

## EAST LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

24 November 2003  
(1.00 - 2.31 p.m.)

Present:- Councillor McKenzie (Chair); Councillor Ware (Vice-Chair);  
Councillors Griffin, Sladden, Tebbutt and Twomey

### 1242 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Talati and Weinberg.

### 1243 MINUTES

We have confirmed as correct the minutes of our meeting held on 10 September 2003.

### 1244 IWMS CONTRACT PERFORMANCE 2003/4 - UPDATE

The General Manager presented his regular progress report on the latest operational and performance issues relating to the Integrated Waste Management Service (IWMS) Contract, which included tonnage and payment data up to 30 September 2003.

Arising from the discussions, we have asked the Office Manager to advise Members of the arrangements for the Community Liaison Forums that are being established by Shanks.east london.

### 1245 BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2003

We have received and noted the Finance Director's budgetary control report for the period 1 April to 30 September 2003, which shows an underspend of £959,000 compared to the profiled budget.

### 1246 ANNUAL BUDGET & SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2004/5 \*

Further to Minute 1189, the Executive Director reported on Shanks.east london's Annual Budget & Service Delivery Plan (ABS DP) for 2004/5.

In accordance with the IWMS contract, Shanks.east london is required to prepare an annual plan setting out the next year's service delivery proposals and the projected payments by ELWA to the company. The Executive Director advised that ELWA and Council officers have submitted comments to Shanks.east london on earlier drafts of the 2004/5 ABS DP, which is required to be approved by ELWA by 30 November

We have noted summaries of the main operational and financial aspects contained within the draft ABS DP and the Executive Director made available the latest draft version of the document.

Arising from our discussions, we have:-

- (i) Noted the Executive Director's report and the significance of the 2004/5 ABSDP for operational planning and budgeting purposes;
- (ii) Noted the operational and financial summaries appended to the report;
- (iii) Authorised the Executive Director to approve the final version of the 2004/5 ABSDP;
- (iv) Noted that there continues to be on-going dialogue between ELWA, Council and Shanks' officers regarding joint working and encouraging new recycling initiatives;
- (v) Asked officers to report further on possible ways to further encourage new recycling initiatives within the four Boroughs; and
- (vi) Asked officers to report to our next meeting on the arrangements in place at Reuse & Recycling Centres (formerly civic amenity sites) for dealing with vehicles entering sites that are not immediately identified as carrying household waste.

#### 1247 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET STRATEGY 2004/5 TO 2006/7 #

Having considered a report from the Finance Director on ELWA's Revenue and Capital Budget Strategy for 2004/5 – 2006/7, which contained particular detail in respect of the forthcoming 2004/5 financial year, we have approved the Strategy as submitted.

The Finance Director confirmed that the information in this Strategy will be conveyed to constituent Council Finance Directors to assist in their budget preparations for next year and beyond. We have noted that the final proposals in respect of the ELWA levy for 2004/5 will be presented to our next meeting in February.

#### 1248 LANDFILL ALLOWANCE TRADING SCHEME - CONSULTATION

We have received a report from the Executive Director on the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) consultation paper in respect of the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme.

The Executive Director advised on the key aspects contained within the consultation paper and made available copies of ELWA's response, which was approved at the recent meeting of the ELWA Management Board in order to meet DEFRA's deadline for comments of 21 November.

Accordingly, we have:-

- (i) Noted the Executive Director's report and the significance for local authorities of the DEFRA proposals for the introduction of a scheme of Landfill Allowances;
- (ii) Noted ELWA's response to the consultation paper expressing serious concern about a number of issues of principle and impracticality; and
- (iii) Asked that further reports on this issue be submitted in due course.

1249 MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR LONDON

Further to Minute 1181, we have received and noted a report from the Office Manager on the Mayor's Municipal Waste Management Strategy for London, which was launched on 23 September 2003.

The Office Manager outlined some of the key issues within the Strategy and advised that further reports on the development of the Mayor's policies and proposals will be submitted for our consideration as appropriate.

1250 IWMS CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

Further to Minute 1233 of our last meeting, we have noted that:-

- (i) the proposed minor changes to the Project Agreement and the Operating Contract have now been agreed, and are currently being put into their final form for signature by the relevant parties to the IWMS Contract; and
- (ii) the project debt has effectively now been syndicated and that the consequential changes to the relevant contract documents have been agreed, and are currently being put into their final form for signature by the relevant parties.

1251 LONDON RECYCLING FUND ROUND 7 BIDS

Further to Minute 1238, we are pleased to note that the application for funding under Round 7 of the London Recycling Fund (LRF) to extend the orange bag recycling scheme to further areas of Barking & Dagenham was successful, and that the new arrangements are due to be introduced from 1 December.

The Executive Director confirmed that although the application to LRF for funding towards a recycling bus was unsuccessful, officers are continuing to pursue the matter.

1252 ORANGE BAG PILOT RECYCLING SCHEME

In accordance with Minute 1232, the General Manager advised on the pilot orange bag recycling scheme that has been operating across areas of Barking & Dagenham and Newham since 1 June 2003.

1253 MAYOR'S GREEN PROCUREMENT CODE

Having considered a report from the Executive Director, we have agreed to sign up to level B1 of the London Mayor's "Green Procurement Code"

1254 LGC AWARDS 2004

We have noted a report from the Executive Director on two submissions made by ELWA for the Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Awards 2004,

1255 CIWM CONFERENCE 2004

Having considered a report from the Office Manager, we have agreed that the invitation to attend the 2004 Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) Conference and Exhibition should be open to all ELWA Members, the General Manager and the Contract Manager.

(\* Part of this item was considered after a resolution had been passed to exclude the public and press from the remainder of the meeting as the information included the detailed financial proposals of Shanks.east london in respect of the IWMS Contract, which is exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.)

(# The Chair agreed that this item could be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, under the provisions of Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.)