



**At the meeting of the Authority
held on Friday 22nd September 2023**

Present: **Cllr Page
Cllr Carlin
Cllr Bell
Cllr Osundeko
Cllr Brown
Cllr Gardner
Cllr Nelson
Cllr Norris
Cllr Robertson-Collins**

17. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr Martin

18. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd June 2023

Resolved the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd June 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

19. Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers

Cllr Brown declared a personal interest regarding item 9 (WDA/20/23) in relation to his wife having an interest in a project supported by the Community Fund.

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.

23. **WDA/19/23 Contract Procurement Update**

Members were updated on the Authority's preparations for the prospective procurement of a contract that will replace the Waste Management and Recycling Contract (WMRC).

The report seeks Members' approval for taking the next steps to secure resources to enable the Authority to make progress in developing the procurement approach, noting that this will include any decision to extend the current contract beyond 2029.

Resolved that:

1. Members Agreed that the Chief Executive should identify and appoint a Procurement Director for an interim period to develop the initial procurement plans.
2. Members Approved the Delegation of authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairperson to secure additional Procurement Director support; and
3. Members approved the Chief Executive to develop and report back on proposals to enable the costs of the procurement to be funded fairly over time through the Levy.

24. **WDA/20/23 Community Fund 2023-24**

Members were asked to note the outcome of the 2022-23 Community Fund programme.

Resolved that:

1. Members Noted the outcome of the 2022-23 Community Fund Projects.
2. Members made note of the projects supported with Community Funding in 2023-2024; and
3. Members made note of the progress of the best practice review of the Community Fund.

25. **WDA/21/23 St Helens Food Waste**

Members were informed of the current status of, and request in relation to, St Helens food waste collections and disposal management arrangements under the terms of the Waste Management and Recycling Contract between MRWA and Veolia

Resolved

1. Members took note of the current status of matters with regards to St Helens food waste collections and contractual arrangements under the Waste Management & Recycling Contract (WMRC); and
2. Members agreed to delegate authority for the decision on future operational and contractual arrangements for St Helens food waste to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Authority Chairperson.

26. **WDA/22/23 MRWA Update on Audit Recommendations**

Members were asked to take note of the progress in response to the Audit recommendations. Members were reminded of the External Auditors report in November 2021 which included statutory recommendations for the Authority to respond to.

Resolved that Members take note of the progress in response to the Audit recommendations.