

Appendix 1**Climate Change Policy****Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority acknowledges**

- The most crucial threat from exceeding environmental limits is from dangerous climate change;
- That climate change is occurring and will continue to have far reaching effects on the UK's people and places, economy, society and environment; and
- That we, as a service provider, must understand our climate change risks.

We welcome

- The social, economic and environmental benefits, which come from addressing climate change issues;
- The setting of national greenhouse gas emission targets;
- The opportunity to lead the field of sustainable waste management; and
- The notion of encouraging and helping residents, communities, businesses and other organisations in Merseyside and the North West to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority is committed to:

- Sign the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change;
- Make climate change a driver to achieve sustainable waste management;
- Publicly declare, within appropriate plans and strategies, the commitment to address climate change issues and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our own operations;
- Work with central government and organisations to assist at the local level, to deliver the UK Climate Change Programme;
- Participate in local and regional networks on climate change;

- Address with our partners, the causes and the impacts of climate change, according to our local priorities;
- Mitigate and adapt to climate change and produce a carbon management plan for the Authority;
- Build new facilities that meet the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) Excellent standard and refurbish existing facilities to meet BREEAM Very Good standard subject to a Value for Money assessment;
- Raise awareness of climate change amongst stakeholders in the community we serve;
- Appraise and review the Authority's strategies, plans, policies and activities in relation to climate change issues;
- Assess the risk associated with climate change and the implications for our services;
- Encourage other partner organisations, suppliers and contractors to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Monitor the progress of our plans against the actions needed and publish the result in our annual sustainability report.

Signed

Date