



**At a meeting of the Authority
held on Friday 21st September 2018**

Present : Councillor Louise Harbour
Councillor Tony Concepcion
Councillor Diane Roscoe
Councillor Laura Robertson-Collins
Councillor Steve Williams
Councillor Tony Norbury
Councillor Joe Hanson
Councillor Yvonne Sayers
Councillor Charlie Preston
Councillor Stef Nelson

13. **Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received.

14. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 22nd June 2018**

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Authority Meeting held on 22nd June 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record.

15. **Minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 27th July 2018**

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee Meeting held on 27th July 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

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

18. **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.

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

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

20. **External Audit – Annual Audit Letter 17/18**
WDA/21/18

Members were provided with the Annual Audit letter and report which provided the outcome of the 2017-18 audit undertaken by the Authority's external auditor, Grant Thornton.

Resolved that the contents of the Annual Audit Letter be noted.

Following discussions it was agreed that a workshop will be organised for Members in November 2018..

21. **Internal Audit Reports**
WDA/18/18

As part of its statutory governance arrangements the Authority is required to maintain an effective Internal Audit which is provided by St Helens Council. Members considered a report from the Auditor, which reviewed the arrangements at the Authority and detailed the outcome of the latest reviews.

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

The Director of Finance confirmed that a substantial assurance had been received from the audit for the Resource Recovery Contract.

The Director of Finance confirmed that a high assurance had been received from the audit for financial systems

22. **Internal Audit Follow Up**
WDA/19/18

Members considered a report updating them on how the recommendations for improvements made by Internal Audit have been implemented. The review of the implementation of recommendations was carried out by Internal Audit as a part of their planned work and provides Members with assurance that recommended improvements are acted upon appropriately by officers.

Resolved that the management actions taken and planned to address a number of internal audit recommendations be noted.

23. **Waste Development Fund**
WDA/20/18

In April 2014 the Authority distributed its Waste Development Fund of £28.9M to constituent District Councils. The Fund was distributed under the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding, signed by all parties, which established the basis for the distributed funds to be utilised. The Funds were to be used to support the delivery of the objectives of the Joint Recycling and Waste Management Strategy for Merseyside (JRWMS). As part of the Memorandum of understanding the District Councils were required to write to the Authority setting out how they have utilised their share of the funds. Members were presented with this report.

Resolved that the assurance provided by District Councils regarding the way they have spent the monies allocated to them from the Waste Development Fund on actions that achieve the shared objectives of the Joint Recycling and Waste Management Strategy be noted.

Carl Beer informed Members that a workshop on the current recycling issues is planned for November.