



**At a Special meeting of the Authority
held on Friday 18th October 2019**

Present: Councillor Byron
Councillor Concepcion
Councillor Hanson
Councillor Roscoe
Councillor Robertson-Collins
Councillor Williams

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Preston, Sayers, Norbury and Nelson.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

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

29. **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.

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

Motion submitted by Councillor Laura Robertson-Collins. Motion seconded by Councillor Joe Hanson

Motion was agreed as follows

'At the MRWA we understand the importance of dealing with the prevention of waste, and the re-use and recycling of materials and products in achieving net zero carbon by 2040 and contributing to overall action on climate heating.

I move that this Authority recognises its role and declares a climate emergency.

I further move that this Authority develops a new Zero Waste 2040 Strategy and an Action Plan for Resource and Waste Management at the earliest opportunity.'

Motion submitted by Councillor Diane Roscoe. Motion seconded by Councillor Joe Hanson

Councillor Robertson-Collins suggested the wording be amended and was agreed as follows

'The MWRA recognises that UK households produce around 7 million tonnes of food waste each year. Most food waste ends up in residual waste. Diverting food waste from landfill by having a separate food waste collection and appropriate food waste treatment can significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Many of the MWRA partners have declared a climate emergency and are committed to a net carbon zero activity target.

In order to achieve this, we must begin planning for action now.

I move that this authority requests that the MRWA CEO and colleagues from Liverpool City Region Senior officers working group bring a report to a future meeting of the MRWA on the range of options available for the introduction and delivery of food waste collection and treatment across the LCR, to be in place as soon as possible before the proposed date Government legislate for (currently 2024).

The report to advise members of the staffing, resource and financial implications of each of the available options and other details including, but not necessarily limited to the various collection and service delivery methodologies, cross boundary working, vehicle types, and possible food treatment strategies.

The report will include all options and will also be open to all the partner authorities i.e. joint/separate.

I further move that this Authority should make enquiries of DEFRA as to the availability of financial support to 'pilot' food waste collections prior to 2024, in a large metropolitan area such as the Liverpool City Region.

The report to be prepared and ready for discussion no later than the first meeting of MRWA in 2020'

It was also agreed that MRWA would invite Portfolio Holders to a special meeting regarding food waste collection in February 2020.

31. **Exclusion of Public**

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

Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)

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

32. **WMRC – GUARANTEED INCOME FROM MRF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS WDA/23/19**

Members noted the current status of matters in relation to income from MRF recyclable materials guaranteed by Veolia under the terms of the waste management and recycling contract (WMRC);

It was recommended that Members agree to the approach set out in paragraph 1.2 of this report.

Resolved that Members noted the current status of matters in relation to income from MRF recyclable materials guaranteed by Veolia under the terms of the waste management and recycling contract (WMRC); and that Members agreed to the approach set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report.