



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:

22nd April 2022

24th June 2022

23rd September 2022

25th November 2022

3rd March 2023

21st April 2023

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

Contacts

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Item	Ref No.	Decision Date	Lead Officer
Corporate Governance report	K05-22	22/04/2022	Paula Pocock
MRWA Update on Audit recommendations	K06-22	22/04/2022	Peter Williams
Internal Audit plan	K07-22	22/04/2022	Peter Williams
LCR strategic waste partnership	K08-22	22/04/2022	Carl Beer

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Corporate Governance report			
File Reference	K05-22			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	Governance
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	To consider the annual review of the Authority's governance arrangements and approve the Annual Governance Statement.			
Scrutiny area	Governance			
Date for decision	22 nd April 2022			
List of Background Papers for consideration	Corporate Governance report			
Risk Management Implications	Failure to review corporate governance and internal control arrangements is a statutory requirement and may lead to weaknesses in the direction and control of the Authority's functions.			
Prior consultation	Primary Assurance Group			
Representations	In writing to or by email to paula.pocock@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Item for consideration	Update on audit recommendations			
File Reference	K06-22			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial ✓	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	To inform Members of progress vs external audit recommendations			
Scrutiny area	Finance			
Date for decision	<i>22 April 2022</i>			
List of Background Papers for consideration	None			
Risk Management Implications	The Auditor recommended a report to Members			
Prior consultation				
Representations	In writing to Peter Williams or by email to peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Item for consideration	Internal audit plan			
File Reference	K07-22			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial ✓	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Reason for meeting Key Decision Criteria	To inform Members of the internal audit plan for 2022-23			
Scrutiny area	Finance			
Date for decision	<i>22 April 2022</i>			
List of Background Papers for consideration	None			
Risk Management Implications	Members are those charged with governance and need an understanding of the risks faced by the Authority, and how internal audit mitigates the risks			
Prior consultation				
Representations	In writing to Peter Williams or by email to peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	LCR Strategic Waste Partnership			
File Reference	K08-22			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact Y	Other – please specify	
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	Endorsement of development process to date and call for priority to be given to Member involvement in strategy development going forward.			
Scrutiny area				
Date for decision	22 nd April 2022			
List of Background Papers for consideration	N/A			
Risk Management Implications	N/A			
Prior consultation	N/A			
Representations	In writing to or by email to Carl.Beer@merseysidewda.gov.uk			