

Appendix 4. Environmental Policy

Since its creation in 1986, MWDA has been responsible for providing Household Waste Recycling Centres and waste disposal services for the district councils and residents of Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral, via its contractors. The Authority manages its activities from two floors within a Liverpool city centre office block.

Our vision is to 'improve people's quality of life by ensuring that waste is sustainably managed to bring about the best combination of environmental, economic and social benefits'. Accordingly, we recognise that:

- Our buildings, sites, activities, services, contracts and anything we procure can have an impact on the environment both, locally and further afield; and that
- We need to deliver services in an environmentally sustainable way and ensure that the impacts on the environment are considered in decision-making and subsequent actions.

Tackling our environmental impacts, to reflect our vision, will require a corporate and systematic approach towards:

- Complying with applicable legal requirements and with other requirements to which we subscribe that relate to our environmental aspects;
- Seek continually to reduce negative environmental impacts;
- Setting and reviewing our aims, objectives and targets and measuring our environmental performance;
- Ensuring that the environmental management system is documented, implemented and maintained;
- Communicating to all persons working for or on behalf of Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority;
- Making our significant environmental impacts available to stakeholders.

This policy underpins our sustainability policy and we are therefore committed to reducing our environmental impact through the way in which we plan, procure and operate our services, including:

- Using the waste hierarchy to prioritise sustainable waste management;
- Promoting waste prevention and resource efficiency, including energy and water conservation;
- Mitigating the impact of climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with our services and activities;
- Increasing the generation of low carbon and renewable energy from our waste resources in line with the waste hierarchy, and from other sources such as, solar or wind power at our facilities where appropriate;
- Sustainable purchasing of products and services;
- Conservation and promotion of biodiversity at our sites;
- Promoting environmental awareness amongst our stakeholders, including members, staff, partners, customers, suppliers, residents and the local community;
- Ensuring that the appropriate environmental awareness training is made available to all persons working for or on behalf of Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority;
- Maximise the benefits of this policy for the residents of Merseyside and the wider global community, through joint working on environmental initiatives at a Merseyside and regional level.

This policy statement is issued with my authority and has been communicated to all staff and is available to our members and the public through our website. The policies and procedures cannot be changed without my authority.

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Signed



Director

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