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| Present:   | Councillor  | Murphy (in the Chair)   |
|            | Councillors | Ali, Brock, Cummings, Driver, Emmott, Fitzpatrick, Hewitt, Holden, Iqbal, Jones, King, Lancaster, Piddington, Quinn, Shilton Godwin, Smart, Young and Zaman |
|            | Officers    | Clerk, Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, Director of Contract Services, Solicitor, Deputy Treasurer & Head of Corporate Services                                    |
| Apologies: | Councillors | All Councillors were present  |
|            | Officers    | All Officers were present   |

**M26 Urgent Business, if any, introduced by the Chair**

There was no urgent business introduced by the Chair.

The Solicitor reminded Members that the material to be discussed at the meeting was of the utmost commercial sensitivity and was subject to Legal Professional Privilege. Any disclosure of the information might seriously impact upon the Authority's commercial standing and/or legal position in taking forward actions, discussions and proposals.

**M27 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.

**M28 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 10th June 2016 and 15th July 2016**

**M28.1 Matters Arising**

In terms of M21 of the minutes dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016, and in light of the announcement this week that Viridor's Chief Executive had stepped down, it was suggested and agreed that the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk would take the matter of the joint lobbying work being co-ordinated by the former Chief Executive of Viridor up with Viridor's Director of External Affairs. It was also agreed that the Authority would write to Viridor's Chief Executive to thank him for his work in the policy development area.

**RESOLVED:** That the Authority:

- a) approves the minutes of the meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016 as an accurate record; and
- b) requests that the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk write to the former Chief Executive of Viridor, thanking him for his work in pushing forward the development of waste policy, both in the UK and in Europe, over the past three years.

**M29 Public & Member Question Time (limited to 15 minutes)**

There were no questions received.

**M30 Annual Report 2015/16**

Consideration was given to the joint Officers' report that provided the Authority with verified performance data for the 2015/16 financial year, charted progress against the Authority's main aim 'our aim is zero waste' and recorded progress against priorities as set out in the Corporate Plan.

Members asked a range of questions in relation to how key objective 1.1 successful contract delivery and development (saving resources) was reflected in the report, concerns about facility performance and who the report was aimed at.

In light of Members comments, it was agreed that an additional recommendation would be added to the report to highlight Members disappointment and concerns about facility performance. It was also agreed that the public facing document would be submitted for consideration to the Resources Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) provided comments upon the proposed Annual Report 2015/16 that was attached to the report at Appendix A;
- b) notes the disappointment and concerns in the facility's performance;
- c) in light of these concerns, delegates to the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk authority to make this change and any consequential changes to take on-board Member comments, correct minor typographical errors and agree a final 'user friendly' factsheet, prior to publication on the Authority's website; and
- d) requests that the public facing Annual Report 2015/16 (factsheet) be considered by the Resources Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 prior to publication on the Authority's website.

**M31 Performance Framework 2016/17**

Members considered the joint Officers report that requested the Authority consider proposals to bring into effect reporting arrangements to support the new performance framework in 2016/17.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) approves the revised performance framework for 2016/17 set out in the report; and
- b) agrees that performance to the end of quarter 1 will be considered at the Special Authority Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**M32 Annual Treasury Management Review 2015/16**

The Authority considered the report of the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk. It was 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 2015/16. It was noted 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).

A Member asked about actual Capital expenditure in 2015/16, the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk explained that the majority of spend was in relation to a solar farm at Over Hulton, Bolton.

A Member enquired about the Authority's investment policy, the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk advised that the policy was security first, liquidity second then finally return.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) approves the actual 2015/16 prudential and treasury indicators;
- b) approves the annual treasury management report for 2015/16;
- c) approves the change in the Approved Country List outline in Section 14 of the report; and
- d) approves an additional item being added to the Authority meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 in relation to the Treasury Management Strategy Review should it be required.

### **M33 Authority & Committee Work Programme for the 2016/17 Municipal Year**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Corporate Services that provided the Work Programme for the Authority and its Committees for the 2016/17 Municipal Year for approval.

RESOLVED: That the Authority approves the Work Programme for the 2016/17 Municipal Year attached to the report at Appendix A subject to the following additions:

| Item  | Meeting  |
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| Public Facing Annual Report 2015/16   | Resources<br>20 <sup>th</sup> September 2016       |
| That a Special Authority meeting be held on 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 10.00 am | Special Authority<br>17 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 |
| Savings & the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Network                         | Special Authority<br>17 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 |
| Performance to the end of quarter 1   | Special Authority<br>17 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 |
| Potential item in relation to the Treasury Management Strategy Review                 | Authority<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2016         |
| Risk Management Policy & Procedures   | Authority<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2016         |
| Half Year Review  | Authority<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2016         |
| Performance to end of quarter 3   | Authority<br>17 <sup>th</sup> March 2017           |
| Annual Review   | Authority<br>16 <sup>th</sup> June 2017            |

### **M34 Open Minutes & Reports for Consideration/Noting**

Members considered the open minutes and reports for noting contained within the agenda (Part 2). As there were no questions raised by Members, the Authority noted the information presented within the agenda (Part 2).

RESOLVED: That the Authority notes the information presented within the agenda (Part 2).

### **M35 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.

### **M36 Capital Programme 2016/17 Update and Cost Increases**

Members considered the report of the Director of Contract Services, which provided updates on three projects included within the Asset Management Plan at Salford Road (Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)), Hardy Farm (Pumping Station) and the sale of Dunkirk Farm. It was explained that one of the projects at Hardy Farm had already been approved within the 2016/17 Capital programme. However, changes to the project scope to improve resistance and accommodate the landowner's requirements, meant an additional budget allocation was required. It was noted that the other two projects were new requirements which had not been approved in this annual period and covered schemes at Dunkirk Farm and Hardy Farm (Barlow Hall).

Members asked a range of questions and Officers provided reassurance about drainage works, the replacement pumping station and the pedestrian footpath.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) notes the report; and
- b) approves the revised costs/projects as detailed.

### **M37 Recycling & Waste Management Contract (the Contract) - Update**

Consideration was given to the joint Officers report that provided the first quarterly update for the year on performance for the Contract, and also set out progress in relation to the development of savings options. It was explained that progress with the latter was good, but the Authority was not yet advanced enough to be able to make recommendations on the way forward. The report therefore made the suggestion that a further special meeting of the Authority would be appropriate, which would take place before the next scheduled meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016.

Members were provided with a presentation that provided them with context and additional information to supplement the report. Officers agreed to circulate the presentation to Members following the meeting.

Members raised their concerns about timescales. The Solicitor advised Members that any decision had to be reasonable and they would be provided with the appropriate information and guided by Officers who were aware of the risks at the suitable times. Members were again reminded of the confidential nature of the discussions and any disclosure of the information might seriously impact upon the Authority's commercial standing and/or legal position in taking forward the actions. It was agreed that an additional recommendation (c) would be added to the report to take account of Members comments.

Members thanked Officers for the amount of work undertaken in a very complex area and this was reflected within recommendation (i) of the report.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) notes performance for the first quarter of the year on the Contract, as set out in section 4 of the report;
- b) notes progress being made in relation to the identification of savings to help mitigate the predicted 2017/18 9.6% and 2018/19 7.6% Levy increases, as set out in sections 5 to 7 of the report and delegates to the Director of Contract Services (in consultation with the Chair of the Authority and Vice-Chair (Chair of Waste Management Committee) authority to undertake all necessary actions, as needed and prescribed within the presentation;
- c) notes the risks highlighted in the presentation including timescales;
- d) agrees to hold a special meeting of the Authority on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 10.00 am, at which it is anticipated decisions on savings options can be made;
- e) approve the principle of meeting additional costs arising from savings evaluation work from Reserves, as set out in section 8 of the report, and note proposals to increase available resources to meet the demands of the anticipated savings programme;
- f) subject to the verbal update, to note progress with the review of the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) and potential changes to Levy allocation methodology, as set out in section 9 of the report;
- g) approve a delegation to the Director of Contract Services, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair (Chair, Waste Management Committee) to serve appropriate notice(s) in relation to the Communications and Engagement Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Viridor Laing (Greater Manchester) Limited (VLGM) and Viridor, as set out in section 10;
- h) approved the proposed next steps set out in section 11 of the report; and
- i) notes and thanks the Officers for the work that is currently being undertaken and the Authority raises its concerns on the challenging timescales.

The Chair advised Members that the Senior Corporate Services Officer - Governance was leaving the Authority to undertake a secondment role at the Greater Manchester Integrated Support Team as a Senior Democratic Services Officer for a period of six months. Members showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

The meeting opened at 10.30 am and closed at 12.42 pm

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