

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 decisionmaker(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:-

- 1. incurring expenditure or making savings in excess of £250,000, unless the specific expenditure or saving has previously been agreed by the Authority, or
- 2. Is, in the view of the Director, in consultation with the lead Member significant in terms of its effects 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 Director 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 Director, 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:

27th November 2009 5th February 2010 (Budget and ordinary meeting) 16th April 2010

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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Review of existing HWRC site provision on Merseyside	K12_10	Sites & Planning	Withdrawn from Forward Plan. Not to be reported until Review has been completed	Lyn Fairhurst

ITEM FOR	Director's Appraisal				
CONSIDERATION	K22 00				
FILE REF	K23_09				
DECISION MAKER	Full Authority				
	Financial?	Community	Other –		
KEY DECISION	Value for Money is reliant	Impact?	Please		
CRITERIA	on outcomes. Performance		Specify		
	management is therefore a				
	key mechanism for				
	delivering VFM The Director's Performance	and thereby hi	s impact on		
REASON FOR	the whole Authority's servi				
MEETING KEY	Governance issue for t				
DECISION CRITERIA	engagement in and subsection	,			
	regarding the Head of				
	produced through indepe				
	challenge is therefore a key mechanism by which the				
	Authority holds its most senior member of staff				
	accountable.				
SCRUTINY AREA	Corporate Governance				
DATE/ PERIOD FOR	5 th February 2010				
DECISION	Salaga Davious				
LIST OF	Solace Review				
BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR					
CONSIDERATION					
RISK MANAGEMENT	Independent Review of the D	irector reduces	<u> </u>		
IMPLICATIONS	Governance risks for the Auth				
	Director in identifying key organisational priorities and				
	operational risks.				
PRIOR	The Director has been consulted and agreed to the				
CONSULTATION	process.				
DEDDEOENTATIONS	In writing to Neil Ferris or by				
REPRESENTATIONS	neil.ferris@merseysidewda.g	<u>ov.uk</u>			

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION	Annual Meeting and Timetable of Authority Meetings				
FILE REF	K01_10				
DECISION MAKER	Full Autho	rity			
KEY DECISION CRITERIA	Financial?	Community Impact? X	Other - Please State:	Requirement to set AGM	
REASON FOR MEETING KEY DECISION CRITERIA	To set the date of the Annual Meeting of the Authority and identify an appropriate timetable of meetings for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year				
SCRUTINY AREA	Corporate Governance				
DATE/ PERIOD FOR DECISION	5 th February 2010				
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION	None				
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	Statutory requirement to set a date for the Authority's Annual Meeting which must take place on or before 30 th June each year.				
PRIOR CONSULTATION	None				
REPRESENTATIONS		Mandy Valentine	•		

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION	Revenue Budget 2010/11					
	K02_10					
DECISION MAKER	Full Autho	rity				
KEY DECISION CRITERIA	Financial?	Financial? Community Other - Impact? Please				
CRITERIA	Yes	Yes	State:			
REASON FOR MEETING KEY DECISION CRITERIA		Identify the spending plan for 2010-11 to 2012-13 and in particular set the waste disposal levy for 2010-11				
SCRUTINY AREA	Corporate G	Corporate Governance				
DATE/ PERIOD FOR DECISION	5 th February	5 th February 2010				
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION	Budget Working Papers					
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	Failure to meet statutory requirement in respect of setting the levy					
PRIOR CONSULTATION	None					
REPRESENTATIONS		Peter Williams o s@merseysidev		0		

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION	Gilmoss MRF: provision of electricity supply and substation					
FILE REF	K04_10					
DECISION MAKER	FULL AUT	HORITY				
KEY DECISION CRITERIA	Financial? Yes	Impact? Please				
REASON FOR MEETING KEY DECISION CRITERIA	To agree the course of action being proposed by the Director regarding the provision of an electrical supply to the site by Scottish Power.					
SCRUTINY AREA	SITES AND PLANNING					
DATE/ PERIOD FOR DECISION	5 th February 2010					
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION						
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	Delays in providing an electrical supply will setback the full operation of the MRF and subsequent development of the proposed IVC facility.					
PRIOR CONSULTATION						
REPRESENTATIONS	_	ynton Fairhurst merseysidewd	•	to		

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ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION	Relocation of Formby HWRC			
FILE REF	K13_10			
DECISION MAKER	FULL AUT	HORITY		
L/EV/ DEGIGION	Financial?	Community	Other -	
KEY DECISION CRITERIA	Yes	Impact? Yes	Please State:	
REASON FOR MEETING KEY DECISION CRITERIA	To seek Members approval to the relocation of Formby HWRC.			
SCRUTINY AREA	SITES AND	D PLANNING	1	
DATE/ PERIOD FOR DECISION	5 th February 2010			
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION				
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	Lost opportunity to acquire an improved HWRC within the immediate location of the existing facility.			
PRIOR CONSULTATION			•	
REPRESENTATIONS		ynton Fairhurs merseysidewd		to

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION	RESOURCE RECOVERY CONTRACT, PROGRESS REPORT				
FILE REF	K06 10				
DECISION MAKER	Full Authorit	зу			
KEY DECISION CRITERIA	Financial?	Impact? Please			
REASON FOR MEETING KEY DECISION CRITERIA	Major contract procurement with financial impact on Levy mechanism.				
SCRUTINY AREA	Procurement				
DATE/ PERIOD FOR DECISION	5 th February 2010				
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION	Nov 2009 RRC ISDS Stage Evaluation report.				
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	Management of a high risk issue for the Authority.				
PRIOR CONSULTATION					
REPRESENTATIONS		erry Bradley or merseysidewo			

ITEM FOR	Historic landfill liability including Sefton Meadows			
CONSIDERATION	Part IIa			
FILE REF	K05_10			
DECISION MAKER	Full Authorit	у		
	Financial?	Community	Other –	Environmen
KEY DECISION		Impact?	Please	tal
CRITERIA	Yes	Yes	Specify	
		ant permission		•
REASON FOR		vhether the A	,	`
MEETING KEY	•	ody) for the af		
DECISION CRITERIA	_	former munici	•	
	Merseyside area. This investigation will include a			
	review the Authority's liability for Sefton Meadows			
	former landfill	sites.		
SCRUTINY AREA	Planning and	d Environment	al	
DATE/ PERIOD FOR				
DECISION	16 th April 201	0		
LIST OF	none			
BACKGROUND				
PAPERS FOR				
CONSIDERATION				
RISK MANAGEMENT	Failure to pro	perly investigate	e the potentia	Il liability for
IMPLICATIONS	_	lead the Autho		•
	to carry out remedial works under Part IIa of the			
	Environmenta	al Protection Ac	t (1990).	
PRIOR	None			
CONSULTATION				
	_	alvin Stockton	•)
REPRESENTATIONS	Calvin.Stockto	on@merseyside	ewda.gov.uk	

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION	Household Waste Recycling Centres: Review of Commercial Vehicle Permit Scheme trial and phased implementation across remaining HWRC's			
FILE REF	K07_10			
DECISION MAKER	Full Authority			
KEY DECISION CRITERIA	Financial?	Community Impact? Y	Other – Please Specify	
REASON FOR MEETING KEY DECISION CRITERIA	To report to Members findings of the CVPS trial at the three HWRC's on the Wirral and to seek Members approval to implement the CVPS at all remaining HWRC's across Merseyside.			
SCRUTINY AREA	Contracts	·		
DATE/ PERIOD FOR DECISION	16 th April 2010			
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION	None			
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	Failure to continue with the CVPS and implement it across all HWRC's would result in a failure to prevent Commercial and Industrial wastes from being illegally deposited at the HWRC's which cause detriment to the service and impose significant and unnecessary additional cost to the Authority			
PRIOR CONSULTATION	None			
REPRESENTATIONS	In writing to Jeff Sears or by email to jeff.sears@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION	Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Review Issues and Options			
	K08_10			
DECISION MAKER	Full Authority			
KEY DECISION CRITERIA	Financial? Yes	Community Impact? Yes	Other - Please State:	
REASON FOR MEETING KEY DECISION CRITERIA	To agree the list of issues and options to be taken forward for further analysis in the JMWMS Review.			
SCRUTINY AREA	Strategy and Forward Planning			
DATE/ PERIOD FOR DECISION	16 th April 2010			
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION	Final Interim report on Issues and Options.			
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	Failure to engage partners and stakeholders Failure to maintain a robust and sustainable JMWMS			
PRIOR CONSULTATION	MWDA Management Team, Member and Senior Officer Workshops and JMWMS Review Steering Group.			
REPRESENTATIONS	In writing to Stuart Donaldson or by email to stuart.donaldson@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION	Corporate Plan 2010-2013 Service Plans 2010/11			
	K10_10			
DECISION MAKER	Full Authority			
KEY DECISION CRITERIA	Financial?	Community Impact? Yes	Other - Please State:	
REASON FOR MEETING KEY DECISION CRITERIA	Determines the Authority's Corporate Aims and Objectives and identifies the key projects in the coming year required to deliver improved performance.			
SCRUTINY AREA	Strategy and Forward Planning			
DATE/ PERIOD FOR DECISION	16 th April 2010			
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION				
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	poo 2. Fai ine 3. Cle	lure to set clear or corporate gover lure to plan and fficient and inef ear planning will gage Members,	vernance I prioritise w fective use o improve pe	ill lead to of resources rformance and
PRIOR CONSULTATION	MWDA Management Team and staff			
REPRESENTATIONS	In writing to Mandy Valentine or by email to mandy.valentine@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION	Code of Corporate Governance and Statement of Internal Control			
	K09_10			
DECISION MAKER	Full Authority			
	Financial?	Community	Other –	Corporate
KEY DECISION CRITERIA		Impact?	Please Specify	Governance
REASON FOR		Statement of Ir		
MEETING KEY	the annual Co	ode of Corporat	e Governance	e review.
DECISION CRITERIA				
SCRUTINY AREA	Corporate Governance			
DATE/ PERIOD FOR DECISION	June 2010			
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION	None			
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	Failure to review corporate governance and internal control arrangements is a statutory requirement and may lead to weaknesses in the direction and control of the Authority's functions.			
PRIOR CONSULTATION	Primary Assu	rance Group		
REPRESENTATIONS	In writing to Mandy Valentine or by email to mandy.valentine@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION	Review of existing HWRC site provision on Merseyside			
FILE REF	K12_10			
DECISION MAKER	FULL AUTHORITY			
KEY DECISION CRITERIA	Financial? Yes	Community Impact? Yes	Other - Please State:	
REASON FOR MEETING KEY DECISION CRITERIA	To review the previous assessment approved in 2006 for the provision of additional HWRC facilities on Merseyside to take account of current circumstances and needs.			
SCRUTINY AREA	SITES AND PLANNING			
DATE/ PERIOD FOR DECISION	Withdrawn from Forward Plan. Not to be reported until Review has been completed			
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION				
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	That the assessment previously undertaken does not properly reflect current needs.			
PRIOR CONSULTATION				
REPRESENTATIONS	In writing to Lynton Fairhurst or by email to lyn.fairhurst@merseysidewda.gov.uk			