

FORWARD PLAN

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Introduction

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Authority publishes a "Forward Plan" of "Key Decisions".

The Forward Plan is published on a six weekly basis to match the Authority's meeting cycle and covers key issues to be dealt with in the subsequent three months. It is a publicly available document and its purpose is to reinforce the openness and accountability of the Authority's decision-making process.

The Plan seeks to anticipate the issues that will be the subject of a Key Decision during that period. For each item the Plan includes:

- The item's title and a short description of the decision being sought.
- An indication of who will be making the decision.
- The Scrutiny arrangements for the decision.
- An indication of when the decision is expected to be made. This may be a specific date i.e. the date of a meeting, or a period during which the decision is likely to be made.
- A list of Supporting Papers. These will be documents which the decision-maker(s) will consider or take into account when making the decision.
- An indication of what consultation will take place on the item which is the subject of the proposed decision. This will include an indication as to who will be consulted (i.e. principal groups and organisations) and how that consultation will be conducted.
- An indication of how and to whom representations should be made on the item.

Within the Plan, the items are listed in the chronological order in which it is anticipated that the decisions will be made.

The decision in respect of each key decision is recorded in the minutes for the relevant meeting which are approved at the subsequent meeting of the Authority and are open for inspection at the Authority Offices and on the Authority's web site.

Definition of a Key Decision

The definition of a Key Decision is set out in the Authority's Constitution. It is as follows:-

A Key Decision is an executive decision:-

- (i) incurring expenditure or making savings which are financially significant, unless the specific expenditure or saving has previously been agreed by the Authority; or
- (ii) which, in the view of the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairperson, is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in Merseyside.

A decision will be considered financially significant if:-

- a) in the case of revenue expenditure, it results in incurring expenditure or making savings of £250,000 or greater;
- b) in the case of capital expenditure, the capital expenditure/savings are in excess of £1 Million;

unless the specific expenditure or savings have previously been agreed by the Authority or have been taken in line with the Authority's Financial Management Policy.

In determining whether a decision is significant in terms of its effect on communities, the Chief Executive and lead Member will give consideration to:-

- a) the number of residents/service users/District Council areas that will be affected:
- b) whether the impact is short term, long term or permanent;
- c) the impact on the community in terms of the economic, social and environmental well-being.

Decision-Makers

Key Decisions will be made by the Authority or its committees where relevant powers have been delegated. A report will be submitted to the relevant meeting on each key decision, and Members will also consider, where necessary, any report which has been 'called-in' under the Authority's scrutiny arrangements.

Consultation

The Chief Executive, in taking decisions under delegated powers, will consult with the relevant Authority Members and other key stakeholders, in accordance with those identified in the Forward Plan.

Authority Meetings

The Authority will meet formally approximately every six weeks. Meeting dates are published on the web site www.merseysidewda.gov.uk. Each Authority meeting will be in two parts. The first part of the meeting will consider the Key Decisions contained in the Forward Plan, and any other matters determined by the Chairman. The second part of the meeting will be made available for any scrutiny discussions.

The current schedule of meetings is as follows:

13th September 2013 (Special)

27th September 2013

29th November 2013

31st January 2014 (Budget and Ordinary Meeting)

25th April 2014

Scrutiny Arrangements

Two Members of the Authority may request that the Chairman place a delegated decision matter on the Agenda of an Authority regular meeting as a 'scrutiny item'.

Information Reports

The Authority will periodically publish information reports about its Policies, Strategies and Performance on the web site www.merseysidewda.gov.uk

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Item for consideration	RRC Legal u	pdate			
File Reference	K79-13				
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Private				
Decision Maker	Full Authorit	у			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	✓	
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	The Authority is asked to make a decision that is beyond the delegated Authority of officers				
Scrutiny area	Financial				
Date for decision	13th September 2013				
List of Background Papers for consideration	N/A				
Risk Management Implications	Without a decision the Authority risks delay and uncertainty over how to proceed – which may increase costs substantially				
Prior consultation	N/A				
Representations		r by email to Pe s@merseyside			

Item for consideration	Community Fund 2013-14 (Funding Approval)				
File Reference	K73-13				
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public				
Decision Maker	Full Authorit	у			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial Community Other – please specify				
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	To consider and approve applications to be funded through the Community Fund 2013-14.				
Scrutiny area	Strategy				
Date for decision	13 th September 2013				
List of Background Papers for consideration	Community Fund 2013/14 (WDA 12/13)				
Risk Management Implications	Failure to demonstrate value for money. Failure of applications for Community Fund to meet the aims and objectives or assessment criteria and therefore is not successful for allocation of funding.				
Prior consultation	MRWA & VES Evaluation Team. Members (WDA 12/13)				
Representations		Stuart Donaldso)	

Item for consideration	Performance Report Q1 2013/14				
File Reference	K70-13				
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public				
Decision Maker	Full Authorit	у			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial Community Impact Other – please specify Governance				
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	Authority Members consider the report on performance and determine, where relevant, the actions required to improve performance.				
Scrutiny area	Governance				
Date for decision	27 th September 2013				
List of Background Papers for consideration	None				
Risk Management Implications	Failure to manage performance risks non-achievement of targets				
Prior consultation					
Representations		Mandy Valentine tine@merseysion	•		

Item for consideration	External Audit – Report to those charged with Governance					
File Reference	K76-13					
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public					
Decision Maker	Full Authorit	у				
Key Decision Criteria	Financial Community Other – please specify					
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria		work to those o	uired to report the charged with go			
Scrutiny area	Finance					
Date for decision	27 th September, 2013					
List of Background Papers for consideration	N/A					
Risk Management Implications	The authority's accounts and governance require external audit – without it potential weaknesses may go unrecognised.					
Prior consultation	n/a					
Representations	_	Peter Williams o s@merseyside	•			

Item for consideration	Statement of Accounts				
File Reference	K77-13				
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public				
Decision Maker	Full Authorit	У			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial Community Other – please specify				
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	The Authority's annual statement of accounts must be approved by those charged with governance – in this case the Authority.				
Scrutiny area	Finance				
Date for decision	27 th September, 2013				
List of Background Papers for consideration	n/a				
Risk Management Implications	Unless the statement is approved then the Authority fails to meet the statutory reporting requirements				
Prior consultation	n/a				
Representations	_	eter Williams o s@merseyside	-		

Item for consideration	Internal Audit – Report on Capital Programme				
File Reference	K78-13				
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public				
Decision Maker	Full Authorit	у			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial Community Other − please specify				
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	The internal auditor's reports are presented to those charged with governance, in this case the Authority, so that they understand the work of Internal Audit and the strengths and weaknesses of governance arrangements				
Scrutiny area	Finance				
Date for decision	27 th September, 2013				
List of Background Papers for consideration	n/a				
Risk Management Implications	Governance may be weakened if the Authority Members do not review internal audit's findings				
Prior consultation	n/a				
Representations	_	Peter Williams o s@merseyside	=		

Item for consideration	Apprentices	hips			
File Reference	K74-13				
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public				
Decision Maker	Full Authorit	y			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial Community Other – please specify				
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	To consider and approve funding for waste management modules in district apprenticeship schemes.				
Scrutiny area	Strategy and	Resources			
Date for decision	27 th September, 2013				
List of Background Papers for consideration	NA				
Risk Management Implications	 Failure to engage with partners and stakeholders; Failure to recognise the impact of the economic and political environment. 				
Prior consultation	Senior Officers Working Group				
Representations			n or by email to idewda.gov.uk)	

MERSEYSIDE WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY

KEY DECISION SHEET

Item for consideration	Redevelopment of Ravenhead HWRC, Burtonhead Road, St. Helens				
File Reference	K79-13				
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Private				
Decision Maker	Full Authorit	у			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial ✓	Community Impact	Other – please specify		
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	To seek approval to the detail of the redevelopment of Ravenhead HWRC, Burtonhead Road and to the acquisition of additional land from the adjacent landowner.				
Scrutiny area	Finance				
Date for decision	27 th September 2013				
List of Background Papers for consideration	None				
Risk Management Implications	Failure to acquire the additional land from Biffa will prevent the site being redeveloped in accordance with the Authority's planned programme.				
Prior consultation	Capital Strategy Group				
Representations		r by email to Ly @merseysidew			

Item for consideration	Treasurers Indemnity			
File Reference	K80-13			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	Indemnifying an officer requires Authority approval			
Scrutiny area	Procurement			
Date for decision	27 th September, 2013			
List of Background Papers for consideration	None			
Risk Management Implications	In order to execute the RRC the Authority Treasurer need to be put in a position where his personal liabilities are managed appropriately.			
Prior consultation	Treasurer			
Representations	In writing to or by email to Neil Ferris Neil.Ferris@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

Item for consideration	Resource Recovery Contract (RRC) Procurement			
File Reference	K81-13			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Private			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial 🗸	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	The Authority must make a decision about how to progress the RRC			
Scrutiny area	Finance			
Date for decision	27 th September 2013			
List of Background Papers for consideration	None			
Risk Management Implications	The Authority needs to make a decision which has a significant financial consequence			
Prior consultation	N/A			
Representations	In writing to or by email to Peter Williams peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

Item for consideration	Corporate Plan 2013 Review			
File Reference	K72-13			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	Governance
Reason for meeting	To seek Members' approval of a revised Corporate			
Key Decision Criteria	Plan.			
Scrutiny area	Governance			
Date for decision	29 th November 2013			
List of Background Papers for consideration				
Risk Management	Failure to set priorities and manage the future direction			
Implications	of the Authority.			
Prior consultation				
Representations	In writing to Mandy Valentine or by email to Mandy.Valentine@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

Item for consideration	Performance Report Q2 2013/14			
File Reference	K71-13			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	Governance
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	Authority Members consider the report on performance and determine, where relevant, the actions required to improve performance			
Scrutiny area	Governance			
Date for decision	29 th November 2013			
List of Background Papers for consideration				
Risk Management Implications	Failure to manage performance risks non-achievement of targets			
Prior consultation				
Representations	In writing to Mandy Valentine or by email to Mandy.Valentine@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

Item for consideration	Recycling Performance & Carbon Targets			
File Reference	K75-13			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial Community Other - Environm			
		Impact	please	ental
		✓	specify	✓
	✓			
Reason for meeting	To consider	the direction of	f travel of recy	cling policy
Key Decision Criteria	-		arbon economy	y to achieve
	the Merseyside 2020 recycling target.			
Scrutiny area	Strategy and Resources			
Date for decision	29 th November, 2013			
List of Background	Discussion Paper for MRWA Members (Strategic			
Papers for	Issues – Exploiting Opportunities – Recycling)			
consideration				
Risk Management	Failure to engage with partners, contractors and			
Implications	stakeholders;			
	2. Failure to implement the JRWMS;			
	3. Failure to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change.			
Prior consultation	Discussion Paper as above (October 2012)			
	JRWMS consultation (Summer 2011)			
Representations	In writing to Stuart Donaldson or by email to			
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