



MERSEYSIDE WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY

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 decision-maker(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:-

- (i) incurring expenditure or making savings which are financially significant, unless the specific expenditure or saving has previously been agreed by the Authority; or*
- (ii) which, in the view of the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair, is significant in terms of its effect 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 Chief Executive 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 Chief Executive, 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 Chair. The second part of the meeting will be made available for any scrutiny discussions.

The current schedule of meetings is as follows:

21st April 2017
23rd June 2017 (AGM)
22nd September 2017
24th November 2017
2nd February 2018 (Budget & ordinary meeting)
20th April 2018

Scrutiny Arrangements

Two Members of the Authority may request that the Chair 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

Contacts

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Annual Governance Statement	K7-17	21/04/2017	P Pocock
Service Delivery Plan	K8-17	21/04/2017	P Williams
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RRC Update Report	K10-17	21/04/2017	I Stephenson
External Audit Plan	K11-17	21/04/2017	P Williams
Internal Audit Report	K12-17	21/04/2017	P Williams
Contingency Waste Disposals – Extension of Arrangements	K14-17	21/04/2017	I Stephenson

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Annual Governance Statement			
File Reference	K7-17			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	Governance
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	To consider the annual review of the Authority's governance arrangements and approve the Annual Governance Statement.			
Scrutiny area	Governance			
Date for decision	21st April 2017			
List of Background Papers for consideration				
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 Assurance Group			
Representations	In writing to or by email to paula.pocock@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Service Delivery Plans			
File Reference	K8-17			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Performance
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	The Authority has approved the Corporate Plan and budget to deliver it, approval of the Service Delivery Plan will give Members assurance about how the Corporate Plan is to be delivered			
Scrutiny area	Performance – whole Authority			
Date for decision	21st April 2017			
List of Background Papers for consideration	N/a			
Risk Management Implications	If the SDP is not considered Members will not be able to take assurance that the Corporate Plan will be delivered			
Prior consultation	n/a			
Representations	In writing to or by email to peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Internal Audit Plan 2017-18			
File Reference	K9-17			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial ✓	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	The internal auditor plans to carry out work to assess the adequacy of the Authority's governance arrangements, this requires approval before the work is carried out			
Scrutiny area	Finance			
Date for decision	21st April 2017			
List of Background Papers for consideration	N/A			
Risk Management Implications	Approval of the plane enables the auditor to carry out their programme and keep Members informed on the adequacy of governance arrangements			
Prior consultation	N/A			
Representations	In writing to or by email to peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Resource Recovery Contract - Project Update			
File Reference	K10-17			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	X - For info only
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	This report is for information only, to note the status of progress of the new contract and any potential implications for the Authority and key stakeholders.			
Scrutiny area	Contracts			
Date for decision	21 st April 2017			
List of Background Papers for consideration	None			
Risk Management Implications	Failure to engage with and inform Members of progress of development of the RRC and emerging issues could result in poor contract governance.			
Prior consultation	Chairperson			
Representations	In writing to or by email to ian.stephenson@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	External audit plan – 2016-17			
File Reference	K11-17			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial ✓	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	The external auditor is required to seek approval from the Authority of their audit plan before carrying out their work on the statement of accounts and the Authority's value for money arrangements for 2016-17			
Scrutiny area	Finance			
Date for decision	21st April 2017			
List of Background Papers for consideration	n/a			
Risk Management Implications	Unless the plan is considered by Members the Authority's external auditor will not have the approval to carry out their statutory function			
Prior consultation	n/a			
Representations	In writing to or by email to peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Internal Audit Report – Waste Contract Arrangements			
File Reference	K12-17			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial ✓	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	Internal audit reports are considered by the Authority to ensure Members are aware of the relative strength of the governance framework			
Scrutiny area	Finance			
Date for decision	21st April 2017			
List of Background Papers for consideration	N/A			
Risk Management Implications	It is important that Internal Audit's independent review of the Authority's arrangements is communicated effectively to Members who are charged with Governance at the Authority			
Prior consultation	N/A			
Representations	In writing to or by email to peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Contingency Waste Disposals – Extension of Arrangements			
File Reference	K14-17			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Private			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	X – For info only
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	This report is for information only, to note the status of matters with waste disposals and need to extend interim disposal arrangements with Suez.			
Scrutiny area	Contracts			
Date for decision	21 st April 2017			
List of Background Papers for consideration	None			
Risk Management Implications	Failure to engage with and inform Members of status of waste disposals could result in poor contract governance.			
Prior consultation	Chairperson			
Representations	In writing to or by email to ian.stephenson@merseysidewda.gov.uk			