



**At the meeting of the Authority
held on Friday 23rd September 2022**

Present: **Cllr T Concepcion**
Cllr L Robertson-Collins
Cllr S Williams
Cllr K Brown
Cllr C Page
Cllr P Martin
Cllr N Carlin
Cllr Osundeko

17. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr Bell and Cllr Nelson

18. **Minutes of the Annual Authority Meeting held on 24th June 2022**

Resolved the minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 24th June 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

Councillor Brown declared a personal interest in Item 7 recorded herewith as Resolution 23 as his partner is a Director of an Authority Community Fund Project.

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

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

21. **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.

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

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

Councillor Brown declared a personal interest in the following item, recorded herewith as Resolution 23 and in accordance with the Authority's Code of Conduct for Members remained in the meeting during consideration of this item.

23. **WDA/17/22 Community Fund**

Members were asked to note the outcome of the 2021-22 Community Fund Projects and to note the projects supported with Community Fund for 2022-2023 as approved by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairperson, under delegated powers of the Authority
Members were also asked if they agree to the undertaking of a best practice review of the Community Fund 2024/2025.

Resolved that:

1. Members noted the outcome of the 2021-22 community fund projects and the projects approved by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the chairperson under the delegated powers of the Authority; and
2. Members were in agreement with the undertaking of a best practice review of the community fund 2024/2025

24. **WDA/18/22 Auditors Interim Value For Money Report**

Members were requested to note and approve the Auditor's findings attached at Appendix 1 and to note the recommendations contained within the Auditor's report to strengthen the partnership governance; performance management and reporting; and economy efficiency and effectiveness;

Resolved that Members approved the Interim Value for Money report and the Chief Executive will develop appropriate responses to the improvement opportunities identified and report to Members as necessary.

25. **WDA/19/22 MRWA update on audit recommendations**

Members were asked to note the Authority's progress against the agreed recommendations.

Resolved that Members noted the Authority's progress in response to audit recommendations.

Following a presentation by the Authority's two contractors Suez and Veolia, the Chair expressed his thanks on behalf of the Authority to both Contractors for their swift actions in dealing with issues during the Pandemic and current Rail Strike Action.