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## SITA announced as Preferred Bidder for multi-million pound Waste Contract

Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority (MRWA) has selected SITA as Preferred Bidder for its 30-year Waste Resource and Recovery Contract on behalf of the Merseyside and Halton Waste Partnership. The contract will bring £145m worth of savings to the Authority and its partner councils over current landfill costs.

The winning bid from SITA includes a high efficiency Energy from Waste facility with Combined Heat and Power at the Wilton International site in Teeside creating around 200 construction jobs, 50 new permanent jobs, and a new rail hub for the transportation of waste at the existing Potter Group Rail Freight Terminal at Kirkby on Merseyside creating around 25 new permanent jobs.

The announcement is part of the final stages of a resource management project which will provide a sustainable and cost effective solution for 430,000 tonnes of municipal waste per year, which the Authority handles and which has not been recycled.

The other bidder, Covanta, was unsuccessful and the Authority will now be proceeding without a Reserve Bidder.

MRWA and SITA will work together to move towards Financial Close as quickly as possible. The Wilton Energy from Waste plant is expected to take two years to build and the contract is expected to start handling waste in 2016.

Cllr Joe DeAsha, Chairperson of MRWA, said: "The appointment of SITA as our Preferred Bidder marks the beginning of an important new chapter in the way Merseyside and Halton deals with its waste resources. I believe that the solution we have chosen is the best for the environment - saving natural resources, generating green electricity and providing value for money for Merseyside and Halton Council Tax payers."



Artist impression of the EfW that is being developed at Wilton

# Authority in £60,000 Community Fund push

**MRWA has been working with a selection of local community groups - including Eco Teams, Viking archaeologists, urban gardeners and schools – to help drive down levels of waste on Merseyside.**

The £60,000 was made available as part of the MRWA Community Fund 2012/13 to support an ongoing promotion of waste prevention and reduction.

The 47 groups and schools have shared the money which, amongst other things, has seen:

- Un-used children's toys and furniture recycled and donated to vulnerable families
- Knitting and crochet clubs transform old clothes into new items such as bags
- A "Twenty-Tonne Textile Challenge" between schools to reduce clothes going to landfill
- Family workshops held to reduce food waste

- Viking workshops and reenactments to teach how waste was managed in the past
- Recycling and compost bins introduced into schools
- Eco Teams delivering educational sessions in Knowsley and St Helens communities to promote energy saving, recycling and re-use, and reducing water use
- Community urban gardens developed in Liverpool and St Helens
- Testing old and unused electrical items for reuse.

Councillor Joe DeAsha, Chairperson of MRWA, said: "We've awarded this money to a wide variety of projects. From introducing recycling bins into schools, reusing 'pre-loved' children's toys and furniture, to delivering practical waste prevention advice and classes on smarter shopping, sewing and clothes

repair. The Community Fund is about educating, encouraging and engaging with Merseyside residents so ultimately we'll see a drop in waste levels."



MRWA has pumped £60,000 into the local community

## Van Permit promotion at local Recycling Centres

**"Got a van? Get a Permit!" is the message coming from MRWA.**

The Authority is reminding people that if they want to access the region's Household Waste Recycling Centres in a van or with a large trailer then they will need a Permit.

Introduced in 2009 the Permit Scheme was put in place to prevent traders and commercial operators from accessing the region's Recycling

Centres, which are for use by householders only.

MRWA has been running a series of adverts in local newspapers, contacting van-hire companies with information, and handing out leaflets at all 14 of Merseyside's Recycling Centres to remind people of the Scheme.

Those applying for Permits need to supply their name, address and vehicle details to help weed out commercial and

trade operators. Residents using such vehicles at any Merseyside Recycling Centre should ring Tel: 0151 236 0305 or log onto [www.merseysidewda.gov.uk](http://www.merseysidewda.gov.uk).

Householders visiting in ordinary saloon or estate cars/people carriers do not need a Permit unless they have blanked out windows or permanently removed rear seats. Pick-up trucks are classed as vans and need Permits.

# Pass it on: Give your unwanted items a new home

**Every year tonnes of clothes and shoes that could have been recycled or reused are thrown away. The clothing in our wardrobes is worth an average £4000, yet 30% is unused.**

Everything from rags to britches has a value – even a sock with a hole! By making simple changes to the way we buy, use and discard our clothing we can all save money and help the environment.

That is why a new focus group has been set up to stop thousands of tonnes of clothes going to landfill.

The Merseyside Textile Forum aims to prevent the estimated 22,000 tonnes of the region's clothes and textiles from ending up in landfill sites every year.

The Forum has been developed by MRWA and set up for local

charities and stakeholders who currently collect textiles, with support from all of Merseyside's District Councils and the national Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP).

The principal aim of the Forum is to identify and support ways to increase the recycling and reuse of textiles. A strategy for incentivising landfill diversion is currently being developed. The Forum will look at current collection methods and markets for reuse and recycling for textiles and clothes of all quality grades.



## Merseyside Textile Forum

### Pass it on: it's easy to re-use items of clothes and textiles

If your clothes and textiles are in good condition then the chances are somebody else will be happy to use them. Why not ask your friends and family if they could make good use of your items.

Local charity shops will always be glad to take quality items from you. You can donate your clothes and textiles to one of the many charity shops in Merseyside and Halton and help them raise valuable funds.

You can donate your clothes and textiles for re-use by taking them to one of the many bring banks that are conveniently located throughout Merseyside and Halton. Our website has a full list of all the bring banks in Merseyside and Halton.

Some charities and local councils will make door-to-door collections for clothes and textiles so check what services you get by visiting the website below.

**For more information and tips visit  
[www.recycleformerseysideandhalton.com](http://www.recycleformerseysideandhalton.com)**

# Householders urged to use Recycling Centre closest to home

**MRWA recently launched a campaign to persuade thousands of Liverpool householders to make the most of recycling facilities in neighbouring council areas.**

The Authority – which owns 14 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) across the whole of the region says thousands of Liverpool householders are needlessly trekking across the city to Otterspool – the city’s only Household Waste Recycling Centre – instead of visiting Centres much closer to home.

More than 10,000 householders each month visit the Otterspool HWRC in Jericho Lane, Aigburth, with thousands of Liverpool residents travelling from the north and eastern fringes when they could be visiting more local centres in South Sefton, Kirkby or Huyton.

MRWA Chief Executive Carl Beer said: “We are a Merseyside-wide authority so council boundaries don’t matter – as long as Merseyside residents are using facilities within Merseyside – and

that’s the message we want to get across.”

The Authority launched the ‘Recycling is closer than you think’ advertising campaign mid-March and is leafleting more than 25,000 Liverpool homes in key postcodes, and running advertising campaigns to get the message across to householders in the northern and eastern fringes of the city.

Leaflets give directions to three Household Waste Recycling Centres in Kirkby, South Sefton and Huyton, which the Authority believes will be better locations than Otterspool for many recyclers.

MRWA Chairperson Councillor Joe DeAsha said: “Part of the reason for suggesting people use closer sites is about relieving pressure on the Otterspool site and making maximum use of other, nearer sites. Part of it is also simply about saving motorists the time, cost and fuel used travelling across the city unnecessarily.”



Left to right - Carl Beer launches the ‘Recycling is closer than you think’ campaign with Cllr Laura Robertson-Collins from Liverpool City Council and Gerry Boyle from Veolia Environmental Services

## 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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