



**At the meeting of the Authority  
held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024**

Present:     **Cllr Page  
              Cllr Bell  
              Cllr Dickinson  
              Cllr Norris  
              Cllr Robertson-Collins  
              Cllr Kelly  
              Cllr Williams  
              Cllr Baldwin**

**53.     Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs Nelson and Brown.

**54.     Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Resolved** the minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

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

**57.     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.

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

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

59. **WDA/47/24 Food Waste Management Arrangements**

Members were Informed of the findings of a report commissioned by the LCR Waste Partnership exploring options for an optimised, 'circular' approach to food waste management across the City Region.

**Resolved that:**

1. Members took note of the findings of an independent report considering an 'optimal' approach to food waste management across the Liverpool City Region.
2. Members approved the proposal for the development of a report to explore and assess the implications and options of the findings of the independent report for MRWA and its future food waste treatment solution.

60. **WDA/48/24 Closed Landfil Proposal**

Members were asked to consider a proposal for use of one of its closed landfill sites to generate power from a solar array. In return for the use of the site the Authority would receive a consideration from the contractor.

**Resolved that:**

1. Members agreed that the Authority proceeds with the proposed development.
2. Members delegated authority to the Chief Executive to conclude the financial settlement, in liaison with the Chairperson and the Treasurer.

61. **WDA/49/24 Internal Audit Reports**

Members were shown the outcome of the recent Internal Audit reviews of the Trade Waste systems used and operated by the Authority as well as the Anti-Fraud arrangements. The report identifies for Members whether the controls at the Authority on those systems are adequate and effective.

**Resolved that:** Members note the contents of the Internal Auditor's report

62. **WDA/50/24 Value for Money Audit Update**

The Authority external audit is provided by Grant Thornton. As a part of their work, they are required to reach conclusions on the Authority's arrangements for securing Value for Money (VFM) in the way it is organised and provides services.

The Authority's Auditor carried out work in respect of the audit years, 2020/21, 2021/22. And 2022/23. Members were asked to note the conclusions it draws and the Authority's progress in responding to the report.

**Resolved that** Members note the Auditors' conclusions and the Authority's progress in responding to the recommended improvement opportunities