

## EAST LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

27 SEPTEMBER 2010

### HEAD OF OPERATIONS' REPORT

<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT – TO JULY 2010</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>
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#### 1 Purpose

1.1 To report on the general waste management issues concerning the Authority and Boroughs for the period to July 2010.

#### 2 2010/11 Performance against New National Performance Framework

2.1 The table below shows the four Boroughs' individual performance against the National Indicator Targets for NI 191 Residual household waste per household for the month of July 2010.

2.2 Points to note are :

- (a) NI 191 Residual household waste per household – Whilst Havering were the only Constituent Council to set a target with the Government Office for London (GOL) for NI 191 the table below provides a comparison of all ELWA Constituent Councils' performance for July 2010.

<b>Borough</b>	<b>Full Year NI 191 Target</b>	<b>July 2010 NI 191 Target (Kg)</b>	<b>July NI 191 Actual (Kg)</b>
LBBD	Local target 720 kg	Local target 66 kg	75 kg
LBH	776 kg	71 kg	61 kg
LBN	Local target 972 kg	Local target 89 kg	80 kg
LBR	Local target 700 kg	Local target 64 kg	61 kg

- (b) All constituent councils were required to agree targets with GOL for National Indicator 192 and the table below shows the performance for July for NI 192 Household waste recycled and composted.

- (c) All figures shown in this table are provisional figures and may be subject to change following ratification by Borough Officers.

<b>Borough</b>	<b>NI 192 Target (%)</b>	<b>NI 192 Actual (%)</b>
LBBD	31%	31.4%
LBH	33%	33.4%
LBN	27%	21.2%
LBR	30%	33.8%

- (d) 57% of the Authority's municipal waste was diverted from landfill in July. This is 3% lower than the budget figure. The reasons for the lower than anticipated performance is outlined in the contract management report elsewhere on the Agenda.

### **3 Background information**

- 3.1 Waste arisings in July were in the region of 41.6k tonnes compared to a budgeted projection of 42.5k tonnes. The year to date contractual tonnage remains above budget and is primarily due to higher commercial waste volumes.

### **4 Markets for Recyclates**

- 4.1 There have been no significant changes to the markets for recycled materials since the last report to the Authority. Further markets are being sought for SRF as outlined in the Contract Monitoring report elsewhere on the Agenda.

### **5 Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS) performance**

- 5.1 ELWA's permitted 2010/11 LATS allowance allocation is 188,263 tonnes. The increased tonnages and lower than anticipated diversion from landfill performance is putting pressure on the LATS allocation. However, greater diversion performance is expected in the coming months.

### **6 Other Waste Management Issues.**

#### London Borough of Redbridge cardboard collection trials.

- 6.1 Redbridge are currently operating a six month co-mingled paper and cardboard trial collection in two areas (high and low performing) of the borough. The purpose of the trial is to ascertain whether this type of collection, the most feasible way to incorporate cardboard into Redbridge's collection stream, would be sustainable if rolled out to all properties. The key considerations will be determining the available tonnage from the kerbside and the associated financial implications to both Redbridge and the contractor.
- 6.2 The trial began in June 2010 and after a significant initial rise in all recycling across both sites, the tonnages have dropped off but still show an increase in excess of what was expected. The latest figures to date show that the low performing area maintains a 32% increase on the pre-trial paper tonnages and the high performing

area is up 16%, with the plastic, glass and cans stream up 9% and 8% respectively. This may be due to the extra capacity provided by a second box or possibly just a short term reaction to the start of the trial – a longer term view will be needed to establish whether such an increase could be maintained across the borough.

#### London Waste and Recycling Board (LWARB)

- 6.3 The LWARB has allocated £5m of funding specifically to facilitate improved recycling for flats. There are two rounds of funding and are split £2m and £3m respectively.
- 6.4 An application has been submitted (lead by officers from Havering) for funding for LWARB to be included in the first round for funding to improve the recycling service offered to flatted properties and estates.
- 6.5 Further reports will be provided to update Members on the progress of this application.

### **7 Closed Landfills Update**

#### Wennington Farm

- 7.1 Members will recall that the Authority has entered into an option agreement with Thames Thurrock Gateway Development Corporation (TTGDC) for the potential sale of Wennington Farm.
- 7.2 Should this sale progress (which is dependant on TTGDC obtaining planning consent for the proposed development) then this should realise a potential £5m for the Authority.

#### Aveley 1

- 7.3 Officers have engaged advisors with regards to promoting and achieving best value for the Aveley 1 site.
- 7.4 At present Thurrock Council are progressing with their Local Development Framework process and representations have been made for consideration of the inclusion of the Aveley 1 site.
- 7.5 An Examination in Public (EiP) of submitted representations will be held in September 2010 and the Inspectors report is expected in October 2010.
- 7.6 In addition to this Officers are also considering other strategies for the disposal of the site.
- 7.7 Future reports will update Members on the outcome of the EiP and progress in relation to this site disposal.

Gerpins Lane

7.8 Discussions are continuing between ELWA and London Borough of Havering Officers for the transfer of this land.

Hall Farm

7.9 No further update is available on the progress of for the disposal of the site since the last meeting of the Authority.

**8 Recommendations**

8.1 It is recommended that Members:

- (a) note this report.

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**HEAD OF OPERATIONS**

<b>Appendices</b>	
A	National Indicator Table
<b>Background Papers</b>	
None	