

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority¹ is the statutory joint Waste Disposal Authority for Merseyside and provides waste disposal services to the Unitary Borough of Halton. The Authority has responsibility for the management and aftercare at seven closed landfill sites throughout the Merseyside area.

Through its waste contracts, the Authority has responsibility for the management of municipal waste collected by the five constituent councils of Merseyside and Halton. The Authority's contracts also deal with waste delivered by the public to its network of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs). The Authority is also responsible for promoting waste awareness among the public.

The Authority operates an accredited Environmental Management System (EMS) the scope of which encompasses:-

'The activities associated with the monitoring and maintenance of seven closed landfill sites and the Authority's office activities and the management of the Authority's waste contracts.'

The Authority's Policy is to undertake the management of its major waste contracts; closed landfill site monitoring and maintenance; and its office activities in a manner that seeks, where possible, to reduce the negative environmental impact of its activities and make environmental issues a fundamental element of the decision making process.

We will:-

- Comply with applicable legal requirements and other requirements to which the Authority subscribes which relate to its environmental aspects
- Consider the needs and expectations of parties that may have an interest in the Authority's activities
- Reduce our negative environmental impacts and prevent pollution
- Set and regularly review our aims, objectives and targets to drive continual improvements in our environmental performance
- Ensure the Environmental Management System is documented, implemented and maintained
- Communicate this policy to all persons working for or on the Authority's behalf
- Make this policy available to the public
- Work with our contractors, elected members and the public to ensure our services are delivered effectively.

This Environmental Policy is issued with my authority and has been communicated to all staff; is available to elected members and the general public through the Authority's website. EMS policies and procedures cannot be changed without my authority.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Beer', written over a horizontal line.

Carl Beer, Chief Executive

Date

2nd October 2017

¹ Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority is the public facing name for Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority, which is a statutory Joint Waste Disposal Authority under the Local Government Act 1985.