

Present:	Councillor	Councillor Murphy (in the Chair)
	Councillors	Brock, Cummings, Driver, Emmott, Fitzpatrick, Hewitt, Holden, Iqbal, Jones, Lancaster, Piddington, Quinn, Shilton-Godwin, Smart, Young and Zaman.
	Officers	Clerk to the Authority, Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, Solicitor, Director of Contract Services, Head of Corporate Services, Head of Finance and Senior Governance and Scrutiny Officer.
	Project Management Office:	Head of Project Management Office.
	Advisors: Partner:	Head of Local Government, DWF Procurement Project Lead Transactor, GMCA Waste Infrastructure Development Programme (WIDP).
	District Officers:	Head of Waste Management, Bolton Council Assistant Audit and Counter Fraud Manager, Oldham Council Waste and Recycling Manager, Rochdale Council Assistant Director, Environment and Community Safety, Salford City Council Strategic Head of Place Management, Stockport Council Assistant Executive Director, Environmental Services, Tameside Council

M51 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Ali and Bellamy.

M52 Urgent Business, if any, introduced by the Chair

There were no items of urgent business reported.

M53 To receive Declarations of Interest in any contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting

There were no declarations of interest made by any Member, in respect of any contract or agenda item.

The Solicitor and Head of Corporate Services each declared an interest in any discussions regarding Greater Manchester Combined Waste and Recycling Limited, each respectively being the Company Secretary and a Director of this company. Members also noted that they would remove themselves from the meeting whilst any discussions relating to the indemnification matters associated with this company.

M54 To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 21st September 2017

The Minutes of the meeting of the Authority, held on 21 September 2017 were submitted for consideration as a correct record.

M55 Public and Member Question Time

There were no questions received at the meeting.

M56 Authority and Committee Work Programmes for the 2017/18 Municipal Year

Members considered a report of the Head of Corporate Services, which sought their comments in relation to the content of the 2017-18 work programmes for the Authority and its Committees, as set out in the appendix to the report.

The Chair noted that discussions had taken place with representatives from the trade unions and suggested that they were to address the Authority at the meeting on 21 December 2017.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the 2017-18 Work Programme for the Authority, the Audit and Standards Committee and the Procurement and Policy Committee, be agreed, as set out in the appendix to the report.
- b) That it be agreed that the meeting of the Authority on 16 November 2017 be cancelled and that the date for the Authority Budget Setting meeting be rescheduled from 15 February 2018 to 8 February 2018.

That representatives from Trade Unions be invited to address the Authority at its meeting on 21 December 2017, be noted.

M57 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.

M58 Recycling and Waste Management Contract- Savings Update

As indicated at Minute M53 above, the Solicitor and Head of Corporate Services each declared an interest in any discussions regarding Greater Manchester Combined Waste and Recycling Limited and left the room whilst those discussions took place.

Prior to any discussion on this item, the Solicitor reiterated the confidential nature of the report and any subsequent discussions on this matter.

The Deputy Clerk and Treasurer provided a report which presented Members with a further update on securing savings from the Recycling and Waste Management Contract (the Contract) and formally records the conclusion of the initial stages of the savings plan, with c £28 million average savings (gross) now secured, through:

- a) The acquisition of the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Viridor Laing (Greater Manchester) Limited (VLGM) and the subsequent pay-out of the Banks, that generates annual savings of around £21m;
- b) Agreements to enter into a Residual Value Contract (RVC) to access the Runcorn facility at a lower gate fee, which will, on average, generate annual savings of around £7m.

In addition, Members noted that an update which set out details of the good progress made with the preparations to procure three new operating contracts. Members' input was also sought into proposals to amend the existing governance arrangements.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the conclusion of the initial two stages of the savings programme and the delivery of £28m per annum of savings, as set out in the report, be noted.
- b) That the updates on Private Finance Initiative (PFI) credits, risk transfer and mitigations and spend on advisory support, as set out in sections 11 and 13 to the report, be noted, together with the update on GMCWR as provided in the presentation.
- c) To agree that the Authority records its thanks for the tremendous team effort of the Authority staff, Project Management Team, Leaders' Task Group and external advisors, in successfully concluding the exit of the PFI arrangements.
- d) That the progress being made in relation to the 'run off' operations contract, including the Authority's strategy with regards to pensions, be noted.
- e) That it be agreed to grant delegated authority to the Treasurer and Deputy Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Authority, to settle the final form of the Deed of Indemnity for the GMCWR Directors and Company Secretary, as set out in the presentation.
- f) That the continued progress on the procurement of three operating contracts, the proposed revision of the scope of those three operating contracts and the expected formal start of that progress with the issues of the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) notice in the next four weeks, be noted.
- g) That the proposed revised governance arrangements, as set out in section 10 and appendices B, C and D to the report, be noted.

M59 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Update for a revised levy allocation mechanism

Members considered a joint report of the Clerk, the Treasurer and Deputy Clerk and the Director of Contract Services which informed them that following conclusion of the settlement phase of the termination of the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Recycling Waste Management Contract with Viridor Laing (Greater Manchester) Limited (VLGM) the opportunity has been taken to review budget requirements and refresh the MTFP to 2021/22. The report also set out an updated strategy and outlined major assumptions and risks which have been taken in to account in producing the revised proposals.

In addition, Members also considered proposals to allocate reduced budget requirements to district authorities via a replacement Levy Allocation Mechanism (LAM) and noted that such a change will require unanimous support from all nine constituent district authorities and for this reason, proposals for a formal consultation process designed to ensure a final LAM agreement can be considered for adoption at the January 2018 meeting of the Authority.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the projected £6m net overspend in 2017/18 and the requirements to meet the additional spend by the allocation of Reserves, be noted.
- b) That the proposals to use Reserves to provide for an increase in the GMWDA only levy of 0% 2018/19 and noted that following that support levy increases of 1.7% in 2019/20, 1.9% in 2020/21 and 2.2% in 2021/22 will apply, be endorsed.
- c) That the revised Levy Allocation Mechanism be commended to the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) and the Authority's constituent districts, for full implementation from 2019/20 and with a transitional arrangements year in the 2018/19 financial year to smooth impacts.

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