



**At a meeting of the Authority
held on Friday 20th September 2019**

Present: Councillor Byron
Councillor Preston
Councillor Yvonne Sayers
Councillor Stef Nelson
Councillor Robertson-Collins
Councillor Norbury

15. **Apologies for Absence and Appointment of Chair**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Concepcion, Williams and Roscoe. Cllr Norbury nominated Cllr Robertson-Collins as act as Chair of this meeting in absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair persons. This motion was seconded by Cllr Norbury. Cllr Robertson-Collins nominated Cllr Norbury as Deputy Chair, both nominations were approved by the meeting.

16. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 21st June 2019**

Resolved that Cllr Harbour be removed from the list of Councillors present at the AGM and changed to Cllr Byron to reflect a true record. The minutes of the Annual Authority Meeting held on 21st June 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

17. **Minutes of the Audit & Governance Committee Meeting held on 27th July 2019**

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit & Governance Committee Meeting held on 27th July 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

Councillor Charlie Preston declared a disclosable non-pecuniary interest in Item 10, recorded herewith as Resolution 25, in his capacity as a Director of Mersey Waste Holdings Ltd.

Carl Beer and Peter Williams declared a disclosable personal and pecuniary interest in Item 10, recorded herewith as Resolution 25, in their capacity as Directors of Mersey Waste Holdings Ltd.

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

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

20. **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.

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

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

22. **Internal Audit – Veolia Contract
WDA/20/19**

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.

23. **Internal Audit Follow Up
WDA/21/19**

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 were presented with a report from the Auditor, which reviewed the arrangements at the Authority and detailed the outcome of the latest reviews.

Resolved that Members note the Management actions taken and planned to address a number of internal audit recommendations

Councillor Tony Norbury took the opportunity to thank St Helens for their work.

24. **Exclusion of Public**

Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item for the reason stated:-

Minute Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)

- 25 information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A)

Councillor Charlie Preston declared a disclosable non-pecuniary interest in the following item, recorded herewith as Resolution 25, and in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Members, remained in the meeting but did not vote on the matter.

Carl Beer and Peter Williams declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in following item, recorded herewith as Resolution 25, and in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Officers.

The interests were declared earlier – at this point the meeting was asked if it required those with an interest to remain or to leave the meeting – the meeting agreed that they should remain.

25. **Mersey Waste Holdings Ltd**
WDA/22/19

The Authority's medium term financial strategy includes the provision for the distribution of funds held by its wholly owned company Mersey Waste Holdings Ltd. This report sets out how those funds may be released and seeks Members approval for this arrangement to be made between the Company and the Authority.

Resolved that Members approved the proposed debt waiver and distribution of funds from the Company to the Authority.

Cllr Tony Norbury thanked Councillor Laura Robertson-Collins for chairing the meeting today.