

Minutes of the meeting of West Mercia Energy Joint Committee held at Westgate, Bridgnorth Monday 24 June 2013 at 11.00am.

Members Present:

Herefordshire Council	P Price (Chairman)
Shropshire Council	S Charmley M Owen
Telford & Wrekin Council	A England
Worcestershire County Council	A I Hardman

Officers Present:

West Mercia Energy	N Evans
Grant Thornton	G Patterson J Hill
Shropshire Council	J Walton N Denton C Pilawski K Hall E Marshall
Worcestershire County Council	M Howard
Telford and Wrekin	D. Sidaway

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr B McClements, Mr S Charmley, Mr J Smith and Mr D Powell

2. NAMED SUBSTITUTIONS

Mr A England was in attendance as a substitute of Mr B McClements

3. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2013 be approved as a

correct record.

5. FINANCIAL RESULTS 2012/13 AND STATUTORY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2012/13

J Walton (Treasurer) presented the report, stating that the Audit Committee had received the Accounts and were satisfied. The Accounts would be finalised in September.

RESOLVED:

That the Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2013 be noted.

That the Annual Governance Statement be noted.

6. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A)(A4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they might involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

7. EXEMPT MINUTES

(The full version of Minute 7 constitutes exempt information under the Access to Information Rules and has accordingly been withheld from publication.)

RESOLVED: That the Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2013 be approved as a correct record.

8. WEST MERCIA ENERGY TRADING PERFORMANCE 2012/13

(The full version of Minute 8 constitutes exempt information under the Access to Information Rules and has accordingly been withheld from publication.)

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

9. WEST MERCIA ENERGY TRADING PERFORMANCE TO DATE 2013/2014

(The full version of Minute 9 constitutes exempt information under the Access to Information Rules and has accordingly been withheld from publication.)

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

10. FLEXIBLE ENERGY SUB-COMMITTEE

(The full version of Minute 10 constitutes exempt information under the Access to Information Rules and has accordingly been withheld from publication.)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings of the Flexible Energy

Management Panel held on 4th January 2013 and 13th March 2013 be received.

11. ENERGY GOVERNANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, RISK AND REPORTING POLICY

(The full version of Minute 11 constitutes exempt information under the Access to Information Rules and has accordingly been withheld from publication.)

RESOLVED: That the Energy Governance, Accountability, Risk and Reporting Policy for West Mercia Energy be approved.

12. COMMITTEE CONSIDERATIONS

(The full version of Minute 12 constitutes exempt information under the Access to Information Rules and has accordingly been withheld from publication.)

RESOLVED: That the suspension of the Audit Committee be approved, with all Audit business being covered by the Joint Committee which will sit in February and September each year. This arrangement would be reviewed in twelve months time.

13. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

(The full version of Minute 13 constitutes exempt information under the Access to Information Rules and has accordingly been withheld from publication.)

RESOLVED: That the Financial Regulations for West Mercia Energy be approved.

14. STANDING ORDERS

(The full version of Minute 14 constitutes exempt information under the Access to Information Rules and has accordingly been withheld from publication.)

RESOLVED: That the Standing orders for West Mercia Energy be approved.

15. SCHEME OF DELEGATION

(The full version of Minute 15 constitutes exempt information under the Access to Information Rules and has accordingly been withheld from publication.)

RESOLVED: That the Scheme of Delegation for West Mercia Energy be approved.

16. CREDIT MANAGEMENT POLICY

(The full version of Minute 16 constitutes exempt information under the Access to Information Rules and has accordingly been withheld from publication.)

RESOLVED: That the Credit Management Policy for West Mercia Energy be approved.

17. RISK MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS CONTINUTY ARRANGEMENTS

(The full version of Minute 17 constitutes exempt information under the Access to Information Rules and has accordingly been withheld from publication.)

RESOLVED: That the new Risk Management Strategy, Risk Register and Business Recovery Plan be approved.

18 COUNTER FRAUD, BRIBERY AND ANTI CORRUPTION POLICY AND STAFF WISTLEBLOWING POLICY

(The full version of Minute 18 constitutes exempt information under the Access to Information Rules and has accordingly been withheld from publication.)

RESOLVED: That Shropshire Council's Counter Fraud, Bribery & Anti-corruption Policy and Staff Whistleblowing Policy be adopted for West Mercia Energy, to include the use of the Shropshire Council Whistleblowing Hotline.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: The Committee noted that following the decision taken to suspend the Audit Committee, the meeting on 23rd September would be a Joint Committee meeting only and would start at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Westgate, Bridgnorth