

# **EAST LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY**

Monday 18 October 2004

(1:40 - 2.25 pm)

**Present:** Councillor M E McKenzie (Chair), Councillor P Sheekey, Councillor Mrs P A Twomey, Councillor J Webster and Councillor A Weinberg

## **1312 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Griffin and Councillor Mrs Sladden.

## **1313 Minutes - To confirm as correct the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 July 2004**

We have confirmed as correct the minutes of our meeting held on 19 July 2004.

## **1314 Changes to Membership**

We have received and noted the report from the Office Manager on Changes to Membership .

## **1315 Changes to ELWA Appointed Officers and ELWA Board Directors**

We have received and note the amended report from the Office Manager on Changes to ELWA Appointed Officers and ELWA Board Directors .

The Chair advised Members that this was the last meeting to be attended by Graham Farrant, ELWA Managing Director. Members extended their appreciation to Graham in recognition of his exemplary achievement and performance whilst in office with ELWA and wished him continued success in the future.

Members agreed the appointment of Niall Bolger, London Borough of Barking & Dagenham, as the interim Appointed Officer to ELWA.

This decision was taken in accordance with the decision made by The London Borough of Barking & Dagenham, at a meeting of their Assembly on 13 October 2004. The decision of the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham was to appoint Mr Niall Bolger, the Director of Regeneration and Environment at that Council, to perform the functions delegated to their Chief Executive in respect of ELWA, until such time as a new Chief Executive is appointed.

It was also agreed that the arrangement would apply during any periods when a Chief Executive (ELWA Managing Director) is not in post or at any time when the post-holder is unavailable and a matter cannot await his or her return.

#### **1316 Contract Management Audit Report**

Members noted the Executive Director's report on contract management, together with the actions being taken to comply with Audit Commission's recommendations as set out in the Action Plan.

#### **1317 Landfill Allowances**

We received and noted the report from the General Manager on the Landfill Allowances. The response to Defra, dated 8<sup>th</sup> October, was confirmed.

#### **1318 Review of Waste Management Strategy**

In accordance with Minute 1289, we have considered a further report from the Executive Director on the review of Waste Management Strategy and we have:-

- i) noted that ELWA and the Constituent Councils have been successful in gaining financial support in the sum of £72k for the strategy review.

And, agree to:-

- i) a further £17k being allocated from the contingency to the strategy review project; and
- ii) a further report being submitted to the November meeting.

#### **1319 Contract Performance 2004/2005**

We have received and noted the General Manager's progress report on the IWMS Contract for the period April to August 2004.

#### **1320 Budgetary Control Report to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2004**

We have received and noted the Finance Director's report entitled Budgetary Control Report to 31 August 2004 and agree the budget virement as outlined.

#### **1321 2003/04 Draft Statement of Internal Controls**

In accordance with Minute 1306, Members received and noted the Finance Director's report entitled 2003/04 Draft Statement of Internal Controls, together with the, tabled, replacement Appendix A, Annex A. Members approved for signature, the Statement of Internal Control for the financial year ended 31 March 2004 (as amended).

**1322 Any other public items which the Chair decides are urgent — there were none**

**1323 Exclusion of Public and Press.**

We have resolved to exclude the public and press from the remainder of the meeting by reason of the nature of the business to be transacted, which includes the information exempted by paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**1324 Survey of Landfill Sites for Insurances Purposes**

The General Manager provided a commentary on the background to his report, the processes considered and actions taken to date.

Accordingly, we have noted the General Manager s report, submitted in accordance with Minute 1307, and agreed that:-

- i) An additional financial allocation is made from the contingency;
- ii) The tender submitted by Enviros is accepted;
- lii) The remaining sum within the contingency is allocated in recognition that on-site difficulties may arise when works commence.

Chair:

Dated: ..