

Present:	Councillor	Murphy (Chair)
	Councillors	Ali, Cummings, Driver, Fitzpatrick, Hewitt, Holden, Jones, King, Lancaster, Shilton Godwin, Smart, Young and Zaman
	Officers	Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, Director of Contract Services, Solicitor, Deputy Treasurer, Head of Corporate Services and Senior Corporate Services Officer - Governance
Apologies:	Councillors	Brock (due to attendance at the Low Carbon Hub Board), Emmott, Iqbal, Piddington and Quinn
	Officers	Clerk
In attendance:	Advisers	Arch (Envalue), Cole (KPMG), Lupton (DWF), Mousdale (DWF) and Sheerer (KPMG)

M18 Urgent Business, if any, introduced by the Chair

There was no urgent business introduced by the Chair. However, it was explained that a supplementary agenda was published on 8th July 2016, which contained the Recycling & Waste Management Contract (the Contract) Savings report. The reason for the late report was to allow for the most up to date information to be included within the report.

M19 To receive Declarations of Interest in any contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting

There were no declarations of interest received at the meeting.

M20 Public & Members' Question Time

There were no questions submitted at the meeting.

M21 European Referendum - Impact on Authority Plans

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk and Director of Contract Services. The report informed Members of some potential impacts and sought agreement to refocus the Authority's planned lobbying strategy. The Treasurer & Deputy Clerk explained that on the 23rd June 2016 the United Kingdom (UK) voted to leave the European Union (EU), which would signal significant changes to the way the country operated (once a formal agreement to exit had been negotiated), and on the political and policy environment in which the Authority operated.

A Member asked about timings, targets and other Joint Waste Disposal Authority (JWDA) work in this area. The Treasurer & Deputy Clerk explained that there was a need for a united industry voice and work would continue with the other JWDAs with regular meetings and across the wider sector (via Viridor). In terms of targets, it was reported that they were moving. Members were reminded of the current targets of 90 to 95% diversion from landfill and a 70% target for recycling, announced by Simona Bonafè (the Italian Member of the

European Parliament (MEP)) which the UK Government appeared to be comfortable with. It was expected that in practical terms, potentially until 2019, all existing EU requirements would remain in place. It was envisaged that Districts would achieve the EU's basic recycling target of 50% (in 2020) certainly in 2018/19.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) notes the potential implications of 'Brexit' for the Authority; and
- b) approves proposals set out in Section 5 of the report to maintain lobbying activity, but seeking to extend work to now again engage with the Local Government Association (LGA).

M22 Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Proposed Expansion of Functions

Members considered the joint report of the Clerk and Treasurer & Deputy Clerk that advised the Authority of a decision of the GMCA, on 30th June 2016, to start a process of consultation on widening its range of functions from 1st April 2017, which would include the roles and responsibilities currently performed by the Authority.

A Member expressed that in principle, integration and the transfer of functions was a good decision. However, a twin track approach with the Contract options appraisal should be adopted. Another Member was concerned about the governance arrangements and how they should be mirrored across the GMCA. In response, the Chair advised that he had expressed that concern at a recent GMCA meeting, and that the Waste Committee should have the same governance arrangements as other Committees within the GMCA.

The Treasurer & Deputy Clerk agreed to draft a response (in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair) to the consultation taking into account the points raised by Members.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) notes the GMCA decision and proposals; and
- b) requests that Officers prepare a response to the consultation by 15th August 2016 in consultation with the Chair & Vice-Chairs of the Authority and it be circulated to all Members for comment.

M23 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting at this juncture for the following business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respectively indicated paragraph 3 and that it would not be, on balance, in the public interest to disclose the information to the public because disclosure would be likely to breach the reasonable requirements of companies to commercial confidentiality at this stage of the procurement process.

M24 The Recycling & Waste Management Contract Savings Update

Consideration was given to the Joint Officers' report that was published in a supplementary agenda on 8th July 2016, which contained the Contract Savings report. The reason for the late report was to allow for the most up to date information to be included for Members consideration.

The Treasurer & Deputy Clerk introduced the item and explained that the Authority agreed at its Annual General Meeting on 10th June 2016, to hold this special meeting to receive a progress update about Contract efficiencies.

The report set out that good progress was being made in a very fast paced arena, and anticipated that a further update to the 9th September 2016 Authority meeting would provide additional analysis, which should enable informed decisions to be made about the preferred way forward. However, final analysis would only be available later in the year once surveys and similar due diligence work had been completed.

Following the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk's introduction, the Director of Contract Services gave Members a brief overview of the Contract and a summary of the current issues. Members were then provided with a presentation by the Director and Advisers who were in attendance at the meeting, which highlighted delivery options, commercial, technical and financial issues.

It was explained that no decisions were required today and the recommendations within the report provided Officers with the necessary delegations to move forward. It was noted that a further report would be considered by the Authority at its next meeting on 9th September 2016. However, to make informed decisions, it was suggested that another special Authority meeting would be required in October 2016.

Members were reminded that the report and presentation contained material that was of the utmost commercial sensitivity and was subject to Legal Professional Privilege. Any disclosure of the information contained in the report might seriously impact upon the Authority's commercial standing and/or legal position in taking forward the actions, discussions and proposals contained within the report.

In terms of disclosure of information to Members colleagues, the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk agreed to provide Members with a Briefing Note.

Following the presentation, Members debated the report and proposals and sought clarification from Officers and Advisers on a number of commercially sensitive areas.

Members thanked Officers and Advisers for their presentation and valuable input at the meeting.

The recommendations within the report were amended to reflect Members comments and debate at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) notes good progress has been made to date in the identification of the potential for delivering significant annual savings and thanked the Officers and Advisers for their presentation and work done to date;
- b) subject to the request for the provision of further advice, approves the continued development of options set out in Sections 5 and 6 of the report;
- c) notes that Section 6 of the report currently has greater potential level of savings, and agreed that a more detailed proposal on the emerging way forward being presented together with an environmental appraisal to the 9th September 2016 Authority meeting;

- d) also requested that further work on options, as set out in paragraph 8.2 of the report, be carried out and a full report be presented to the 9th September 2016 meeting;
- e) notes the requirement to undertake further validation work on the proposed Viridor Laing (Greater Manchester) Limited (VLGM) Haase Facilities Deed of Variation (DoV17 - to the Construction Contract), and therefore to rely upon the existing delegation to the Director of Contract Services to progress if appropriate (Section 10 of the report); and
- f) agrees the proposed next steps as set out in Section 11 of the report, and approves the virement of resources from Senior Lending Reserve to cover the expected further revenue costs of developing those savings.

M25 Dates and Times of Future Meetings

The Chair suggested and Members agreed, that to enable Members to attend afternoon prayers, future Authority meetings would commence at 10.30 am.

RESOLVED: That the Authority agrees that future meetings will commence at 10.30 am.

The meeting opened at 11.00 am and closed at 1.22 pm.

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