



**At a Meeting of the Authority
held on Friday 3rd February 2012**

Present : Councillor De Asha
Councillor Cluskey

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2011 be approved and signed as a correct record.

59. **Minutes of the Special Authority Meeting held on 20th January 2012**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2012 be approved and signed as a correct record.

60. **Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers**

Councillor De Asha declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 14, recorded herewith as minute 70 in so far as it relates to his capacity as a director of Mersey Waste Holdings Limited.

Councillor Cluskey declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 14, recorded herewith as minute 70 in so far as it relates to his capacity as a director of Mersey Waste Holdings Limited.

Neil Ferris declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 14, recorded herewith as minute 70 in so far as it relates to his capacity as a director of Mersey Waste Holdings Limited.

Terry Bradley declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 14, recorded herewith as minute 70 in so far as it relates to his capacity as a director of Mersey Waste Holdings Limited.

Alex Murray declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 14, recorded herewith as minute 70 in so far as it relates to his capacity as a director of Mersey Waste Holdings Limited.

61. **Questions from Members under Procedural Rules 9**

There were no questions submitted by Members under Procedural Rule 9.

62. **Questions from Members of the Public under Procedural Rules 10**

There were no questions submitted by members of the public under Procedural Rule 10.

63. **Motions proposed by Members under Procedural Rule 15**

There were no motions proposed by Members under Procedural Rule 15.

64. **Revenue Budget 2012-13 and Prudential Indicators 2011-2012 to 2014-2015**
WDA/05/12 and WDA/05A/12

It was reported by the Treasurer that as a result of discussions with the Treasurers of the Merseyside councils, the budget report sent to Members was subsequently amended. Copies of both the original report and an addendum were circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

The Treasurer presented the amended budget for Members' approval which proposed a Revenue Budget of £65,458,137, reporting an overall reduction of 3.7% when compared to the previous year.

Resolved that:

1. it be noted that the proposed changes to the Levy mechanism in respect of the recycling credit element which were included in the original budget report would have an unforeseen adverse impact on the Council Tax increase calculation for constituent District Councils. This was identified following DCLG guidance to Districts on 23rd January 2012 and was confirmed on 25th January;
2. the resulting amendments to the budget and prudential indicators papers be accepted;
3. the Revised Revenue Budget for 2011-12 be approved;
4. a Revenue Budget for 2012/13 amounting to £65,458,137 be approved;
5. the Authority determines that a levy of £65,458,137 for 2012/13 be made and distributed between each District Council on the basis of the approved levy apportionment methodology, as follows:

Knowsley	£7,128,483
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Liverpool	£22,550,297
St Helens	£ 8,479,227
Sefton	£ 12,613,601
Wirral	<u>£ 14,686,530</u>
	£ 65,458,137

6. the District Councils be required to pay the Treasurer the levy due from them respectively, in pursuance of paragraph 5 of this resolution, by ten instalments on or before:

20th April 2012
29th May 2012
6th July 2012
13th August 2012
19th September 2012
25th October 2012
30th November 2012
8th January 2013
11th February 2013
15th March 2013;

7. the Prudential Indicators for 2011-12 to 2014-15 as set out in the report and detailed in Appendix 4 of the amended report be approved.
8. delegated powers of the Authority be granted to the Treasurer, within the total limit for each year, to effect movements between the separately agreed limits in accordance with option appraisal and best value for money for the authority;
9. delegated powers of the Authority be granted to the Treasurer, to effect movements between borrowing and other long term liabilities sums under the framework of the Prudential Code; and
10. the methodology for calculating Minimum Revenue Provisions be noted.

65. **Internal Audit Report – Waste Disposal Contract WDA/07/12**

A report was submitted which informed Members of the latest review carried out by the Authority's Internal Auditors and was in relation to work undertaken for Final Claims made as part of the payment process for the Authority's waste contracts.

Resolved that the contents of the report from the Internal Auditor be noted.

66. **External Audit - Annual Audit Fee Plan 2011/12**
WDA/06/12

Members were informed of the proposed audit work identified by the Audit Commission for 2011/12.

Resolved that the planned audit work proposed by the Audit Commission for the review of the financial year 2011/12 be noted.

67. **Annual Meeting and Timetable of Authority Meetings 2012 - 2013**
WDA/03/12

Members were asked to set the date of the Authority's Annual Meeting and consider a timetable of meetings for the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

Resolved that:

1. the Annual Meeting be held at 2.00 p.m. on 29th June 2012;
2. further meetings take place at 2.00 p.m. on 21st September 2012, 23rd November 2012, 1st February 2013 and 19th April 2013; and
3. the Clerk to the Authority be granted delegated powers to make any future alterations to the timetable of meetings as deemed appropriate, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Authority.

68. **Quarterly Performance Report: Quarter 3 2011/12**
WDA/02/12

Members were presented with the third quarterly performance report for 2011/12 which outlined current performance as monitored against the Authority's Corporate Plan.

Resolved that the Authority's performance as at Quarter 3 for 2011/12 be noted.

69. **Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during

consideration of the following items for the reasons stated:

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)</u>
70 & 71	Exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12A)

Councillors De Asha and Cluskey declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item, recorded herewith as resolution 70 and in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Members, left the meeting during consideration of the item.

Terry Bradley, Alex Murray and Neil Ferris declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item, recorded herewith as resolution 70 and in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Officers, left the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor Morgan took the chair in the absence of the chairperson.

70. **Mersey Waste Holdings Limited (MWHL) and CCC Contract Reinstatement**
WDA/09/12

A report was submitted which updated Members on current negotiations in relation to an existing Landfill Contract. Members' attention was drawn to a typographical error in the recommendation, namely that the paragraph referred to in recommendation 2 should read 4.3 rather than 3.4.

Resolved that:

1. delegated powers of the Authority be granted to the Chief Executive, acting as the Authority's shareholder representative, to implement the MWHL recommendation detailed at 3.1 in the report;
2. delegated powers of the Authority be granted to the Chief Executive to exercise the Authority's option to extend the Waste Recycling Group Limited (WRG) "Top up Contract" as detailed at paragraph 4.3 in the report; and
3. following the re-instatement of the 'CCC Contract,' the MWHL board in consultation with the Chief Executive and MWDA Treasurer, prepare a report for the Authority as to the future options for the company and its operations.

Councillors De Asha and Cluskey and the Authority's officers, Alex Murray, Neil Ferris and Terry Bradley returned to the meeting.

Councillor De Asha took the chair.

71. **Resource Recovery Contract (RRD) Competitive Dialogue and Call for Final Tenders**
WDA/08/12

The Authority considered a report which set out a programme for the close of Competitive Dialogue and receipt of Final Tenders in relation to the procurement of the Resource Recovery Contract.

Resolved that:

1. the programme for closure of dialogue and the date for receipt of final tenders be approved as 21st March 2012 and 4th April 2012 respectively; and
2. delegated powers of the Authority be granted to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Chairperson, to make minor adjustments to the dates of closure of dialogue and of receipt of final tenders, where it is in the interests of the Authority to so adjust.