

**EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:
10 MAY 2017 (10.35 AM–11.50 AM)**

Present:

Councillor K Clark (Chair), Councillor S Bain (Vice Chair), Councillor O Dervish, Councillor J Howard, Councillor S Kelly, Councillor P Murphy and Councillor L Rice.

54. Apologies for Absence, Introductions, Welcome and Farewell

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor J Wade.

Members received introductions from around the table.

Members welcomed Councillor Patrick Murphy following his recent appointment by London Borough of Newham to serve in place of Councillor Ian Corbett. It was recognised that Councillor Murphy had previously been a Member of the Authority.

Members acknowledged the length and level of office held by Councillor Ian Corbett **and agreed** that a letter of thanks be sent to him recognising his chairmanship and valued contribution to the Authority over the years.

55. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were none declared.

56. Minutes of previous meeting (06 February 2017)

Members confirmed as true and accurate the minutes of the Authority meeting held on 06 February 2017. The Chair was authorised to sign the same.

57. Date of Next Meeting:

Members noted the date of 19 June 2017 as the date of the next Authority meeting (the Annual General Meeting.)

58. Any other public items

There were none.

59. Private Business

Members 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 paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 8 respectively of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

60. Management Arrangements

Members received the Finance Director's commentary and Monitoring Officer's advice on the Managing Director's report which addressed the urgent requirement to retain an interim Managing Director, in light of the resignation of the Managing Director, to cover until either

- a) a permanent Managing Director is recruited or
- b) other organisational options, such as a Lead Authority model are appraised and decided upon.

The report also set out for information only at this stage, outline proposals on ELWA's medium to long term structure by way of transition to Lead Authority model (as well as the Authority's future strategy) subject to an appraisal of organisational options, any necessary consultation with constituent councils and ELWA staff.

Members fully discussed the recruitment options available and capability requirements for an interim executive candidate. Having noted and fully discussed the contents of the report and taken the advice of Officers, **Members decided** that: -

- a) the appointment of an Interim Managing Director should be prioritised and **delegated** the formulation of a brief, setting out key priorities and the appointment, to the Finance Director, in consultation with the Chair, the Monitoring Officer and Directors of the Board of ELWA (in the latter respect as necessary);
- b) following a selection process by Officers of ELWA, the proposed Interim Managing Director should be introduced to Members and the appointment confirmed at a meeting of the Authority;
- c) the interim Managing Director should be tasked with appraising the future organisational options for ELWA such as the appointment of a permanent Managing Director or a Lead Authority model or other appropriate options, subject to further discussion and consultation prior to a decision by the Authority.

Members deferred decision on the proposed transition to a Lead Authority model.

Members also deferred decision on the proposals for future strategy.

Members agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the outgoing Managing Director.

Minutes agreed as a true record.

Chair: Ken Clark

Date: 19/06/17