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**Dear Member** 

I look forward to welcoming Members to the Institution's forthcoming AGM on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 1.15pm in Lecture Room 1, The Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PE during the lunch break on Day 1 of our Annual Conference. The AGM is an important forum for Trustees to report formally to Members about the Institution's activities and achievements, and I would encourage you to attend if possible.

One of the documents to be considered will be the Trustees Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013. These financial statements report that the principal activities resulted in a deficit of £226,351; this was ameliorated by realised and unrealised gains on the Institution's investments to a retained deficit of £91,029. This is a disappointing result for the year but it has been impacted significantly by the commitment and investment that Trustees have made during 2013 into the extension and development of services for members and others within the waste and resource management sectors and also more widely for the general public benefit. In particular developments have been progressed in the training services and products including bespoke courses and online training.

Trustees are pleased that that investment and work is already showing results and benefits for members at this early point in 2014. I would draw your attention in particular to the CIWM Knowledge Hub which was launched in early March. I am delighted to be able to tell you that both it and the e-learning version of the Waste Smart Foundation level course are generating strong interest and I would encourage you to view them if you have not already done so.

If you are able to attend the AGM, please do make yourself known to myself, other Trustees and Institution staff.

Yours sincerely

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David Beadle President