

- Present: Councillors Murphy (in the Chair)
- Ali, Bellamy, Cummings, Driver, Emmott, Fitzpatrick, Hewitt, Holden, Jones, Lancaster, Quinn, Shilton-Godwin, Young and Zaman.
- Officers Clerk to the Authority, Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, Solicitor, Director of Contract Services, Deputy Treasurer, Head of Corporate Services, Interim Programme Director (Commercial), Head of Organisational Development and Administration, and Senior Governance and Scrutiny Officer.
- Also Present Councillor Chris Gordon and Jackie Njoroge, Independent Chair the Audit & Standards Committee

#### **108. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Councillors Brock (Oldham), Iqbal (Bolton) Piddington (Tameside) and Smart (Stockport).

#### **109. Urgent Business, if any, introduced by the Chair**

##### **a) Welcome**

The Chair extended a welcome to those present to what would be the last meeting of the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority. Particular welcomes were extended to Councillor Chris Gordon, a previous Vice Chair of the Authority and Jackie Njoroge, Independent Chair the Audit and Standards Committee.

##### **b) Late Items**

Members noted that the Chair had agreed to take the following items as late items, in order for Members to receive the most up to date position:-

- Item 5 - Minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee, held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018;
- Item 13a – GMCWR Board Further Update.

#### **110. 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 relation to any matter on the agenda.

**111. Minutes of the Authority, held on 8th February 2018**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Authority, held on 8 February 2018 were submitted for consideration as a correct record.

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Authority, held on 8 February 2018, be approved as a correct record.

**112. Minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee held on 28th February 2018 (to follow)**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Authority's Audit and Standards Committee, held on 28 February 2018 were submitted.

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Authority, held on 28 February 2018, be noted.

**113. Public and Members' Question Time (time limited to 15 minutes)**

There were no questions from members of the public or Members received.

**114. Audit & Standards Committee Annual Report for the 2017/18 Municipal Year**

The Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee presented a report which provided Members with an outline work undertaken by the Audit & Standards Committee during the last Municipal Year in the form of an Annual Report (Appendix A), in discharging its terms of reference and hence providing assurances to Members about the effectiveness of the Authority's Corporate Governance objectives.

In receiving the report, the Chair thanked the Independent Members, Jackie Njoroge, Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee, Ian Thomson and David Tomlinson, for their hard work in scrutinising the work of the Authority and for their independent advice.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the work of the Audit and Standards Committee and the positive assurances about Corporate Governance and Standards in 2017/18, be noted.
- 2) That Authority Members place on record their thanks to Independent Members Jackie Njoroge, Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee, Ian Thomson and David Tomlinson, for their hard work in scrutinising the work of the Authority and for their independent advice.

**115. Performance Monitoring 2017/2018**

The Head of Corporate Services provided Members with a summary of the unverified performance against the key corporate objectives in the Authority's Business Plan for 2017-2018.

**RESOLVED:**

That progress being made against the key corporate objectives in the Business Plan from April 2017 to March 2018, be noted.

## **116. Review of the Waste Management Strategy**

The Head of Corporate Services presented a report which set out the work that had commenced in relation to the review of the Authority's Waste Management Strategy (WMS). An outline of the Waste Management Strategy was circulated.

In receiving the report, a Member highlighted the difficulties in developing a coherent Waste Management Strategy for Greater Manchester in the absence of an England Waste Strategy and noted that the Government should be contacted to this end. In addition, the potential for changes in legislation following Brexit may need to be addressed.

Members welcomed the work taking place on the Salford flats food waste initiative.

### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the move to wider scoped Resources and Waste Strategy, as set out in the report be agreed; and

That it be agreed that officers be requested to commence a public consultation, on the basis of the content of the presentation, with the view for the Strategy to be approved by March 2019.

## **117. Communications and Behavioural Change 2018/19 Delivery Plan, Including Resource Greater Manchester**

The Head of Contract Services and the Interim Head of Behavioural Change and Communications, provided a report which updated Members on the delivery of the approved detailed and budgeted delivery action plan 2018 - 2019. Members noted that the report included delivery against this plan for both the Communications and Behavioural Change Strategy and Resource Greater Manchester programme.

In welcoming the report, Members noted that the behavioural change focus was to change from food waste to paper and card would not alter the current food waste initiatives.

A Member suggested that where new initiatives are to be undertaken, Members were to be informed in order to advise local colleagues.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the good progress made across both work streams and the output of the review process which have fed into the full delivery plan up to March 2019, be noted.

## **118. Waste Directorate Plan 2018/2020**

Members considered a report of the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk, the Director of Contract Services and the Head of Corporate Services, which sought their approval of the Waste Directorate Plan for 2018-2020, as set out at Appendix A to the report.

### **RESOLVED:**

That approval of the Waste Directorate Plan for 2018-2020, as attached to the report at Appendix A, be granted.

## **119. Exclusion of Press and Public**

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.

#### **120. GM Combined Waste and Recycling (GMCW&R) Shareholder Update Report**

The Solicitor reiterated the confidentiality of the reports and that those presentment were able to do so under professional privilege.

The Directors and Company Secretary of GMCW&R (acting on both the Company its parent, Hold Co) are producing this update report for its Shareholders, the Authority, to advise on the work they are carrying out to deliver the Authority's direction of achieving a solvent winding-up of the companies and hence prevent issues that otherwise could arise at year end.

##### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the progress update and those proposed next actions, as set out in the report, be noted.
- 2) That Members formally recognise the work of the Directors and the Company Secretary in winding up the Company and place on record the Authority's thanks in that regard.

#### **121. Impacts on the Global Market for Recyclable Commodities Following Changes and Restrictions to Import Policies in China**

The Head of Contract Services introduced a report which provided an update and advised Members on the position in relation to restrictions on imports of recyclable materials by China, and the actions that Viridor Resource Management are taking to mitigate the impact.

##### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the impact on the recyclable commodity outlet markets, as a consequence of changes and restrictions to import policies in China be noted; and
- 2) That the focus of communications activities on reducing contamination, as set out in the report, be supported.

#### **122. Contract Progress Update**

The Treasurer and Deputy Clerk, Director of Contract Services, and Interim Programme Director submitted a joint report and presentation which updated Members on:-

- a) Interim Contract (Run off) with Viridor Waste (Greater Manchester Limited (VWGM)) progress update;
- b) Facility modifications and staffing impact;
- c) The arrangements to formally sign the Runcorn Thermal Power Station (TPSCo) Residual Value Contract (RVC);
- d) Winding up of our wholly owned company, Greater Manchester Combined Waste and Recycling (GMCWR);

- e) Insurance cover and claims;
- f) Progress with the procurement of replacement operating contracts;
- g) Progress with the production of a base case 'as is', plus efficiency savings, financial model (Reference Project);
- h) Discussions with the Department for the Environment and Rural Affairs (Defra) in respect of the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Grant; and
- i) The transition to the GM Combined Authority (GMCA) and emerging interim Governance arrangements.

**RESOLVED:-**

- 1) That the satisfactory progress on delivery in the current financial year, but that financial performance is likely to be impacted by the significant variations in recyclable income, as set out in section 4 to the report, be noted;
- 2) That the timetable for facility modifications, and potential impact on staffing, as set out in sections 5 and 7 to the report, be noted;
- 3) That approval in principle be granted for the progressing proposals to improve performance at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC's), in the event that an appropriate business case/delivery model can be agreed, as set out in section 6 to the report;
- 4) That the final arrangement to conclude the RVC, and authorises the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk to sign the Contracts Act Certificate and agree the provision of an indemnity for that action, as set out in section 8 to the report, be noted;
- 5) That the actions by the Directors of GMCWR to maximise value from the Company, and ensure its solvent winding up, as set out in section 9 to the report, be confirmed, and that it be noted that an Authority side letter on the solvent winding up of the Company was to be issued;
- 6) That the position on insurance cover and claims, as set out in sections 10 and 11 to the report be noted and that the Chief Executive, GMCA and the Clerk to the Authority, in consultation with Councillor Anstee, Chair of the Waste Advisory Group and Councillor Ganotis, GMCA Lead Member for Environment, Green Spaces and Air Quality, be granted delegated authority to any action required to secure appropriate cover prior to the 8th April 2018 renewal date;
- 7) That the continued good progress with the procurement of Operating Contracts, and approves the revised timetable, as set out in paragraph 12.5 to the report;
- 8) That the compilation of a reference project, as set out in section 13 to the report be noted; and
- 9) That the latest position on PFI Credit Grant, as set out in section 14 to the report and update on transition to GM Combined Authority be noted and to also note emerging interim Governance proposals, as set out in section 15 to the report.

**123. Authority to pass resolution to open the meeting up to the Press and Public**

Members considered opening up the remaining business to the public.

**RESOLVED:**

That the meeting be opened to the press and public for the remaining items contained within the agenda.

**124. GMWDA - 32 Years in the Making**

The Director of Contract Services introduced a presentation which showcased the work and achievements of the Waste Authority from its inception in 1986 to date.

In celebrating the work of the Authority, Members paid tribute to the hard work, diligence and support afforded them by officers of the Waste Authority throughout their involvement with the Authority.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the informative presentation setting out the achievements of the Waste Disposal Authority since its inception in 1986 be received and noted
- 2) To place on record the thanks of all Members for the hard and diligent work undertaken by officers of the Waste Disposal Authority and for their support.

**125. GMCWR Board Update - Supplement to the Agenda**

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm and closed at 3.56 pm

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