



**At the Meeting of the Authority
held on Friday 16th April 2010**

Present : Councillor Cluskey
Councillor Salter
Councillor Tattersall
Councillor Moore
Councillor Crowther
Councillor Gardiner
Councillor Harris (Observer Status)

63. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors Lonergan and Mills.

64. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 5th February 2010**

It was noted that the agenda page incorrectly listed the minutes as 27th November 2009.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2010 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

Councillors Salter, Gardiner and Crowther declared a personal interest in item 7, recorded herewith as minute 70, in so far as it relates to their roles as Directors on the board of Bidston Methane Ltd.

66. **Questions from Members under Procedural Rules 9**

There were no questions submitted by Members under Procedural Rule 9.

67. **Questions from Members of the Public under Procedural Rules 10**

There were no questions submitted by members of the public under Procedural Rule 10.

68. **Motions proposed by Members under Procedural Rule 15**

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

The Chairman sought Members agreement to alter the order of business, namely to deal with items 14 in the first instance. Members agreed unanimously to the reordering of the agenda.

69. **Internal Audit Plan 2010/11**
WDA/14/10

The Authority considered a report seeking Members' approval to the proposed audit programme for the internal audit of the Authority for 2010/11 as provided by St Helens Council Internal Audit Service.

Resolved that the Internal Audit Plan for 2010/11 be approved.

Councillors Salter, Gardiner and Crowther declared a personal interest in the following item, recorded herewith as resolutions 70 and in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Members, remained in the meeting.

70. **Corporate Plan and Service Plans 2010/11**
WDA/10/10

The Authority considered a report which informed Members of the progress made to date against the Corporate Plan and sought approval to the Annual Service Plans for 2010/11.

Resolved that:

1. the progress made to date in the delivery of the Corporate Plan be noted and the revised plan for 2010 to 2013 be approved;
2. the revised Corporate Risk Register for 2010/11 be noted; and
3. the Annual Service Plans for 2010/11 be approved.

71. **Operational Review**
WDA/11/10

A report was submitted informing Members of the proposed scope of the Operational Review and seeking approval to the date of the Members Workshop identified at a previous meeting of the Authority.

Resolved that:

1. the timetable for the Operational Review be noted; and
2. the Roles and Responsibilities workshop for Members be held on 20th July 2010.

72. **Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Review: Issues and Options WDA/08/10**

A report was submitted advising Members of the progress made to date to identify the issues and developing options for the review of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) and to advise Members of the outcome of the officer and Member workshops held in March 2010.

Councillor Moore asked that it be minuted that Liverpool City Council was opposed to alternate weekly refuse collections.

Resolved that the shortlist of options for the JMWMS, the mechanisms for delivery of the options and the areas for further exploration as detailed in the report be agreed and taken forward to the next phase of the JMWMS review process.

73. **Household Waste Recycling Centres Commercial Vehicle Permit Scheme Evaluation of Pilot Phase WDA/09/10**

A report was submitted informing Members of the results of pilot phase of the Commercial Vehicle Permit Scheme and seeking approval to continue and extend the scheme to all Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC's) on a phased basis.

Resolved that the continuation of the Commercial Vehicle Permit Scheme at the three HWRC' on the Wirral and the implementation of the scheme at the remaining eleven HWRC's across Merseyside be approved as detailed in the report.

74. **Review of Financial Procedural Rules WDA/15/10**

The Authority considered a report which proposed revisions to the Authority's Financial Procedural Rules following a review of the document by the Assistant Director (Finance).

Resolved that the revisions to the Authority's Financial Procedural Rules be approved and adopted with immediate effect.

75. **Annual Audit Fee and Audit Plan 2009/10 Update**
WDA/12/10

A report was submitted informing Members of the proposed audit work identified by the Audit Commission for the 2009/10 audit opinion.

Resolved that the detail of the audit work proposed by the Audit Commission for the 2009/10 audit opinion be noted.

76. **Annual Audit Fee Plan 2010/11**
WDA/13/10

A report was submitted informing Members of the proposed audit work identified by the Audit Commission for 2010/11 and their associated fees.

Resolved that the fees and planned audit work proposed by the Audit Commission for 2010/11 be noted.

77. **Exclusion of the Public**

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

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)</u>
78	Exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12A)

78. **Resource Recovery Contract Progress Report**
WDA/16/10

The Authority considered a report which informed Members of the progress to date in the negotiations for the acquisition of sites and in the Resource Recovery Contract (RRC) Competitive Dialogue stage.

Following discussion, it was agreed that recommendation 4 to the report be expanded to include reference to the scope of the discussions which would subsequently take place with bidders.

Resolved that:

1. the progress in acquiring a suitable interest in the site identified in para 3.1 of the report be noted;

2. the offer by the owner of the site identified in para 5.1 of the report, to sell a leasehold interest in the site to the Authority be noted;
3. Members note that the Director intends to negotiate the terms of an acquisition of the above site and provide a further report to Members for final approval, acting under existing delegated authority;
4. Members note that the current RRC Procurement is proceeding through the next stage of Competitive Dialogue with COVANTA and SITA and that the issues highlighted in para 6.1 to the report would be addressed; and
5. the Director be authorised to make non-binding offers on any other sites considered potentially suitable for the Authority's RRC Procurement purposes, subject to consultation with the Chairperson and the Treasurer to the Authority and within budgetary limits. The terms of any potential acquisition to be reported to Members at the earliest opportunity for final decision.