



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:

07th February 2020 (Budget Meeting)
24th April 2020

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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Timetable of Authority Meetings	K01-20	07/02/2020	P. Pocock
Authority Budget 2020/21	K02-20	07/02/2020	P Williams
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Food Waste Procurement Update	K04-20	07/02/2020	P. Williams
Internal Audit Report – RRC	K05-20	07/02/2020	P. Williams

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Timetable of Authority Meetings 2020/21			
File Reference	K01-20			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	Requirement to set AGM
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	To set the date of the Annual Meeting of the Authority and identify an appropriate timetable of meetings for the 2020/21 Municipal Year			
Scrutiny area	Governance			
Date for decision	7th February 2020			
List of Background Papers for consideration	None			
Risk Management Implications	Statutory requirement to set a date for the Authority's Annual Meeting which must take place on or before 30 th June each year			
Prior consultation	None			
Representations	In writing to or by email to paula.pocock@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Authority budget 2020-21			
File Reference	K02-20			
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 full Authority is statutorily required to consider and approve the revised estimate, the forward budget, the Levy and its apportionment, the Levy dates and the capital programme, before 15 th February			
Scrutiny area	Finance			
Date for decision	7 February 2020			
List of Background Papers for consideration	n/a			
Risk Management Implications	If the Authority does not consider the budget and Levy then it will be in breach of the law, and will not have a legal framework for collecting monies or spending budgets			
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	Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2020-21			
File Reference	K03-20			
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 full Authority is required to consider and approve a Treasury Management strategy statement before the beginning of each financial year			
Scrutiny area	Finance			
Date for decision	7 February 2020			
List of Background Papers for consideration	n/a			
Risk Management Implications	If the Authority does not consider the statement then there will be no approval for the borrowing and capital investment required for the next year's activity			
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	Food Waste Procurement update			
File Reference	K04-20			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	✓ Waste Strategy
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	The Authority approved a motion that MRWA work alongside Waste Collection senior officer to identify food waste collection options, this report sets out the work done to date and the decision the Authority may wish to take			
Scrutiny area	Waste Strategy			
Date for decision	7 February 2020			
List of Background Papers for consideration	n/a			
Risk Management Implications	If the report is not approved the project will be delayed and the Authority's role will have to be reviewed			
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	Internal Audit report - RRC			
File Reference	K05-20			
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 of the Authority are ‘those charged with governance’ and therefore all internal audit reports must be reviewed by Members to enable them to understand the nature and relative strength of the control environment at the Authority			
Scrutiny area	Finance			
Date for decision	7 February 2020			
List of Background Papers for consideration	n/a			
Risk Management Implications	Members need to understand whether the control environment is effective, to enable them to take assurance about the arrangements in place at the Authority			
Prior consultation	n/a			
Representations	In writing to or by email to peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			