

Council: Tuesday, 5 November 2013

Non-Executive Business Item: Councillor Brian Coleman

Amendment in the name of Councillor Dean Cohen

North London Waste Authority

Paragraph 1: replace “In light of” with “Council notes”; delete all after “chaos and confusion,” and replace with “Council believes the situation raises several issues which will require examination:

Replace last paragraph (after the numbered list) with “However, Council believes it may be too soon to properly determine the outcome of such questions due to the ongoing nature of the situation. Council requests the Administration to revisit these questions at an appropriate juncture, at which time the council’s involvement with the NLWA can be effectively reviewed.”

Substantive Business Item to read:

Council notes the cancellation of the procurement project by the North London Waste Authority, which has reportedly cost the Council Tax payers of the 7 North London Boroughs £21 million, and the resulting chaos and confusion. Council believes the situation raises several issues which will require examination:

- 1) The future of the NLWA and whether it is in Barnet's best interests to remain a member or for Barnet to become a Waste Disposal Authority.
- 2) The role of the Chairman and Officers of the NLWA in driving forward the failed procurement and the advice given by the NLWA's advisors.
- 3) The future use and ownership of the Pinkham Way site in the light of the failed procurement and the continuing need for a Barnet Council depot.
- 4) The future of London Waste Ltd as a Local Authority owned company.
- 5) The robustness of the finances of the NLWA, in the light of the change of policy.
- 6) The need for waste facilities in Barnet including the proposed facility in the Brent Cross / Cricklewood development and the future of the Summers Lane site.

However, Council believes it may be too soon to properly determine the outcome of such questions due to the ongoing nature of the situation. Council requests the Administration to revisit these questions at an appropriate juncture, at which time the council’s involvement with the NLWA can be effectively reviewed.