



**At the meeting of the Authority
held on Friday 24th September 2021**

Present:
Cllr T Concepcion
Cllr L Robertson-Collins
Cllr C Page
Cllr Y Sayers
Cllr J Walsh
Cllr S Williams
Cllr S Nelson (Observer status)

56. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr H. Bell, Cllr A. Johnson.

57. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 25th June 2021**

Resolved that

The minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 25th June 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

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

60. **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.

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

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

62. **WDA/18/21 EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDAT**

The external auditor presented a report updating Members on audit progress changes to the value for money audit and the potential for recommended action

Resolved that

1. Members note the contents of the report from the external auditor

63. **WDA/19/21 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT -VEOLIA CONTRACT**

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

Resolved that

1. Members note the contents of the report from the Internal Auditor.

64. **WDA/20/21 HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES – REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCESS BY CERTAIN COMMERCIAL – TYPE VEHICLES**

Members were asked to consider the current status of access controls for commercial-type vehicles (such as vans and large trailers) at household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) and to approve the end of the original paper-based Permit Scheme. To be replaced with an HWRC Booking Scheme as has been operated during the course of the pandemic.

Resolved that:

1. Members approve the ending of the paper-based Permit Scheme for control of access by certain commercial-type vehicles (such as vans and large trailers) to Merseyside's household waste recycling centre network, and to approve the replacement of that scheme with the HWRC Booking Scheme as has been operated during the pandemic; and
2. That authority for the implementation of the approved approach be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Authority Chairperson.

65. WDA/21/21 COMMUNITY FUND PROGRAMME, 2020-21 OUTCOMES AND 2021-22 PROGRESS UPDATE

The report informs Members of the success and outcome of the 2020-21 Community Fund projects and asks Members to note the current progress of the 2021-22 Community Fund programme.

The prospect of Study Tours of Community Fund projects for Members and a future event to celebrate the successes of the Community Fund were also discussed.

Resolved that Members:

1. Note the success and outcomes of the 2020-21 Community Fund projects.
2. Also, note the progress of the current 2021-22 Community Fund Programme

Members also approved an additional recommendation

3. Members instructed officers to add a record of the promotion and communication of the Community Fund projects, including via Social Media, to future Community Fund progress reports.

66. WDA/22/21 BIDSTON FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM

The report drew attention to the Authority's capital programme and asked Members to redirect funding to support additional costs of the installation of the Bidston Fire Suppression system.

Resolved that:

- 1) Members approve the movement of capital funds initially allocated for potential infrastructure alterations to finance additional costs associated with the planned works to install a fire suppression system on the Bidston site.