

EAST LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

Monday, 22 November 2010
(9:35 - 11:58 am)

Present: Councillor S Kelly (Chair), Councillor G M Vincent (Deputy Chair), Councillor I Corbett, Councillor R Crawford, Councillor G Letchford, Councillor B Tebbutt and Councillor V Tewari

37 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor M Dunn.

38 Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

39 Minutes (27 September 2010)

We have confirmed as correct the minutes of the Authority meeting on 27 September 2010.

40 Annual Audit Letter 2009/10 and Notice of Certification of Completion of Audit

The Chairman welcomed the External Auditor to the meeting. He stated that the only difference in the Audit letter was that a financial recommendation was now included in the annual audit letter. He advised that PWC would no longer be attending ELWA Meetings.

Members noted the report and the progress being made in ensuring the Authority's Financial Statements were compliant with International Financial Reporting Standards.

We have offered our thanks to the Auditor for attending for this item.

41 Budgetary Control to 31 October 2010

The Finance Director presented his report GP recapped his report detailing a net overspend of £50,000.

Members noted the report.

42 Treasury Management and Mid-Year Strategy Review

The Finance Director recapped on his report.

We have noted this report and approved the revised indicators at Appendix A.

43 Financial Projection and Budget Strategy: 2011/12 to 2013/14

The Finance Director provided commentary on his report, stating that it showed projected levy increases of 10% over each of the next 3 years. This was on the basis of reducing reserves to the lowest prudent level over the next three years. There would need to be a strategy to review this position.

The contractor had been underperforming and officers were asked to seriously look at improvements to waste disposal numbers and income generation.

Concern was raised over Olympic tonnages. LBN advised that they were expecting an increase in population levels and had made a funding bid to the Olympic Committee. Waste generated in the Olympic Park would not be down to ELWA for disposal. However, the Olympics would impact on surrounding areas. The Managing Director will discuss with Directors the possibility of submitting bids for additional funding.

Members discussed putting in Waste Minimisation targets for Boroughs and are looking at 10% reduction within 3 years. The Office Manager was asked to arrange a Special meeting of the Authority before Christmas for officers to report and discuss with Members.

The managing director reported that the contractor had been asked to evidence their assurance that they will improve performance and will come up with proposals for his next meeting with Shanks.

We have considered inviting the contractor to another Authority meeting.

On the detailed borough level figures, the Finance Director advised that since despatch he had received updated borough figures so would rework the borough level figures in the report within the overall 10% levy increase.

44 Contract Monitoring - September 2010

We have noted the improvements in performance monitoring, the reviews being carried out on the way the contract is monitored and changes to the reports, contractual performance in relation to recycling and diversion and the mitigating actions the contractor is taking to improve the overall performance. We have agreed to a compositional analysis on residual waste being started.

45 Waste Management - September 2010 *

The Head of Operations presented his September report. He added that there had been a subsequent reduction in waste during October. He would continue to circulate re-processor information on a monthly basis.

We have noted the position relating to the repeal of the Repeal of the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978 (RDA) and the release of the second public consultation of the Mayor's Waste Management Strategy (MWMS). We have agreed to receive further updates in respect of RDA and a draft response in respect of the MWMS consultation for comment prior to submission. We have approved a joint response, with other joint waste disposal authorities, on the MWMS. We have also agreed delegated responsibility to the Managing Director in

order for him to market and progress matters in respect of the disposal of the Aveley 1 site. The Legal Adviser would confirm constitutional procedures. We have requested a further report before a final decision is taken.

(*Part of this item was considered after the resolution had been passed to exclude the public and press from the remainder of the meeting.)

46 Arden House Relocation

We have received and noted the managing director's report.

47 Programme of Meetings 2011/2012

Members agreed meeting dates for the year 2011/12.

48 Dates of Next Meetings: 7 February 2011 (Authority) and 11 April 2011 (Workshop)

Noted.

49 Private Business

We have resolved to exclude the public and press from the remainder of the meeting by reason of the nature of the business to be discussed which included information exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

50 Annual Budget and Service Delivery Plan 2011/12

We have agreed to defer this item until our next meeting when it is hoped more complete information would be available.

51 Future Financial Savings

We have received and discussed the Managing Director's report. We have asked the Managing Director to prepare a survey on glass collection/disposal taking into account changes require to the plant and orange bags and costings.

With the exception of one borough (LBN) we have agreed to delay implementation of the feasibility study on how the constituent councils could integrate waste management services for a period of two years.

Chair:

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