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WESTERN RIVERSIDE WASTE AUTHORITY

MEETING	Authority Meeting on **Thursday 12th June 2025 at 6.30pm**
REPORT AUTHOR/DATE	Clerk *(Contact Hugh Peart - Tel. 07870 362243)* 19th May 2025
SUBJECT	Membership of the Authority
STATUS	Public
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None

BACKGROUND

1. Each year, the Authority's Constituent Councils advise the Authority of their appointments as its Members following their respective Annual General Meetings (AGMs), where such decisions are made.

2. As part of the Authority's AGM, these appointments are noted, and elections are made to the posts of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority for the ensuing Municipal Year.

3. Additionally, the Authority agrees a timetable of meetings for the Municipal Year.

4. The report below addresses these issues.

CONSTITUTION

5. The Authority's Constitution provides at para 1 that

   (a) The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority shall be appointed annually from among the Members.

   (b) The appointment of the Chair and Deputy Chair shall be the first business transacted at the annual meeting of the Authority

   (c) The person presiding at the commencement of the annual meeting of the Authority shall be the preceding year's Chair or, in the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair or in the absence of both another Member chosen from those present.

   At para 15 the Authority is required, at its AGM to

   (a)(vi) Nominate from its membership one Member from each of the Constituent Councils to answer questions on behalf of the Authority, put by other Members of his/her Constituent Council in the course of council proceedings.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY

6. Each of the Constituent Councils has confirmed that their appointments to the Authority are as follows:

   Hammersmith & Fulham
   Council Councillor Wesley Harcourt (Deputy Chair 2024/25) and Councillor Florian Chevoppe-Verdier

   Royal Borough Kensington and Chelsea Council
   Councillor Lloyd North (notified on 23 May) and Councillor Roberto Weeden-Sanz

   Lambeth Council
   Councillor Rezina Chowdhury (Chair 2024/25) and Councillor Jackie Meldrum

   Wandsworth Council
   Councillor Judi Gasser and Councillor Paul White (notified on 23 May)

   There is no mechanism that permits a Constituent Council to appoint a deputy or substitute Authority Member.

MEETING DATES

7. The Authority is asked to agree the dates and times of its future meetings in 2025/26 and the date of the 2026 AGM.

   From information on constituent council websites the following are recommended:

   6-30pm, ….. 14 October 2025 (Thurs) Lambeth Town Hall (Ordinary)
   6-30pm, …. 11 December 2025 (Weds) Lambeth Town Hall (Ordinary)
   6-30pm, ….. 10 February 2026 (Thurs) Lambeth Town Hall (Ordinary)
   6-30pm, …. 10 June 2026 (Thurs) Lambeth Town Hall (AGM)

APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES

8. The Authority is asked to nominate, from its membership, one Member from each of the Constituent Councils to answer questions on behalf of the Authority, put by

other Members of his/her Constituent Council in the course of council proceedings, pertaining to the discharge of the Authority's functions for the year 2025/26.

Each Constituent Council has suggested that the following be nominated for their council:

Hammersmith & Fulham: Councillor Wesley Harcourt
Kensington and Chelsea: Councillor Roberto Weeden Sanz
Lambeth Council: Councillor Rezina Chowdhury
Wandsworth Council: Councillor Judi Gasser

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. It is recommended that the Authority:

   a) Appoints a Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority for 2025/2026

   b) Notes the membership of the Authority for 2025/26

   c) Agrees the meeting dates set out above

   d) Appoints the suggested Members to be the Authority representatives to answer questions on behalf of the Authority put by other Members of their Constituent Council.

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