

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:

25th June 2010 13th August 2010 24th September 2010 26th November 2010 4th February 2011 15th April 2011

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	Code of Corporate Governance and Statement of Internal Control				
FILE REF	K09_10				
DECISION MAKER	Full Authority				
KEY DECISION CRITERIA	Financial	Community Impact	Other – Please Specify	Corporate Governance	
REASON FOR MEETING KEY DECISION CRITERIA	To agree the Statement of Internal Control as part of the annual Code of Corporate Governance review.				
SCRUTINY AREA	Corporate G	overnance			
DATE/ PERIOD FOR DECISION	25 th June, 2010				
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION	None				
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	The review corporate governance and internal control arrangements is a statutory requirement and failure to undertake this may lead to weaknesses in the direction and control of the Authority's functions.				
PRIOR CONSULTATION	Primary Assurance Group				
REPRESENTATIONS		landy Valentine ine@merseysion			

Item for Consideration	Questions on the Discharge of Functions				
File Reference	K14_10				
Decision Maker	Full Authority				
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – Please state	Corporate Governance	
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	Governance Requirement. Changes in MWDA membership following District Council AGM's require the Authority to review who will be nominated to answer questions at each of the District Councils' own proceedings on behalf of the Authority.				
Scrutiny area	Corporate G	overnance			
Date for decision	25 th June, 2010				
List of Background Papers for consideration	None				
Risk Management Implications	Risks inconsistencies if single Member from each District Council is not identified for direct questions regarding the Authority's activities.				
Prior consultation	Not Applicable				
Representations		Mandy Valentine tine@merseysion	•		

Item for consideration	Scheme of Delegations 2010/11				
File Reference	K15_10				
Decision Maker	Full Authority				
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – Please Specify	Corporate Governance	
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	Scheme of Delegation each year at the Authority's Annual Meeting each year.				
Scrutiny area	Corporate Governance				
Date for decision	25 th June, 2010				
List of Background Papers for consideration	None				
Risk Management Implications	Good corporate governance to review the scheme of delegations on a regular basis.				
Prior consultation	None				
Representations		Mandy Valentine			

Item for consideration	Appointment of Committees and Representation on Other Bodies				
File Reference	K16_10				
Decision Maker	Full Authority				
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – Please State	Corporate Governance	
Reason for Meeting Key Decision Criteria	Corporate Governance Requirement. Changes in MWDA membership following District Council AGM's require the Authority to review membership of committees and representations.				
Scrutiny area	Corporate Governance				
Date for decision	25 th June, 20	10			
List of Background Papers for consideration	None				
Risk Management Implications	Good corporate governance to effectively delegate responsibility to Lead Members and committees and to identify appropriate levels of representation on other bodies.				
Prior consultation	Not Applicable				
Representations		landy Valentine ine@merseysio			

Item for consideration	Statement of Accounts				
File Reference	K20_10				
Decision Maker	Full Authority	,			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – Please Specify		
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	Statutory Requirement to approve Authority accounts by 30 th June				
Scrutiny area	Corporate Governance				
Date for decision	25 th June, 2010				
List of Background Papers for consideration					
Risk Management Implications	Failure to meet statutory requirement				
Prior consultation					
Representations		Peter Williams on Setter Se			

Item for consideration	Performanc	e Reporting			
File Reference	K21_10				
Decision Maker	Full Authority	/			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – Please Specify		
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	Members requested a review of performance reporting, this report seeks approval for proposed approach				
Scrutiny area	Corporate Governance				
Date for decision	25 th June, 2010				
List of Background Papers for consideration					
Risk Management Implications	Ensuring performance reporting is fit for purpose				
Prior consultation	Member request at 27/11/09				
Representations	In writing to I Peter.Willian	Peter Williams on Peter William	or by email to wda.gov.uk		

Item for consideration	Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Review: Options for Public Consultation				
File Reference	K23_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	budget and me		the public	
Scrutiny area	Strategy and	l Forward Plan	ning		
Date for decision	25 th June, 20)10			
List of Background Papers for consideration	JMWMS Consultation Strategy				
Risk Management Implications	Failure to engage partners and stakeholders Failure to maintain a robust and sustainable JMWMS				
Prior consultation	MWDA Management Team, Senior Officer Working Group, JMWMS Review Steering Group,				
Representations		Stuart Donaldso son@merseysi	•		

MERSEYSIDE WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY KEY DECISION SHEET

Item for consideration	MWDA Outturn Report 2009-2010			
File Reference	K28-10			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authorit	·y		
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	To inform Members of the financial performance of the Authority for 2009/10 and the level of balances.			
Scrutiny area	Corporate G	overnance		
Date for decision	25 th June, 2010			
List of Background Papers for consideration	None			
Risk Management Implications	None			
Prior consultation	Budget appro			
Representations		Peter Williams o s@merseyside		

MERSEYSIDE WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY KEY DECISION SHEET

Item for consideration	Mersey Waste Holdings Ltd (MWHL)			
File Reference	K29-10			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Private, Commercially sensitive data			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial X	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	Member delegation required to allow the exploration of all current options for MWDA's ongoing relationship with MWHL			
Scrutiny area				
Date for decision	25 th June 2010			
List of Background Papers for consideration	WDA 27/08			
Risk Management Implications	Management of ongoing financial liabilities			
Prior consultation	Treasurer MWDA Directors			
Representations	In writing to Neil Ferris or by email to neil.ferris@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

MERSEYSIDE WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY KEY DECISION SHEET

Item for consideration	Sites and Planning Update			
File Reference	K30_10			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Private			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial yes	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	Financial and community impact of potential site acquisition			
Scrutiny area	Best Value, Procurement			
Date for decision	25 th June 2010			
List of Background Papers for consideration	None			
Risk Management Implications	Failure to gain exclusive rights to negotiate potential acquisition of land			
Prior consultation	Chairperson			
Representations	In writing to Carl Beer or by email to carlbeer@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION	Review of Historical Closed Landfill Site Liability			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Private			
File Reference	K05 10			
DECISION MAKER	Full Authority			
KEY DECISION CRITERIA	Financial? Yes	Community Impact? Yes	Other – Please Specify	Environmen tal
REASON FOR MEETING KEY DECISION CRITERIA	To present to Members the outcome of a full review of historical liability for Closed Landfill Sites and to confirm the Authority's continued responsibility for closed landfill sites currently under its control.			
SCRUTINY AREA	Planning and Environmental			
DATE/ PERIOD FOR DECISION	13 th August, 2010			
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION	none			
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	Failure to confirm the Authority's current responsibilities and potential liability for closed landfill sites may lead the Authority to be legally compelled to carry out remedial works under Part IIa of the Environmental Protection Act (1990).			
PRIOR CONSULTATION	None			
REPRESENTATIONS	In writing to Calvin Stockton or by email to calvin.stockton@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION	Bidston Methane Ltd. Succession Strategy			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Private			
File Reference	K24_10			
DECISION MAKER	Full Authority			
KEY DECISION	Financial?	Community Impact?	Other – Please	Environmen tal
CRITERIA	Yes	No	Specify	
REASON FOR MEETING KEY DECISION CRITERIA	To present Members with an update on the review of Options for the Succession of the Bidston Methane Ltd Joint Venture and to highlight potential Financial, Legal and Technical implications on the Authority.			
SCRUTINY AREA DATE/ PERIOD FOR DECISION	Planning and Environmental 13 th August, 2010			
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION	None			
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	Failure to protect the Authority's interests in any Succession Strategy for Bidston Methane Ltd. would be detrimental to the Authority effectively undertaking its statutory responsibilities for Landfill Gas Management and Control at the Bidson Moss and Billinge Hill Quarry Landfill Sites.			
PRIOR CONSULTATION	None			
REPRESENTATIONS	In writing to Calvin Stockton or by email to calvin.stockton@merseysidewda.gov.uk			