

EAST LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

29 March 2004  
(1.00 - 2.12 p.m.)

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

1274 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Weinberg.

1275 MEMBERSHIP 2003/04

We have noted that Councillor Pat Sheekey has been appointed by Newham Council to replace Councillor Talati as a representative on ELWA. The Chair welcomed Councillor Sheekey to her first meeting.

1276 MINUTES

We have confirmed as correct the minutes of our meeting held on 9 February 2004.

Arising from our consideration of the minutes, we have:-

- (a) noted that the Executive Director will report to our next meeting on the possibility of providing incentives to the constituent Councils to increase recycling levels (Minute 1262(viii));
- (b) received a brief update from the Chair on matters relating to the redevelopment at the Frizlands Lane Reuse & Recycling Centre (Minute 1266);
- (c) received from the Executive Director an update on issues relating to Aveley Methane Limited (AML) following the recent AML Board meeting, particularly in relation to the share capital and restructuring of the company (Minute 1267) and we supported the suggested way forward;
- (d) noted the current position on the claim in respect of ELWA's land at Gerpins Lane, Upminster (Minute 1271); and
- (e) received an update from the Executive Director in respect of the IWMS Contract (Minute 1273) and noted that a further report on this issue will be presented to our next meeting.

1277 LONDON RECYCLING FUND – ROUND 8 BIDS

In accordance with Minute 1269, the General Manager presented a report on the two ELWA-led applications for funding submitted under Round 8 of the London Recycling Fund.

Having noted details of the two applications, which relate to a Recycling Bus and the provision of recycling facilities at flatted estates across the four boroughs, we have:-

- (i) supported the applications for funding under Round 8 of the London Recycling Fund for the two bids referred to in the General Manager's report;

- (ii) noted that the Finance Director has made appropriate provision in the 2004/5 contingency to meet the costs arising on ELWA of the two bids; and
- (iii) asked officers to report to our next meeting on the detailed specification of the Recycling Bus in the event that the application is successful.

#### 1278 PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANT - CONSULTATION

We have received a report from the Executive Director in respect of the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) consultation on the Waste Performance Reward Grant.

The Executive Director presented a proposed response to the series of questions posed by DEFRA in the consultation and outlined the three key issues for ELWA arising from the proposals. With regard to the potential exclusion of all Waste PFI Authorities from benefiting from rewards under this scheme, the Executive Director advised that DEFRA is now reconsidering this position in the light of concerns already expressed.

Accordingly, we have:-

- (i) noted the Executive Director's report;
- (ii) approved the detailed response to the consultation as attached at Appendix A to the report;
- (iii) agreed that a covering letter should accompany the response to DEFRA, highlighting ELWA's three fundamental concerns as detailed in the report; and
- (iv) noted that in the event that ELWA becomes eligible to bid for the Performance Reward Grant, further reports will be submitted on the implications and options for ELWA bids.

#### 1279 WASTE AND EMISSIONS TRADING ACT 2003

Further to Minute 1248, the Executive Director presented a report on the provisions of the Waste and Emissions Trading (WET) Act 2003, which received Royal Assent on 13 November 2003.

The Executive Director provided a commentary on the provisions within the WET Act, which include the introduction of the Landfill Allowances Trading Scheme, and confirmed that further consultation on the implementation of regulations which will bring these provisions into force is expected later this year.

Accordingly, we have noted the Executive Director's report and agreed that further reports be submitted in due course in relation to:-

- (a) the actual levels of ELWA's Landfill Allowances, when known;
- (b) the final form of the Landfill Allowances regime; and
- (c) the preparation of joint strategies with the constituent Councils.

#### 1280 DRAFT WASTE MINIMISATION STRATEGY

Having considered a report from the Executive Director on a draft Waste Minimisation Strategy for ELWA, the constituent Councils and Shanks East

London, we have:-

- (i) endorsed the draft Strategy as appended to the Executive Director's report;
- (ii) agreed that it be referred for consultation to the constituent Councils, Shanks East London and other interested parties; and
- (iii) noted that a further report on the outcome of the consultation will be presented to us in due course.

1281 IWMS CONTRACT PERFORMANCE 2003/04 - UPDATE

We have received and noted the General Manager's regular progress report on operational issues relating to the IWMS Contract.

1282 ALAN DAWSON, OFFICE MANAGER

The Executive Director advised that this was to be the last meeting to be attended by Alan Dawson, ELWA Office Manager. Alan has been on secondment to ELWA for several years but will shortly be returning to his position with Barking & Dagenham Council.

Members extended their appreciation to Alan for his help and support over the years and wished him every success in the future. Members also asked that a letter be sent to Alan to convey these sentiments.