



MERSEYSIDE WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY

Proposal for an Executive Decision

ISSUE TO BE DECIDED	
To apportion the additional cost of the Strategic Review agreed by Members at the Authority meeting on 23 rd September 2016 through the existing levy apportionment mechanism.	
REF NUMBER	DATE GENERATED
ED_01_16	27 th September 2016
PORTFOLIO AREA	Finance
PORTFOLIO HOLDER	Chair and Deputy Chair
REPORTING OFFICER	Carl Beer
IS THE REPORT PRIVATE	No
IF YES, STATE RELEVANT PARAGRAPH UNDER SECTIONS 100 AND 100A TO 100K OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972	
SUPPORTING FACTS UPON WHICH THE PROPOSED DECISION IS BASED	
<p>At an Authority meeting on 23rd September 2016, Members agreed to fund the Strategic Review commissioned by the Leader of the Combined Authority and Leaders of all City Region Councils.</p> <p>The report to that meeting (WDA/20/16) set out how the additional cost would be funded from the General Reserve Fund, and Members agreed to grant delegated powers to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair and Treasurer, to transfer funds to meet the costs of the Strategic Review up to a maximum of £250,000.</p> <p>Members were informed that this use of the General Reserve Fund would reduce the amount of balances available in the future, and Members were presented with options on how the cost of the Strategic Review might be apportioned. Members agreed at the Authority meeting to defer a decision to allow time to consult with all parties.</p> <p>The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair, has subsequently sought views from political leaders across the City Region, and is proposing that cost of the Strategic Review be apportioned using the existing levy apportionment mechanism.</p>	
LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS	
There are no legal implications associated with this proposal.	

SPECIFY ANY AUTHORITY POLICY RELATING TO THE ISSUE

The levy mechanism was established by unanimous agreement of the five Merseyside constituent councils.

SPECIFY ANY RELEVANT NATIONAL OR REGIONAL GUIDANCE**OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

The report to the Authority on 23rd September 2016 (WDA/20/16) set out an alternative option, however, following discussions with all parties, an apportionment based on the existing levy apportionment mechanism is proposed.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no resource implications associated with this proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Authority has agreed to fund the strategic review from its General Fund. The majority of the funds were already due to be recovered via the levy mechanism, the additional sum of £20,000 mentioned in the Authority report of 23rd September 2016 will now also be recovered via the same mechanism.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The Authority has established its support of the Merseyside and Halton Partnership by agreeing to fund the Strategic Review which aims to improve waste collection and disposal across the City Region. Agreement on the method of apportionment allows the review to progress quickly and effectively.

IMPLICATIONS IN ANY OTHER AREAS OF THE AUTHORITY'S ACTIVITIES

No implications.

PROPOSED DECISION AND SUPPORTED REASONING

It is proposed that the apportionment of the additional cost of the Strategic Review be made through the existing levy mechanism to support the delivery of the review outcomes through partnership working.

RECORD OF CONSULTATION		
CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO THIS PROPOSAL INCLUDING DETAILS OF VIEWS RECEIVED		
	DATE CONSULTED	DEADLINE DATE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE FEEDBACK	N/A	
Signature and Date		
PORTFOLIO HOLDER FEEDBACK	27 th Sept 2016	
Signature and Date	Chief Executive has discussed the proposal with the Chair and Deputy Chair.	
MWDA MEMBERS AND SENIOR OFFICERS FEEDBACK	27 th Sept 2016	4 th Oct 2016
Called in by one Member, requires two for decision to be called in.		
DECISION CALLED IN?	NO	
IF YES, DATE OF AUTHORITY MEETING		
DATE DECISION IMPLEMENTED	With immediate effect	