.

43. **Budget 2018-19**
WDA/05/18

The Authority is required to prepare a budget and to set a Levy each year. Members were provided a report detailing this information. The level of Levy to be charged to each of the constituent Local Authorities needs to be agreed annually alongside a Levy payment schedule. The Authority also needs to consider and approve capital programme proposals.

Resolved that:

1. the revised budget for 2017-18 be approved;
2. the revenue budget for 2018-19 be approved;
3. the Levy proposal set out in Appendix 2 of the report is considered and the proposal for a Levy of £71,494,294 is agreed;

4. the Levy to be made on the constituent District Councils for 2018-2019 be authorised;
5. the payment dates for the levy be agreed; and
6. the indicative capital programme for prudential borrowing at Appendix 3 be agreed.

The following item was withdrawn at the request of the Chair

44. **Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2018/19; Annual Revenue Provision Policy Statement; Annual Investment Strategy; and Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators**
WDA/06/18

45. **Community Fund 2018/19 Allocation**
WDA/01/18

Members were presented with a report and asked to consider the Community Fund 2018-19 allocation options set out at paragraph 3 and agree Option 2 (Multi Authority Area Scheme) as recommended, for approval of the projects to receive awards for funding. Members agreement is also sought to delegate powers of the Authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairperson, to approve final projects to receive funding.

Resolved that:

1. the allocation of funding in line with Option 1 be approved with a weighting to include education as part of the application and;
2. powers of the Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairperson, to approve projects subject to the Community Fund being allocated in line with the agreed funding allocation method.

46. **Environmental Management System**
WDA/02/18

Members were provided with an update on the Environmental Management System (EMS) utilised by the Authority to manage its environmental impacts

and were asked to approve the pursuit of the revised (new) EMS Standard ISO14001.

Resolved that the Authority will seek accreditation to the new EMS Standard to manage the Authority's environmental impacts systematically and effectively.