

Present:	Councillor	Piddington (in the Chair)
	Councillors	Alexander, Cornes, Emmott, Fitzpatrick, Gordon, Hunt, Jones, Merrett, C Murphy, N Murphy, Peel, Price, Quinn, Sherrington, Skillen, Young and Zaman
	Officers	Clerk to the Authority, Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, Director of Contract Services, Director of Resources & Strategy, Solicitor to the Authority and Head of Governance, Procurement & Transparency
Apologies:	Councillors	Shilton Godwin
	Officers	Deputy Treasurer and Senior Accountant

M1 Appointment of Chair

The Clerk to the Authority opened the meeting and welcomed new and returning Members to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Authority and first Authority meeting of the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

The Clerk to the Authority asked for nominations for the appointment of Chair, Councillor Nigel Murphy proposed Councillor Catherine Piddington and Councillor James Hunt seconded the proposal. The proposal was put to the vote it was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Catherine Piddington be appointed Chair of the Authority for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

Councillor Piddington took the role of Chair for the meeting and introductions took place to around the table.

The Treasurer & Deputy Clerk was requested to write to Members no longer on the Authority to thank them for their valuable contribution whilst serving on the Authority.

M2 Urgent Business, if any, introduced by the Chair

There was no urgent business introduced by the Chair.

M3 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.

M4 Constitution 2015/16

The Authority considered the report of the Head of Governance, Procurement & Transparency (GPT), that asked Members to approve the revised Constitution for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

It was reported that there were a number of changes to the Constitution this year to reflect the move from a five to a three main Committee structure and changes to the Contract Procedure Rules to incorporate both the newly issued Procurement Regulations, and also the wider Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) social value procurement frameworks.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) approves the revised Constitution for the 2015/16 Municipal Year (Section four of the report) and delegates any minor changes (such as typographical amendments and completion of appointment details) to the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk in consultation with the Chair of the Authority; and
- b) approves the Members' training package and schedule (Section 5 of the report).

M5 Authority Membership for the 2015/16 Municipal Year

The Membership of the Authority for the 2015/16 was reported as follows:

Bolton	Kevan Jones Elaine Sherrington	Labour Labour
Bury	Rachel Skillen Alan Quinn	Labour Labour
Manchester	Nigel Murphy Kevin Peel Mandie Shilton Godwin	Labour Labour Labour
Oldham	Adrian Alexander Vita Price	Labour Labour
Rochdale	Susan Emmott Mohammed Zaman	Labour Labour
Salford	James Hunt Gena Merrett	Labour Labour
Stockport	Chris Gordon Christopher Murphy	Liberal Democrat Labour
Tameside	Philip Fitzpatrick Catherine Piddington	Labour Labour
Trafford	Michael Cornes Michael Young	Conservative Conservative
Wigan	None appointed (non-voting in waste disposal matters)	

RESOLVED: That the Authority notes its Membership for 2015/16.

M6 Local Government Act 1985 - Section 41 Appointment of Members to Answer Questions

The report of the Clerk to the Authority sought the appointment of Members to answer, on behalf of the Authority, questions raised by Members of constituent District Councils.

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government 1985 Act, the under-mentioned Members be appointed to answer, on behalf of the Authority, questions raised by Members of the constituent District Councils pertaining to Authority matters:

Bolton	Councillor Elaine Sherrington
Bury	Councillor Alan Quinn
Manchester	Councillor Nigel Murphy
Oldham	Councillor Vita Price
Rochdale	Councillor Mohammed Zaman
Salford	Councillor Gena Merrett
Stockport	Councillor Chris Gordon
Tameside	Councillor Catherine Piddington
Trafford	Councillor Michael Young

M7 Appointment of the Leadership Team for the 2015/16 Municipal Year

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk to the Authority, which sought the appointment to the Leadership Team for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That, in line with the governance structure of the Authority for 2015/16, the following Members be appointed to the Leadership Team of the Authority:

- 1) Councillor Nigel Murphy (Labour)
Vice-Chair of the Authority and Chair of the Waste Management Committee;
- 2) Councillor Elaine Sherrington (Labour)
Vice Chair of the Authority and Chair of the Resources Committee;
- 3) Councillor Michael Young (Conservative)
Deputy Chair of the Waste Management Committee;
- 4) Councillor Kevin Peel (Labour)
Deputy Chair of the Resources Committee; and
- 5) Councillor Philip Fitzpatrick (Labour)
Deputy Chair of the Audit & Standards Committee

M8 Appointments to the Authority's Governance Arrangements for the 2015/16 Municipal Year

Members considered the report of the Clerk to the Authority which sought the appointment of Members to serve on the Authority's governance arrangements for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) agrees not to appoint a Special Purposes Committee for the 2015/16 Municipal Year;

- b) in line with proportionality rules (Section 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989) (except in relation to the Resources Committee, where it was unanimously agreed by Members to waive the political balance rules) appointed the following representatives to the Authority's Committees/Sub-Groups and other bodies for the 2015/16 Municipal Year:

Waste Management Committee

(Seven Members: Six Labour, One Conservative)

- Councillor Nigel Murphy (Labour) (Chair)
(Substitute: Councillor Shilton Godwin)
- Councillor Michael Young (Conservative) (Deputy Chair)
(Substitute: Councillor Michael Cornes)
- Councillor James Hunt (Labour)
(Substitute: Councillor Gena Merrett)
- Councillor Kevan Jones (Labour)
(Substitute: Councillor Elaine Sherrington)
- Councillor Christopher Murphy (Labour)
(Substitute: Councillor Catherine Piddington (Labour))
- Councillor Vita Price (Labour)
(Substitute: Councillor Adrian Alexander)
- Councillor Mohammed Zaman (Labour)
(Substitute: Councillor Susan Emmott)

Resources Committee

(Six Members: Five Labour, One Liberal Democrat)

In relation to the Resources Committee, it was unanimously agreed by Members to waive the political balance rules.

- Councillor Elaine Sherrington (Labour) (Chair)
(Substitute: Councillor Kevan Jones)
- Councillor Kevin Peel (Labour) (Deputy Chair)
(Substitute: Councillor Nigel Murphy)
- Councillor Susan Emmott (Labour)
(Substitute Councillor Mohammed Zaman)
- Councillor Chris Gordon (Liberal Democrat)
(Substitute Councillor Michael Cornes (Conservative))
- Councillor Gena Merrett (Labour)
(Substitute James Hunt)
- Councillor Rachel Skillen (Labour)
- (Substitute Councillor Alan Quinn)

Audit & Standards Committee

(Five Members: Four Labour, One Conservative)

- Councillor Philip Fitzpatrick (Labour) (Deputy Chair)
(Substitute Mohammed Zaman)
- Councillor Adrian Alexander (Labour)
(Substitute: Councillor Vita Price)
- Councillor Michael Cornes (Conservative)
(Substitute: Councillor Michael Young)
- Councillor Mandie Shilton Godwin (Labour)
(Substitute: Councillor Kevin Peel)
- Councillor Alan Quinn (Labour)
(Substitute: Councillor Rachel Skillen)

Petitions Sub-Group
(Three Members: Three Labour)

- Councillor Nigel Murphy (Labour)
 - Councillor Kevin Peel (Labour)
 - Councillor Catherine Piddington (Labour)
 - (no substitutes appointed);
- c) appoints the following Members to the Strategic Partnership Board:
- Councillor Nigel Murphy (Labour)
 - Councillor Catherine Piddington (Labour)
 - Councillor Michael Young (Conservative);
- d) appoints Councillor Catherine Piddington as spokesperson for the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Councillor Nigel Murphy as substitute; and
- e) appointed Councillor Elaine Sherrington as a Member to the Low Carbon Hub Board.

M9 Timetable of Meetings 2015/16

Members considered the report of the Clerk to the Authority, which set out the proposed timetable of meetings of the Authority and its Committees for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

It was suggested and Members agreed, that future dates and times of Committee meetings would be agreed at the first meeting of each Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) approves the dates of all the Authority meetings along with the first meeting date of each Committee; and
- b) that at each Committee's first meeting the dates and times for the rest of the Municipal Year are set and approved.

M10 Authority and Committee Work Programmes for the 2015/16 Municipal Year

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of GPT that presented the Work Programme for the Authority and its Committees for the 2015/16 Municipal Year for approval. The Work Programme that was attached to the report at Appendix A, took account of the new streamlined Committee structure.

A Member requested and Officers agreed that agenda items (as agreed at the Performance, Policy & Resources (PPR) Committee on 1st April 2015) in terms of the Living Wage and Ethical Investment Policy be added to the relevant Committee Work Programme.

The Chair of the Resources Committee asked for an explanation about the remit of the new Committees and asked if Deputy Chairs would be involved. In response, it was advised that this would be discussed with the Leadership Team, which included Deputy Chairs at their next meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Authority approves the Work Programmes for the 2015/16 Municipal Year, which were attached to the report at Appendix A, subject to the 'Living Wage' and 'Ethnical Investment Policy' agenda items being added to the relevant Committee Work Programme.

M11 Public & Member Question Time

There were no questions received at the meeting.

M12 To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 20th March 2015

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting dated 20th March 2015 are approved as a correct record.

M13 Annual Treasury Management Review 2014/15

Members considered the report of the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, which explained that the Authority was required by Regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce an annual treasury management review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2014/15. It was advised that the report met the requirements of both the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code) and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code).

Members were asked to note, that the Authority had departed from the requirements of the Code as the report has not been given prior scrutiny by the Audit Committee, due to timings of meetings. Therefore, the Audit Committee would scrutinise the report at the 8th July 2015 meeting and any comments would be fed back to the Authority.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) approves the actual 2014/15 prudential and treasury indicators in this report; and
- b) notes the annual treasury management report for 2014/15.

M14 Open Minutes & Reports for Consideration/Noting

Members considered the open minutes and reports for noting contained within the agenda (Part 3). As there were no questions raised by Members, the Authority noted the information presented within the agenda.

RESOLVED: That the Authority notes the information presented within the agenda (Part 3).

M15 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(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

It would not be, on balance, in the public interest to disclose the information to the public and press for the reasons indicated within the report.

M16 Recycling & Waste Management Contract Update

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk and the Director of Contract Services that provided Members with an update on key aspects of the Recycling & Waste Management Contract (the Contract). The report included verified performance during 2014/15, an update on spare capacity and insurance, an overview of plans to increase landfill diversion in 2015/16, proposals to further extend the date of the Direct Agreement to 31st March 2018 (to allow monitoring of the effectiveness of optimisation works) and an update on the buyout of the Citrus Pension Scheme.

A discussion took place about options for covering the risk of cost of additional deductibles and it was agreed that that this would be raised at the SPB scheduled to take place on 31st July 2015.

Further discussions also took place regarding recent environmental problems caused by waste operators generally and the issues Districts had to face following the incidents. Although the Authority worked to high standards of safety and created positive environmental benefits, Members suggested that unfortunately some operators failed to operate within the regulations, creating unacceptable risk to local people and the environment. Members unanimously supported the view that more control in this area was required.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) notes the 2014/15 performance and financial outturn position and the conclusion of the Section 101 Agreement with Blackburn with Darwen Council;
- b) delegates final agreement for implementation of additional fire suppression systems to the Director of Contract Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair (Chair of the Waste Management Committee);
- c) agrees to cap VLG's Business Interruption (BI) liability at 38 months in the event of complete destruction of the Bolton Thermal Recovery Facility (TRF);
- d) agrees to a four month timeframe for VLG to produce, and the Authority to agree, a reinstatement plan that will confirm whether a replacement Energy from Waste (EfW) plant would be required or an alternative option be progressed;
- e) approves that the Direct Agreement and Deed of Variation (3) 'optimisation' date to be extended to 31st March 2018;
- f) notes the remediation actions in progress on facilities;
- g) confirms the continued use of the Retail Price Index (RPI) for the buyout of the Citrus Pension Scheme; and
- h) notes action taken at the Solar Farm, Salford Road, Over Hulton to improve security.

The meeting opened at 11.00 am and closed at 11.56 am.

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