

2015/2016

# ANNUAL REPORT



**Executive Summary** Our Annual Report describes how we performed against the objectives and targets we set ourselves for 2015/16.

## CORPORATE AIM 1 - DELIVERABILITY

We will ensure that the waste delivered to us is managed sustainably.

- The construction of our Energy from Waste Facility with Combined Heat and Power along with our Rail Transfer Loading Station (RTLS) progressed to plan during 2015/16.
- Merseyside and Halton's residual (non-recycled 'black bag') household waste will be delivered to Kirkby RTLS in Knowsley where it will be loaded into containers and transported by train to the Wilton Energy from Waste Facility (*right*) in Redcar, near Middlesbrough.
- When the Resource Recovery Contract is fully operational over 400,000 tonnes of waste will pass through the RTLS.
- During the seventh year of the Waste Management and Recycling Contract, a total of 648,288 tonnes of Household Waste was recorded for Merseyside.
- We received 86,800 tonnes of co-mingled recyclate from various Merseyside Councils and Halton Council.
- The material is processed at our two Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs) at Bidston and Gillmoss (*pictured right*). 93% of the materials were recycled and we diverted 99% of organic waste exceeding the contractual targets for both materials of 90% and 95% respectively.
- In 2015/16 we received 172,200 tonnes of waste at our Recycling Centres, which is an increase of 10,155 tonnes (6.3%) compared to last year. 67.15% of HWRC material was recycled and 74.26% diverted from landfill (including rubble).



## CORPORATE AIM 2 - SUSTAINABILITY

We aim to reduce the amount of waste produced on Merseyside, increase the proportion of waste reused and recycled and promote the sustainable management of waste through the Waste Hierarchy.

- In 2015/16, the overall household recycling performance on Merseyside dipped slightly from 42% in the previous year to 41.2%.
- The amount of waste from Merseyside sent to landfill has seen a significant reduction from 46.1% in 2014/15 to 40.7% in 2015/16.
- A Re-use Strategy was approved by the Authority in September 2015 which identified opportunities to keep resources in the local economy for longer, maximising economic and social value and reducing waste arisings.
- Our ten Community Fund partners (example pictured right) delivered a wide range of activities which utilised waste resources, nurtured the growth of a circular economy knowledge and skills base in the city region, and helped raise awareness of waste as a resource.
- All projects together diverted 680 tonnes of materials from landfill, saw a 763 tonne reduction in CO2e emissions and 71 full time equivalent jobs created or safeguarded.



## CORPORATE AIM 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY

We will conduct the Authority's business effectively and efficiently and we will fulfil our obligations to the highest standards.

- The Revenue Budget for 2015/16 was set at £65.591M, and was the sixth successive year of maintaining a zero increase despite rising costs, particularly in relation to increases in Landfill Tax.
- Our projected level of spending for 2015/16 was £2.014million lower than originally approved. This was achieved through continued use of interim contracts to divert waste from landfill.

**Our plans for 2016/17 are included in the Authority Service Delivery Plan which can be found at [www.merseysidewda.gov.uk](http://www.merseysidewda.gov.uk) and sets out how we aim to build on the success of 2015/16.**

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