



MERSEYSIDE WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY

**At the Audit and Governance Committee
held on 6th November 2025**

Present : Cllr Brown
Cllr McNabb
Chris Kelsall
Liz Luddington (Grant Thornton)
Curtis Wallace (Grant Thornton)
Paula Pocock
Nicola Colquitt
Tim Shaw

6. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dickinson, Cllr Baldwin and Richard Thomas.

7. **Minutes of the Audit and Governance Meeting held on 29th May 2025**

Resolved the minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 7th August 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

An update was given in relation to the applications for the post Independent Member. It was agreed that the Deadline for the independent Member role be extended to January 2026.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

9. **MRWA HALF YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2025/26
WDA/28/25**

Members were updated to the Authority's Treasury Management position. It presents for approval the Treasury Management position, known as the semi-

annual review at the end of September 2025. The treasury and prudential indicators are also incorporated at Appendix 1.

Resolved that:

Members Noted the Treasury Management Half Year Review report;

10. **CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**
WDA/29/25

Members were asked to approve the Risk Management Strategy for 2025/26 and the associated Corporate Risk Register and also to note the findings of the mid-year review of the Governance Improvement Action Plan for 2025/26.

. Resolved that:

1. Members approved the Risk Management Strategy for 2025-26;
2. Members approved the Corporate Risk Register; and
3. Members took note of the update in respect of the Improvement Action Plan for 2025/26.

11. **INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2025/26**
WDA/30/25

The 2025/26 plan was approved by the Authority on 27 June 2025. Members were asked to note the update attached as an appendix together with the status in respect of outstanding recommendations pertaining to previous audits.

.Resolved that:

Members note the update in respect of the Internal Audit Plan for 2025-26.

12. **EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE**
WDA/31/25

Members were asked to note the progress report and sector update from the external auditors.

. Resolved that:

Members note the update the update from the External Audit.