



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:

26th September 2014
28th November 2014
6th February 2015 (Budget and ordinary meeting)
24th April 2015

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

If you have any queries or comments regarding the contents or format of this document please direct them to Mandy Valentine (Clerk to the Authority) on 0151-255-1444 or by e-mail at enquiries@merseysidewda.gov.uk

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Quarterly Performance report Q1 2014/15	K31-14	26/09/2014	A Valentine
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Mersey Waste Holdings Ltd	K33-14	26/09/2014	P Williams
Corporate Plan Review 2014	K34-14	28/11/2014	A Valentine

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Internal Audit – Follow up			
File Reference	K28-14			
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.	To review progress by management in implementing agreed audit recommendations			
Scrutiny area	Finance			
Date for decision	26 th September, 2014			
List of Background Papers for consideration	n/a			
Risk Management Implications	If audit recommendations that are agreed are not implemented the governance framework weakens			
Prior consultation	N/A			
Representations	In writing to or by email to Peter Williams peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Statement of Accounts 2013-14			
File Reference	K29-14			
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 annual statement of accounts requires approval of the Authority			
Scrutiny area	Finance			
Date for decision	26 th September, 2014			
List of Background Papers for consideration	N/a			
Risk Management Implications	This is a statutory requirement			
Prior consultation	n/a			
Representations	In writing to or by email to Peter Williams Peter.Williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	External Audit – Governance report and audit opinion			
File Reference	K30-14			
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 Auditor is required to report to those charged with governance (Members of the Authority) on their audit findings and proposed audit opinion			
Scrutiny area	Finance			
Date for decision	26 th September, 2014			
List of Background Papers for consideration	n/a			
Risk Management Implications	If the auditor does not report or provide an opinion the Authority may breach its statutory duty			
Prior consultation	n/a			
Representations	In writing to or by email to Peter Williams peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Performance Report Q1 2014/15			
File Reference	K31-14			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	Corporate Governance
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	Members to consider the Authority's performance and determine, where necessary, the actions required to improve performance.			
Scrutiny area	Strategy and Development			
Date for decision	26 th September 2014			
List of Background Papers for consideration	None			
Risk Management Implications	Failure to manage performance risks non-achievement of Corporate Targets and ultimately the Corporate Plan.			
Prior consultation				
Representations	In writing to Mandy Valentine or by email to mandy.valentine@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	LGPS Pensions Discretions			
File Reference	K32-14			
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.	To determine an additional two discretions for inclusion within the Policy Statement, in relation to the discretionary provisions within the Local Government Pension Scheme, which give employers discretions on how the scheme is to be applied in respect of their employees			
Scrutiny area	Corporate Governance			
Date for decision	26 th September, 2014			
List of Background Papers for consideration	Compulsory discretions including extract taken from the Statutory Instrument regarding each discretion			
Risk Management Implications	Failure to include compulsory discretions within the Policy Statement may leave the Authority open to legal challenge from employees on the clarity of application of discretions on how the scheme is applied			
Prior consultation	Merseyside Pension Fund			
Representations	In writing to or by email to paula.pocock@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Mersey Waste Holdings Ltd			
File Reference	K33-14			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Private			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	Governance
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	Appointment of a Director to the company			
Scrutiny area	Governance			
Date for decision	26th September 2014			
List of Background Papers for consideration	N/A			
Risk Management Implications	To ensure the Authority's interest in the company is reflected in the members of the Board			
Prior consultation	n/a			
Representations	In writing to or by email to Peter Williams Peter.Williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Corporate Plan Review 2014			
File Reference	K34-14			
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 seek Members' views and approval of a revised Corporate Plan.			
Scrutiny area	Governance			
Date for decision	28 th November 2014			
List of Background Papers for consideration				
Risk Management Implications	Failure to set priorities and manage the future direction of the Authority.			
Prior consultation				
Representations	In writing to Mandy Valentine or by email to Mandy.Valentine@merseysidewda.gov.uk			