

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority

**At a meeting of the Authority
held on Friday 15th April 2005**

Present: Councillor Fletcher
Councillor Swann
Councillor Oglethorpe
Councillor Tattersall
Councillor Small
Councillor Cluskey
Councillor Salter
Councillor Moseley

34. **Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Carole Hudson, Clerk to the Authority.

35. **Declaration of Interest by Members and Officers**

Councillor Swann declared a prejudicial interest in items 10 and 12, recorded here as resolutions 43 and 45, in his role as a Non-Executive Director of Mersey Waste Holdings Limited.

36. **Minutes of Meeting held on 28th January 2005**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2004 be approved and signed as a correct record.

37. **Annual Meeting and Timetable of Meetings 2005/06
WDA/11/05**

A report was submitted requesting that the Authority set a date for its Annual Meeting for 2005/06 and a programme of meetings throughout the year.

Resolved that:

1. the Annual Meeting take place on 24th June 2005 with further meetings on 14th October 2005, 3rd February 2006 (Budget and Ordinary) and 21st April 2006; and

2. delegated powers of the Authority be granted to the Clerk to the Authority to make any future alterations to the timetable of meetings as deemed appropriate, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Authority.

38. **DEFRA Position Statement**
Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Merseyside
WDA/13/05

A report was considered which informed Members of progress being made on the development of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Merseyside (JMWMS) and seeking approval to a Position Statement to be submitted to DEFRA.

Resolved that:

1. the JMWMS DEFRA Position Statement attached to the report be approved; and
2. the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Merseyside be presented to Members for approval at the meeting of the Authority to be held on 24th June 2005.

39. **Corporate Plan 2005/06**
WDA/15/05

A report was submitted seeking Members views on a draft Corporate Plan which proposed a set of key aims and objectives by which the Authority would manage its performance.

Resolved that the Authority's Aims and Objectives be approved.

40. **Bidston Moss – Draft Lease Agreement between MWDA and the Forestry Commission**
WDA/14/05

A report was submitted informing Members of progress in the development of the Community Woodland at the former Bidston Moss Landfill Site. The report sought approval to enter into a 99 year lease with the Forestry Commission for the long-term management of the community woodland.

Resolved that:

1. the progress in establishing the Community Woodland at Bidston Moss be noted;

2. the Authority enter into a 99 year lease with the Forestry Commission for the long term management of the community woodland;
3. the Director be authorised to finalise the lease; and
4. a controlled opening of the community woodland to the public in 2005 be approved subject to the Authority finalising the risk management and health and safety issues at the site.

41. **Audit Plan 2005/06**
WDA/16/05

The Authority's Audit Manager presented Members with the Audit Plan to be undertaken by the Audit Commission in 2005/06. The plan included new areas of audit in line with the new Code of Practice.

Resolved that the Audit Plan 2005/06 be approved.

42. **Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items for the reason stated.

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)</u>
43, 44 & 45	Exempt information concerning the financial affairs of a particular company (Paragraph 7 of Schedule 12A)

Councillor Swann declared a prejudicial interest in the following item, recorded herewith as Minute 43, and in accordance with the Code of Conduct, withdrew from the meeting.

43. **Key Procurement Risks**
WDA/12/05

A report was submitted informing Members of the significant corporate risks which have been identified by the Procurement Group as part of the main contract procurement for waste management.

Resolved that the recommendations in the report be approved.

44. **New Technology Demonstrator Programme**
WDA/17/05

A report was submitted informing Members of the development of a waste technology demonstrator plant supported by DEFRA. The report sought approval to capital funding required for infrastructure development.

Resolved that:

1. In principle approval be given for the Authority to enter into partnership with DEFRA, the North West Development Agency, Liverpool City Council, Mersey Waste Holdings Limited and Fairport Engineering Limited to develop a project to build a Complex Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) at Gillmoss, Liverpool as part of the DEFRA New Technologies Demonstrator Programme. The project aims to demonstrate the ability of the MRF to divert Biodegradable Waste from landfill disposal and to utilise the facility for a range of research and development initiatives with additional waste streams;
2. in principle approval be given to the commitment of capital funding to the project to fund the essential infrastructure for a waste treatment plant; and
3. the Director report the full Project Plan including risk register and financial plan to the Authority at the earliest opportunity.

Councillor Swann declared a prejudicial interest in the following item, recorded herewith as Minute 43, and in accordance with the Code of Conduct, withdrew from the meeting.

45. **Mersey Waste Holdings Limited**
Annual General Meeting
WDA/19/05

A report was submitted informing Members of that the Annual General Meeting of Mersey Waste Holdings Limited will take place on 27th April 2005, and seeking nominations for representatives to attend the meeting.

Resolved that:

1. the Director and the Chairman (or his nominee) represent the Authority at the company's AGM;

2. subject to the amendments highlighted at the meeting, a list of questions be forwarded for submission for the AGM; and
3. Members be informed of the outcome of the AGM and the response to the questions presented.