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MRWA expects over £100m saving for Mersey authorities



Artist impression of the EfW that is being developed at Wilton

Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority has completed the procurement of its 30-year Waste Resource and Recovery Contract - and could save Merseyside and Halton taxpayers over £100m in the process.

The winning bid from the SITA UK-led group will transform waste management on Merseyside for at least the next three decades. More than 92% of Merseyside and Halton's 430,000 tonnes of annual non-recycled waste will be diverted from landfill, whilst also generating the equivalent electricity to power thousands of homes.

The high efficiency Energy from Waste facility with Combined Heat and Power will be built at the Wilton International site in Teesside and see the creation of around 50 new permanent jobs. There will also be a new rail hub for the transportation of waste at the existing Potter Group Rail Freight Terminal at Kirkby in Knowsley, creating around 25 new permanent jobs.

The Financial Close of the contract is expected to bring more than £100m worth of savings to the Authority and its partner councils over current landfill costs. The plant is expected to take two years to build and will start handling waste in 2016, with the rail terminal development in Kirkby starting in 2014.

Councillor Graham Morgan, Chairperson of MRWA, said: "Signing this contract puts in place a sustainable waste management solution for the next 30 years. The solution we have selected for Merseyside and Halton is the best for the environment – saving natural resources, generating green electricity and providing value for money for Merseyside and Halton taxpayers."

Jean-Louis Chaussade, CEO of Suez Environment, said: "This new contract fits well with Suez Environment's policy to develop new waste recovery facilities and divert waste material from landfill."

Key Facts

- Over £100m of savings over landfill
- 127,335 tonnes of CO₂ reduction a year
- Using rail removes 21,000 HGV journeys
- 75 new permanent jobs
- Guaranteed cost savings for 30 years

Recycling delight as Huyton hits new heights



L to R: MRWA Chair Cllr Graham Morgan; MRWA Chief Executive Carl Beer; Veolia Area Operations Manager Adrian Jefferies; Veolia Huyton HWRC Foreman Chris Broadfoot, and Phil Quinn, Veolia HWRC Manager

Huyton Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) in Knowsley is hitting the heights as the best performing Centre in Merseyside.

Since it was opened over a year ago the facility has continued to improve recycling levels and divert more waste away from landfill. During the summer it managed to recycle and divert a record 85% of the waste accepted at the site.

This level of recycling performance has never been seen before on Merseyside and Huyton HWRC's performance can now be compared to the best Centres in the UK.

MRWA Chairperson and Knowsley Councillor Graham Morgan said: "We're delighted with the increased levels of recycling at all of our Recycling Centres, but especially pleased with Huyton. We made an investment in this new site and we're now seeing levels of recycling that reflect that investment."

In a recent customer satisfaction survey of over 1000 people the Huyton HWRC scored almost perfectly on site usage, including 100% for signage, layout, direction and the range of accepted materials. The site also scored 100% for Overall Satisfaction by users and for appearance and cleanliness.

All of the HWRC's are managed on the Authority's behalf by Veolia Environmental Services. Alex Paterson, Director at Veolia Environmental Services Merseyside and Halton said: "We are incredibly pleased with the results and performance at Huyton. Credit and thanks must go to the public using the new site at Huyton and to the site staff who have worked so hard to achieve these fantastic numbers."

Plans for new Liverpool Recycling Centre

Plans have been unveiled for the development of a new Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) in Liverpool.

MRWA, working in partnership with Liverpool City Council, has identified a site off Cheadle Avenue in Old Swan as a possible location for the new facility, and it could become only the second facility of its kind in Liverpool – along with Otterspool HWRC – helping to boost the city's recycling rate.

Cllr Graham Morgan, Chairperson of MRWA, said: "By providing this facility it will not only help increase the city's recycling rates but will also relieve the pressure on our

Otterspool HWRC which in turn will help increase its efficiency."

Carl Beer, MRWA Chief Executive, said: "We're currently consulting with the local community as we know that local residents and businesses may have questions about the development of the site and how it will operate.

"Liverpool City Council will also consult with the public as part of the statutory planning process before deciding on the planning permission which has been submitted. If successful, we're hopeful that construction of the new HWRC will start in summer 2014, opening later in the year."



Otterspool is the only other HWRC in Liverpool.

Community projects to transform waste



More than a dozen community projects have been selected to spearhead a £235,000 waste initiative across Merseyside and Halton.

A total of 16 groups will deliver activities designed to have a direct impact on the amount of waste sent to landfill. The Fund is designed to help communities

across the region deliver the best ideas that make the biggest possible impact on the volume of waste sent to landfill each year.

Organisation	Project Name	Project Details
Groundwork Cheshire	Project UP (Wirral)	Wirral Up-cycling workshops using furniture with training opportunities for long term youth unemployed. Transforming items for reuse and developing a local swap shop in partnership with Magenta Housing (Wirral Partnership Homes).
Bulky Bob's Furniture World	Fresh Start (Merseyside)	Development and delivery of furniture packs for vulnerable families across Merseyside.
Granby Toxteth Development Trust	Making L15,7,8 Greener (Liverpool)	Engaging with communities in the L7, 8 and 15 areas to improve recycling and reduce food wastage.
Energy Projects Plus	SWAP + (School Waste Action Programme) Merseyside	Work with Merseyside schools to develop and encourage better recycling activities sustainable procurement planning and textile recycling.
Can Cook	Teaching Liverpool to Cook – 'Don't Throw it out, Throw it in!' (Liverpool)	Work across three area's in Liverpool with companies, schools and community organisations to teach people to cook and to prevent /reduce food/drink waste and recruit Food Reuse Ambassadors.
The Children's Food Trust	Mersey Waste Munchers (Merseyside)	To develop a network of Community Cooking Clubs, including training co-ordinators in planning, shopping, managing and reducing food wastage.
Neighbourhood Services Co Ltd	Reuse and Recycling at Larkin's Farm (Knowsley and Liverpool)	Work with schools in (Knowsley/Liverpool) to reduce food waste and reuse waste wood to create usable products.Renewable energy generation from unusable waste wood.
Birkenhead Early Excellence CIC	Sweet Cheeks Nappy Information Service (Wirral)	Establishing a parents centre and nursery equipment swap shop where parents can get advice on healthy eating and preventing food waste, and reusable nappies. Establish a network of midwifery, health visitors and contacts at children's centres.
Magenta Living (Wirral Part. Homes)	Magenta Living Composting Project (Wirral)	Supply of home composters for residents of the housing association and best practice visits for community groups.
Wirral Community Meals	Wirral Community Meals (Wirral)	Establish retail outlet selling pre-loved clothing, household goods and bric-a-brac.Up-cycling skills sessions in traditional textile crafts, quilting and rag-rug making.
Faiths4Change	Eco Parents "Educrate" (Knowsley)	Develop education resource with four themes including – food waste reduction, composting and growing, swap days and making new from old to deliver to Knowsley schools.
ECO (Environmental Community Group)	Community Garden (St Helens)	Development of a community garden using recycled materials.
Tomorrow's Women Wirral	Tomorrow's Women Recycling Today (Wirral)	Further develop the established recycling group and expand range of recycling collections. Delivery of a range skills training courses. and promotion of Want & Give Away Awareness film making.
Wirral Fuss	FUSS (Wirral)	Secondary School uniform reuse project across Wirral schools, including engagement with 10,000 families to promote, encourage reuse and donations.
The Style Factory Collective CIC	Runcorn Regenerate (Halton)	Development of Recycle Remake Reuse textile project with Pop up events incl. swishing. Delivery of Community textile courses incl. clothing alterations, repair, and customisation.
Stockbridge Community (SCIP)	The Sewing Café (Knowsley)	Supporting the development of a Sewing Café including workshops and neighbourhood events.

Commercial crackdown at Recycling Centres

A recent initiative between MRWA and Liverpool City Council has been helping to crack down on the misuse of local Recycling Centres by businesses and traders who attempt to dispose of their waste at the sites.

The initiative has involved environmental enforcement teams from Liverpool City Council holding regular sessions at Otterspool Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) and, where necessary, conducting investigations against vehicles suspected of carrying trade waste. The initial pilot has proved a success.

MRWA Member and Liverpool Councillor Laura Robertson-Collins said: "Genuine customers of our Centre at Otterspool can be reassured that this activity is taking place to protect them. All of Merseyside's Household Waste Recycling Centres are provided for household waste only – they are funded by the taxpayer, for the taxpayer."

The campaign has since been rolled out to other HWRCs in Merseyside.

This isn't the first initiative by MRWA and their contractor Veolia Environmental Services to put a halt on businesses using the Recycling Centres.

In 2009 a commercial vehicle Permit Scheme was launched at all sites across Merseyside to stop traders tipping commercial waste at the Centres. And more recently a trade waste recycling scheme was introduced at both Bidston and Huyton Recycling Centres, which offers a 'pay by the load' recycling and disposal service for businesses and their commercial waste.

Liverpool City Councillor Steve Munby said: "We are cracking down on the rogue traders and businesses who are abusing these facilities when they should be paying to dispose of their

waste – they are effectively defrauding taxpayers. There are many legitimate ways for business to dispose of their waste, which is the route they should take."



Enforcement officers at Otterspool HWRC

Who are we?

Merseyside Recycling & Waste Authority (MRWA) is a statutory authority established in 1986 following the abolition of Merseyside County Council to undertake the waste disposal functions for local authorities across Merseyside – Liverpool, Knowsley, Sefton, Wirral and St Helens. MRWA takes the lead in advocating waste minimisation, recycling and the safe and effective disposal of waste for Merseyside's residents.

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