



**At the meeting of the Authority  
held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021**

Present:  
Cllr H Malone  
Cllr T Concepcion  
Cllr J Hanson  
Cllr L Robertson-Collins  
Cllr D Roscoe  
Cllr C Preston  
Cllr S Williams  
Cllr T Norbury

38. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr Y. Sayers, Cllr S. Nelson.

39. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

There were declarations of interest from Cllr Concepcion, Cllr Roscoe, Carl Beer and Peter Williams: Item 9- Directors of Mersey Waste Holding Ltd.

A declaration of interest was made by Cllr Williams as a Director of Bidston Ltd.

41. **Question(s) from Members under Procedural Rule 9**

There were no questions submitted by Members in accordance with Procedural Rule 9.

42. **Question(s) from Members of the Public under Procedural Rule 10**

There were no questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with Procedural Rule 10.

43. **Motion proposed by Members under Procedural Rule 15**

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

44. **WDA/04/21 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2021-2022**

Members were requested to note and approve the Internal Audit plan for 2021-22.

**Resolved** that Members noted and approved the Internal Audit Plan for 2021-22.

45. **WDA/05/21 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT RESOURCE RECOVERY CONTRACT**

Internal Audit reviewed the arrangements for managing the Authority's Resource Recovery Contract and concluded that High Assurance was provided and no recommendations for improvement had been made. There were no Key Issues for Members.

**Resolved** that Members noted the contents of the report from the Internal Auditor.

46. **WDA/06/21 CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

Members were asked to note the findings of the Annual Assessment and approve the Code of Corporate Governance and the Improvement Action Plan for 2021/22. Members were also asked to approve the Annual Governance Statement for inclusion within the Statement of Accounts 2020/21 to be published later this year.

**Resolved that:**

1. Members noted the findings of the Annual Corporate Governance Assessment and approved the Improvement Action Plan for 2021/22;
2. Members approved the Code of Corporate Governance; and
3. Members approved the Annual Governance Statement and the Statement be signed by the Authority's representatives for inclusion in the Statement of Accounts 2020/21.

#### **47. WDA/07/21 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE**

The Authority approved an initial Climate Action Plan in February 2020. The action plan included a number of Core actions with a 2020-21 delivery commitment and other actions with a later implementation.

This report draws Members attention to the progress made in the delivery of the Core and other actions over the last year, despite the impacts of the Covid 19 pandemic; good progress is being made.

**Resolved** that Members noted the progress made in relation to measures included in the climate action plan.

Cllr Roscoe requested a further report on the MRWA Levy Options

#### **48. WDA/08/21 COMMUNITY FUND 2021-2021 PROGRESS**

Members were asked to note the output progress achieved by projects, July to January, for the 2020-21 Community Fund.

#### **Resolved that:**

- 1) Members noted the progress of the 2020-21 Community Fund Projects;  
and
- 2) Members noted the programme for Community Fund 2021-2022.