



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](http://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:

24<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
5<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
4<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

## **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](http://www.merseysidewda.gov.uk)

## **Contacts**

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Ref No.</b>	<b>Decision Date</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>
<b>Community fund updates</b>	K18-21	24/09/2021	Paula Pocock
<b>External audit – statutory reporting</b>	K19-21	24/09/2021	Peter Williams
<b>Permit scheme review</b>	K20-21	24/09/2021	Ian Stephenson
<b>Internal audit report</b>	K21-21	24/09/2021	Peter Williams
<b>Bidston fire</b>	K22-21	24/09/2021	Peter Williams

## KEY DECISION SHEET

<b>Title</b>	<b>COMMUNITY FUND PROGRAMME, 2020-21 OUTCOMES AND 2021-22 PROGRESS UPDATE.</b>			
<b>File Reference</b>	<b>K18-21</b>			
<b>Is the report likely to be private or public</b>	Public			
<b>Decision Maker</b>	<b>Full Authority Yes</b>			
<b>Key Decision Criteria</b>	<b>Financial</b> Yes	<b>Community Impact</b> Yes	<b>Other – please specify</b>	
<b>Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.</b>	Members to not the progress of the Community Fund Programme			
<b>Scrutiny area</b>	Behavioural Change Programme			
<b>Date for decision</b>	September 2021			
<b>List of Background Papers for consideration</b>				
<b>Risk Management Implications</b>	Included in report			
<b>Prior consultation</b>	EMT			
<b>Representations</b>	In writing to or by email to <a href="mailto:chris.obrien@merseysidewda.gov.uk">chris.obrien@merseysidewda.gov.uk</a>			



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<b>Title</b>	<b>External Audit – statutory reporting</b>			
<b>File Reference</b>	<b>K19-21</b>			
<b>Is the report likely to be private or public?</b>	Public			
<b>Decision Maker</b>	<b>Full Authority</b>			
<b>Key Decision Criteria</b>	<b>Financial</b> x	<b>Community Impact</b>	<b>Other – please specify</b>	
<b>Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.</b>	Members are asked to note the changes in the statutory reporting framework for external audit which may result in more recommendations			
<b>Scrutiny area</b>	Full authority			
<b>Date for decision</b>	24 Sept 2021			
<b>List of Background Papers for consideration</b>	N/A			
<b>Risk Management Implications</b>	Members of the Authority need to be informed of the external audit framework so that they have a good understanding of any subsequent decisions			
<b>Prior consultation</b>	n/a			
<b>Representations</b>	In writing to or by email to <a href="mailto:peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk">peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk</a>			

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Review of arrangements for acceptance of commercial-type vehicles at Merseyside HWRCs</b>			
<b>File Reference</b>	<b>K20-21</b>			
<b>Is the report likely to be private or public?</b>	Public			
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Full Authority			
<b>Key Decision Criteria</b>	<b>Financial</b>	<b>Community Impact</b>	<b>Other – please specify</b>	X
<b>Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.</b>	The report seeks approval from Members to end the paper Permit Scheme to be replaced with the electronic van booking system, and for the authority to finalise and implement the required changes to be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairperson.			
<b>Scrutiny area</b>	Contracts			
<b>Date for decision</b>	Authority Meeting 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2021			
<b>List of Background Papers for consideration</b>	None			
<b>Risk Management Implications</b>	Failure to address current temporary van management arrangements could result in contractual challenge.			
<b>Prior consultation</b>	None			
<b>Representations</b>	In writing to or by email to <a href="mailto:ian.stephenson@merseysidewda.gov.uk">ian.stephenson@merseysidewda.gov.uk</a>			

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Internal Audit report – the Veolia Contract</b>			
<b>File Reference</b>	<b>K21-21</b>			
<b>Is the report likely to be private or public?</b>	Public			
<b>Decision Maker</b>	<b>Full Authority</b>			
<b>Key Decision Criteria</b>	<b>Financial</b> x	<b>Community Impact</b>	<b>Other – please specify</b>	
<b>Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.</b>	Members are asked to not a report from Internal audit			
<b>Scrutiny area</b>	<b>Finance</b>			
<b>Date for decision</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2021			
<b>List of Background Papers for consideration</b>	N/A			
<b>Risk Management Implications</b>	Members need to understand the relative strength of the control environment operating at the Authority			
<b>Prior consultation</b>	N/A			
<b>Representations</b>	In writing to or by email to <a href="mailto:peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk">peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk</a>			

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Bidston Fire Suppression System</b>			
<b>File Reference</b>	<b>K22-21</b>			
<b>Is the report likely to be private or public?</b>	Public			
<b>Decision Maker</b>	<b>Full Authority</b>			
<b>Key Decision Criteria</b>	<b>Financial</b>  x	<b>Community Impact</b>	<b>Other – please specify</b>	
<b>Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.</b>	Members are asked to approve the movement of funding from one part of the capital programme into the programme for the Fire Suppression system			
<b>Scrutiny area</b>	<b>Finance</b>			
<b>Date for decision</b>	24 September 2021			
<b>List of Background Papers for consideration</b>	n/a			
<b>Risk Management Implications</b>	Members approval is required to extend the budget for a Fire Suppression system. Without the system the fire risk is increased.			
<b>Prior consultation</b>	n/a			
<b>Representations</b>	In writing to or by email to <a href="mailto:peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk">peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk</a>			