



**At the meeting of the Authority  
held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Present: **Cllr Page**  
**Cllr Bell**  
**Cllr K Brown**  
**Cllr Norris**  
**Cllr Dickinson**  
**Cllr Luxon-Kewley**  
**Cllr Baldwin**  
**Cllr McNabb**

18. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Robertson-Collins and Nolan

19. **Minutes of the Annual Authority Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Resolved** the minutes of the Annual Authority Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

Cllr Brown Declared an interest in relation to item 9 as his wife has an interest in a project supported by the Zero Waste Community Fund, and in accordance with the procedure remained in the meeting

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

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

22. **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.

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

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

24. **WDA/25/25 MRWA Finance Report 2025/26 (Period 4)**

Members were provided with an update as of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 (Period 4) of the Authority's forecast revenue budget and capital programme position together with an update as to the position in respect of the Authority's statutory accounts.

**Resolved that:**

1. Members approved the revised forecast for 2025/26 regarding the Authority's Revenue Budget, as outlined Section 3 and in Appendix 1 and the revised Capital Programme for 2025/26 as outlined in Section 5 and Appendix 2.
2. Members noted the position in respect of the Authority's forecast reserves and the ambition to increase the earmarked reserves set aside to meet the cost of forthcoming legislation as outlined in Section 4 and the position with respect to the Authority's Statement of Accounts, together with the Auditor's Annual Report and associated Management Response contained in Appendices 3 and 4

25. **WDA/26/25 MRWA APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Members were asked to approve the principle of appointing an independent member to the Audit Committee and authorise the Director of Finance and the Chair of the Audit Committee to undertake a recruitment process and appoint an independent person to the Audit Committee for a period up to 31 March 2029.

**Resolved that:**

1. Members Approved the principle of co-opting an Independent Person onto the MRWA Audit Committee on a non-voting basis.

2. Members approved that the Director of Finance and the Chair of the Audit Committee to undertake a recruitment process and appoint an independent person to the Audit Committee for a period up to 31 March 2029;
3. Members Approved remuneration in respect of the position of £500 per annum, plus expenses; and
4. Members Approved the person specification attached at Appendix 1.

26. **WDA/27/25 COMMUNITY FUND 2024-25 OUTCOMES AND THE ZERO WASTE COMMUNITY FUND 2025- 26 PROGRAMME**

Members were informed of the outcome of the 2024-25 Community Fund programme and were asked to note the projects supported with Zero Waste Community Fund for 2025-2026 as approved by the Chief Executive under delegated powers of the Authority.

**Resolved that:**

1. Members noted the outcome of the 2024-25 Community Fund Projects and the projects supported with Zero Waste Community Funding in 2025-2026.
2. Members Confirmed they wish to continue the policy of delegating powers of the Authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairperson, to approve projects subject to the Zero Waste Community Fund being apportioned in line with the agreed funding allocation method