

Present:	Councillor:	Murphy (in the Chair)	
	Councillors:	Ali, Brock, Driver, Emmott, Fitzpatrick, Hewitt, Holden, Iqbal, Jones, King, Lancaster, Quinn, Shilton-Godwin, Smart and Young	
	Officers:	Clerk, Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, Solicitor, Deputy Treasurer, Head of Corporate Services, Head of Finance, Principal Corporate Services Officer and Governance & Scrutiny Officer (Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA))	
	Contract Team:	Head of Programme Management Office	
	Advisors:	Partner - Head of Local Government Procurement Project Lead Transactor	DWF GMCA Waste Infrastructure Development Programme (WIDP)
	District Officers:	Head of Waste Management Audit & Counter Fraud Manager Assistant Audit & Counter Fraud Manager Waste & Recycling Manager Assistant Director, Environment and Community Safety Strategic Head of Place Management Assistant Executive Director, Environmental Services	Bury Council Oldham Council Oldham Council Rochdale Council Salford City Council Stockport Council Tameside Council
	Observers for the open part of the meeting:	GMB Union GMB Union Unite the Union Unite the Union	Conveyor Trade Union Rep Trade Union Rep Trade Union Rep
Apologies:	Councillors:	Cummings, Piddington, Zaman	
	Officers:	Director of Contract Services, Head of Contract Services, Head of Organisational Development & Administration and Head of Engineering & Assets	
	Contract Team:	Interim Programme Director (Commercial)	

M18 Urgent Business, if any, introduced by the Chair

It was advised that a late report had been published prior to the meeting that would be considered at Item 11 – Recycling & Waste Management Contract (the Contract) Value for Money (VfM) Update. The late report presented the most up to date information.

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 To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th June 2017

RESOLVED: That the Authority approves the minutes of the last meeting held on 12th June 2017.

M21 Public & Members' Question Time (limited to 15 minutes)

There were no questions received at the meeting.

M22 Authority and Committee Work Programmes for the 2017/18 Municipal Year

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Corporate Services that presented the Work Programme for the Authority and its Committee for the 2017/18 Municipal Year for approval. It was reported that the Audit & Standards Committee had requested that the full Risk Register be considered at the next meeting on 1 November 2017 and that the 18th April 2018 meeting be brought forward to the end of March 2018 in light of the transfer to the GMCA.

RESOLVED: That the Authority approves the Work Programmes for the 2017/18 Municipal Year, as amended to take account of the requested changes by the Audit & Standards Committee, attached to the report at Appendix A.

M23 Annual Treasury Management Review 2016/17

Members considered the report of the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, which advised 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 2016/17. 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 version of the Annual Review Report had been considered for scrutiny at the Audit & Standards Committee on 17th July 2017 and a verbal update from that meeting was provided.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) notes the annual treasury management report for 2016/17; and
- b) approves the actual 2016/17 prudential and treasury indicators set out in the report.

M24 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) 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.

Whilst District Officers and Advisors remained in the meeting, Viridor's Trade Union Representatives withdrew from the meeting at this juncture. The Chair thanked the Representatives for their attendance.

M25 Risk Management Policy and Procedures

The Authority considered the report of the Head of Corporate Services that presented the revised Risk Management Policy and Procedures. The Risk Management Policy and Procedures were considered by the Audit & Standards Committee at their meeting on the 17th July 2017. The Committee approved the report and requested that formal ratification be considered by the Authority. It was noted that the Audit & Standards Committee Members had suggested that the Register was complex and a simplified version for Members use was being considered.

Members suggested and Officers agreed that any 'red' risks would be brought to the Authority on a quarterly basis. The recommendation within the report was amended to reflect Members comments.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) approves the updated Risk Management Policy and Procedures;
- b) delegates to the Head of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs, power to make amendments to the final wording of the Policy and Procedures document to take on board the comments of the Audit & Standards Committee; and
- b) agrees that 'red' risks be considered by the Authority on a quarterly basis.

M26 STOR Power Ltd Proposal - Salford Road

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Contract Services, which presented details of the proposal by STOR Power Ltd (SPL) to set up a gas powered electricity generating set on the currently unoccupied land adjacent to the solar farm site at Salford Road, Over Hulton. The plant would generate electricity directly from gas, which would then be used to supply the local network during peak operating periods.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) approves in principle the proposal; and
- b) delegates authority to the Director of Contract Services, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Authority, to conclude an appropriate lease agreement with STOR Power Ltd.

M27 Recycling and Waste Management Contract (the Contract) - Value for Money (VfM) update

The Solicitor advised that a number of complex issues had arisen in relation to the proposals contained in the report, for which external legal support had been engaged. The advice contained within the report was subject to legal professional privilege and the contents of the report were of the utmost commercial sensitivity and as such confidentiality must be maintained.

The Authority considered the late Joint Officers' report that was circulated prior to the meeting, which provided the Authority with the most up to date information. The report set out further progress in relation to termination of the Contract, provided indicative timelines and outline strategy for facility modifications and contained feedback from the market sounding exercise. The report was supplemented with a presentation provided by the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk and Procurement Project Lead (GMCA).

Members requested that they be provided with a briefing should they be required to answer any questions in a public environment there was clarity on what could be disclosed.

Following the presentation, Members requested that recommendation c) was slightly amended to reflect discussions at the meeting. In addition, recommendation e) was amended to reflect the variation to the membership of the Policy & Procurement Committee as agreed at the meeting. It was advised that the Committee's Terms of Reference would be updated following the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Authority:

- a) notes progress with the VfM work stream, and approves the revised approaches set out in sections 5, 6 and 7 of the report;
- b) approves a delegation to the Clerk and Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Authority, to conclude arrangements as set out in paragraph 8.1(d) of the report;
- c) agreed the approach, initial proposals on scopes of work and timelines set out in section 9;
- d) approves the revised procurement approach and process to finalise the Authority's Procurement Strategy as set out in paragraphs 10.29 and 10.30 of the report, following representations made in the recently undertaken market soundings exercise; and
- e) approves the proposed governance arrangements and appointments as set out in section 11 of the report subject to Councillor Smart being moved onto the Policy and Procurement Committee rather than the Behavioural Change Task & Finish Group; and that the Policy and Procurement Committee consider the matters set out in paragraph 10.28 of the report, with a view to producing recommendations on the way forward to the 21st September 2017 Authority meeting.

Officers were thanked for their hard work and how they were continuing with 'business as usual' as well as undertaking the complex Contract work.

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm and closed at 3.48 pm.

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