

EAST LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

Monday, 21 June 2004
(1:00 - 2:22 pm)

Present: Councillor M E McKenzie (Chair), Councillor O Ware (Deputy Chair), Councillor P Sheekey, Councillor G Staight, Councillor Mrs P A Twomey, Councillor J Webster and Councillor A Weinberg

1283 Appointment of Chair

We have appointed Councillor McKenzie as Chair for the ensuing municipal year.

1284 Appointment of Deputy Chair

We have appointed Councillor Ware as Deputy Chair for the ensuing municipal year.

1285 Apologies for Absence

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

1286 Minutes

We have confirmed as correct the minutes of our meeting held on 29 March 2004.

1287 Membership 2004/5

The Chair welcomed Councillors Staight and Webster to their first meeting, following their appointments to ELWA by Redbridge and Havering Councils respectively.

1288 ELWA Limited Directorship

Having considered a report from the Executive Director on issues relating to ELWA's directorship on ELWA Limited, we have:-

- (i) appointed Councillor Weinberg as ELWA's 'A' Director on the ELWA Limited Board for the 2004/5 municipal year;
- (ii) authorised the 'A' Director to act as ELWA's representative at the Annual General Meeting of ELWA Ltd;
- (iii) agreed that such appointment to take effect following prior consultation with the "B" shareholder.
- (iv) authorised the Chair to nominate an alternative 'A' Director should the need arise.

1289 Review of Waste Management Strategy

We have received a report from the Executive Director on a proposed review of ELWA's integrated waste management strategy.

Accordingly, we agreed that:-

- (i) ELWA embarks on a waste management strategy update;
- (ii) £20,000 be allocated from the 2004/5 contingency to cover the cost of external advice over the next three months; and
- (iii) Members be kept updated on progress at future meetings.

1290 Recycling Incentives to Boroughs

In accordance with Minute 1262 (viii), the Executive Director presented a report on the possibility of introducing a new form of 'recycling credit' from ELWA to the constituent Councils to reward the separation by the Councils of recyclables within the household waste streams.

Arising from the discussions, we have agreed to defer consideration of the matter and have asked the Executive Director to prepare a further report in time for our levy setting meeting in February 2005.

1291 Best Value Performance Plan 2004/5

We have received and noted ELWA's draft Best Value Performance Plan 2004/5, which is required to be published 30 June, and have authorised the Managing Director to approve the final version of the Plan by the publication date.

1292 Internal Audit Progress Report

Having considered a report from the Finance Director on internal audit issues, we have:-

- (i) noted the audit coverage for 2003/2004 as outlined in the report;
- (ii) agreed the audit coverage for 2004/2005 as proposed; and
- (iii) agreed to the revised phasing of elements of the five-year strategic audit plan as outlined.

1293 IWMS Contract Performance 2003/4

We have received and noted the General Manager's report on the performance of the Integrated Waste Management Service (IWMS) Contract for the financial year 2003/4.

1294 IWMS Contract Performance 2004/5

We have received and noted the General Manager's report on the performance of the Integrated Waste Management Service (IWMS) Contract for April 2004.

1295 Financial Outturn Report 2003/4

We have received and noted a report from the Financial Director in respect of ELWA's provisional financial outturn for 2003/4, which included details of the main variances against the Revised Estimate position reported to our meeting in February 2004.

1296 Budgetary Control Report 2004/5

We have noted the Finance Director's report on ELWA's actual expenditure for April 2004 compared to the Original Revenue Estimates approved at our meeting in February 2004.

1297 Annual Investment Strategy 2004/5

Having considered a report from the Finance Director, we have:-

- (i) approved ELWA's Annual Investment Strategy for 2004/5 as set out in the appendix to the report; and
- (ii) agreed the Prudential Indicators for Treasury Management as set out in the report.

1298 London Recycling Fund

Further to Minute 1277, the General Manager advised on the circumstances that ultimately led to the London Recycling Fund rejecting the two ELWA-led Round 8 funding bids for a Recycling Bus and a household waste recycling scheme from 'hard to reach' properties.

1299 Exclusion of the 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 information exempted by paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

1300 The Shanks Group - Sale of Landfill

Further to Minute 1273, the Executive Director presented a report on the outcome of the Shanks Group's disposal of its landfill assets. We also received a presentation on the issue from the parties involved.

Accordingly, we have:-

- (i) given formal approval to the Shanks Group's proposal to dispose of its landfill assets to the named third party, subject to the Managing Director and ELWA's advisers being satisfied that ELWA is in a 'no worse' situation in terms of the IWMS Contract and that matters raised by ELWA have been properly covered in the final documentation; and
- (ii) confirmed the previously approved delegation arrangements (Minute 1273(iv) refers) in respect of the finalisation of the necessary documentation.