

Programme of Key Dates and Milestones for Planning



Provision of Professional Planning Advisor Services

Merseyside Joint Waste Management Strategy
Procurement Project

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The Merseyside Waste Development Plan Document (Waste DPD) is currently being developed jointly by the five boroughs of Liverpool, Sefton, Wirral, Knowsley and St Helens. The timescales for this land development document is such that adoption is planned for 2010. Under the Merseyside Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) MWDA are to provide facilities to process the municipal solid waste (MSW) arisings phased to meet the requirements of the Landfill Directive in order to divert waste away from landfill. The timescales for the delivery of these facilities is such that the planning and sites acquisition process will necessarily be in advance of the Waste DPD process.

In order to address the need to make planning applications in advance of the Waste DPD it is the intention of MWDA to develop a strategy and align this with the Waste DPD as far as reasonably practical. To this end detailed below is a schedule of the key milestones during the MWDA planning and sites acquisition phase and how this aligns to the Waste DPD development process.

Note: Items in bold are Waste DPD activities or MWDA activities seeking alignment with Waste DPD.

	Activity	Date
1	Consultation undertaken with Waste DPD concerning programme for implementation.	January 2006
2	Approval received from Waste DPD for the Criteria Based Screening Methodology for searching for sites for MSW facilities	February 2006
3	Draft Waste Interim Position Statement prepared by Waste DPD.	February 2006
4	Preparation of Draft MWDA Planning Strategy Documents: MWDA Planning Strategy Document Sites Deliverability Assessment Programme of Key Dates	February 2006
5	Plugging of information gaps in Broad Site Search report data.	Feb – March 2006
6	Discuss results of information gaps plugging exercise and Draft Sites Deliverability Assessment report with Waste DPD.	March 2006
7	Submission of OBC to DEFRA.	April 2006

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8	Screening of sites using the approved Criteria Based Screening Methodology. Portfolio of sites derived for various sized facilities.	April 2006
9	Feedback results of Criteria Based Screening Methodology to Waste DPD	April 2006
10	Further screening of portfolio of sites using the Sites Deliverability Assessment report to determine preferred sites for each type of waste management process.	April 2006
11	Feedback results of preferred sites and final screening process to Waste DPD.	May 2006
12	Commence initial discussions with District Planning Officers regarding the preferred sites.	May 2006
13	Commence environmental survey work on preferred sites.	May 2006
14	Prepare planning applications for all sites. Applications phased to suit required timescales for the facilities procurement process.	May – November 2006
15	District approval of Draft Waste DPD Issues & Options Report.	December 2006
16	Approvals expected on planning applications.	March – August 2007
17	District Approval of Waste DPD Preferred Options report	November 2007
18	Select Preferred Bidder for PFI Contract.	November 2007