

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



MERSEYSIDE RECYCLING & WASTE AUTHORITY

**MERSEYSIDE... A PLACE
WHERE NOTHING IS WASTED**

Since its creation in 1986, Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (the Authority) has been legally bound to provide statutory waste disposal services for the constituent authorities of Merseyside (Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral). To discharge its functions the Authority operates a network of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs), Waste Transfer Stations and Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) through its contractor.

Administratively, the Authority is based in a Liverpool City centre office block. The Authority is responsible for the on-going environmental monitoring and maintenance of seven closed landfill sites across Merseyside.

The Authority operates an accredited ISO 14001: 2004 Environmental Management System for activities associated with the monitoring and maintenance of seven closed landfill sites and associated office activities in the Merseyside area.

Our vision is to improve the quality of life of the residents of Merseyside by ensuring that waste is sustainably managed. Accordingly, we recognise that:

- Our buildings, sites, activities, procurement and services can have a significant impact on the environment, locally and further afield.
- We need to deliver services in an environmentally sustainable way and ensure that the impact on the environment is at the heart of decision-making and activities.
- Tackling our environmental impacts, to reflect our vision, we operate a corporate and systematic approach towards;
 - Complying with applicable legal requirements and with other requirements to which we subscribe that relate to our environmental aspects;
 - Continually seeking to reduce negative environmental impacts and preventing pollution in the delivery of our services;
 - Setting and reviewing our aims, objectives and targets to drive continual improvements in our environmental performance;
 - Ensuring that the environmental management system is documented, implemented and maintained (some waste management services are contracted out our contractors are required to maintain an accredited EMS);
 - Communicating to all persons working for or on behalf of the Authority;
 - Publishing our significant environment aspects

This policy underpins our sustainability policy and we are therefore committed to reducing our environmental impact through the way in which we plan, procure and operate our services.

This policy statement is issued with my authority and has been communicated to all staff and is available to our members and the public through our website. The policies and procedures cannot be changed without my authority.

Signed

Date

4th September 2012.

Carl Beer
Chief Executive

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