



MERSEYSIDE WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY

FORWARD PLAN

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Introduction

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Authority publishes a “Forward Plan” of “Key Decisions”.

The Forward Plan is published on a six weekly basis to match the Authority’s meeting cycle and covers key issues to be dealt with in the subsequent three months. It is a publicly available document and its purpose is to reinforce the openness and accountability of the Authority’s decision-making process.

The Plan seeks to anticipate the issues that will be the subject of a Key Decision during that period. For each item the Plan includes:

- The item’s title and a short description of the decision being sought.
- An indication of who will be making the decision.
- The Scrutiny arrangements for the decision.
- An indication of when the decision is expected to be made. This may be a specific date i.e. the date of a meeting, or a period during which the decision is likely to be made.
- A list of Supporting Papers. These will be documents which the decision-maker(s) will consider or take into account when making the decision.
- An indication of what consultation will take place on the item which is the subject of the proposed decision. This will include an indication as to who will be consulted (i.e. principal groups and organisations) and how that consultation will be conducted.
- An indication of how and to whom representations should be made on the item.

Within the Plan, the items are listed in the chronological order in which it is anticipated that the decisions will be made.

The decision in respect of each key decision is recorded in the minutes for the relevant meeting which are approved at the subsequent meeting of the Authority and are open for inspection at the Authority Offices and on the Authority's web site.

Definition of a Key Decision

The definition of a Key Decision is set out in the Authority's Constitution. It is as follows:-

A Key Decision is an executive decision:-

- (i) incurring expenditure or making savings which are financially significant, unless the specific expenditure or saving has previously been agreed by the Authority; or*
- (ii) which, in the view of the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair, is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in Merseyside.*

A decision will be considered financially significant if:-

- a) in the case of revenue expenditure, it results in incurring expenditure or making savings of £250,000 or greater;*
- b) in the case of capital expenditure, the capital expenditure/savings are in excess of £1 Million;*

unless the specific expenditure or savings have previously been agreed by the Authority or have been taken in line with the Authority's Financial Management Policy.

In determining whether a decision is significant in terms of its effect on communities, the Chief Executive and lead Member will give consideration to:-

- a) the number of residents/service users/District Council areas that will be affected;*
- b) whether the impact is short term, long term or permanent;*
- c) the impact on the community in terms of the economic, social and environmental well-being.*

Decision-Makers

Key Decisions will be made by the Authority or its committees where relevant powers have been delegated. A report will be submitted to the relevant meeting on each key decision, and Members will also consider, where necessary, any report which has been 'called-in' under the Authority's scrutiny arrangements.

Consultation

The Chief Executive, in taking decisions under delegated powers, will consult with the relevant Authority Members and other key stakeholders, in accordance with those identified in the Forward Plan.

Authority Meetings

The Authority will meet formally approximately every six weeks. Meeting dates are published on the web site www.merseysidewda.gov.uk. Each Authority meeting will be in two parts. The first part of the meeting will consider the Key Decisions contained in the Forward Plan, and any other matters determined by the Chair. The second part of the meeting will be made available for any scrutiny discussions.

The current schedule of meetings is as follows:

23rd November 2018
04th December 2018 (Appeals Committee)
01st February 2019 (Budget)
26th April 2019

Scrutiny Arrangements

Two Members of the Authority may request that the Chair place a delegated decision matter on the Agenda of an Authority regular meeting as a 'scrutiny item'.

Information Reports

The Authority will periodically publish information reports about its Policies, Strategies and Performance on the web site www.merseysidewda.gov.uk

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Corporate Plan Update	K21-18	23/11/2018	P. Williams
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Cash and Borrowing	K24-18	23/11/2018	P. Williams
RRC – Proposed Drafting Amendments	K25-18	23/11/2018	I. Stephenson

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Corporate Plan Update			
File Reference	K21-18			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	Corporate Objectives
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	Members are asked to approve the Authority's corporate objectives by considering the proposed update to the Corporate Plan			
Scrutiny area	Whole Authority			
Date for decision	23 November 2018			
List of Background Papers for consideration	N/A			
Risk Management Implications	Unless a Corporate Plan is approved the Authority will not have any objectives or priorities approved prior to approving a budget making it less likely to be efficient and effective.			
Prior consultation	N/A			
Representations	In writing to or by email to peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Community Fund 2019/20 Approval			
File Reference	K22-18			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial ✓	Community Impact ✓	Other – please specify	
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	Consider the allocation of budget for the Community Fund for 2019-20			
Scrutiny area	Business Services and Strategy / Governance			
Date for decision	23 rd November 2018			
List of Background Papers for consideration	Community Fund 2018-19 Report (WDA/01/18)			
Risk Management Implications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Under subscription to the fund 2. Failure to gain economic, social and environmental benefits to the community 3. Over subscription to the Fund requiring additional resource requirements to evaluate applications. 			
Prior consultation	N/A			
Representations	In writing to or by email to chris.obrien@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Internal Audit Report – Veolia Contract			
File Reference	K23-18			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial ✓	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	Members are asked to note the content of the internal auditors review of arrangements for the Veolia contract			
Scrutiny area	Full Authority			
Date for decision	23 rd November 2018			
List of Background Papers for consideration	N/A			
Risk Management Implications	The report is a review of the relative strength of the Authority's arrangements for management of the Veolia contract, Members need to understand whether those arrangements are relatively strong or otherwise.			
Prior consultation	N/A			
Representations	In writing to or by email to peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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Title	Cash and Borrowing			
File Reference	K24-18			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial ✓	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	The Authority has no bank account – but is in an overdrawn position with St Helens Council, this overdraft costs more than borrowing from PWLB. A decision is required to transfer the overdraft into a loan that will reduce the costs while the Authority gets back into a balanced position.			
Scrutiny area	Finance			
Date for decision	23 rd November 2018			
List of Background Papers for consideration	N/A			
Risk Management Implications	If this matter is not addressed the Authority will incur increased costs from continued use of an overdraft.			
Prior consultation	N/A			
Representations	In writing to or by email to peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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Title	Resource Recovery Contract – proposed contract drafting clarifications			
File Reference	K25-18			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Private			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial X	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	To seek endorsement in principle of contract drafting clarifications that are required for the RRC and approval for the Chief Executive to make arrangements for drafting clarifications to be formalised with MERL.			
Scrutiny area	Contracts			
Date for decision	23 rd November 2018			
List of Background Papers for consideration	None			
Risk Management Implications	Failure to engage with and inform Members of key issues with the RRC could result in poor contract governance.			
Prior consultation	Chairperson			
Representations	In writing to or by email to ian.stephenson@merseysidewda.gov.uk			