



**At the meeting of the Authority  
held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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

34. **Apologies for Absence**

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

35. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and Audit and Governance Meetings May, August and November 2025**

**Resolved** the minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and Audit & Governance Meeting from May, August and November 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

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

38. **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.

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

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

40. **WDA/02/26 Annual Meeting & Timetable of Meetings 2026/27**

Members were asked to set the date of the Annual Meeting and approve the timetable of Authority meetings for the 2026/27 Municipal Year.

**Resolved that:**

1. Members Agreed the date of its Annual Meeting for 2026/27 and consider a programme of meetings for the 2026/27 Municipal Year; and
2. The Clerk was granted delegated powers to make any future alterations to the timetable of meetings as deemed appropriate, in consultation with the Chair of the Authority .

41. **WDA/03/26 Acceptance Of Nitrous Oxide Canisters At Household Waste Recycling Centres**

Members were informed of the current status of matters regarding disposal of discarded Nitrous Oxide (NOx) canisters across Merseyside and asked for approval to the proposal to install appropriate infrastructure at existing Household Waste Recycling Centres to enable handling and management of discarded NOx canisters delivered by members of the public

**Resolved that:**

1. Members noted the current status of matters regarding disposal of discarded Nitrous Oxide (NOx) canisters across Merseyside.
2. Members approved the proposal to install appropriate infrastructure at existing Household Waste Recycling Centres in Merseyside to enable handling and management of NOx canisters delivered by members of the public.

42. **WDA/04/26 MRWA Budget 2026/27 And Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2027/28 To 2030/31**

Authority is required to prepare a budget and to set a Levy each year. The level of Levy to be charged to each of the constituent Local Authorities needs to be agreed annually alongside a Levy payment schedule. The Authority also needs to consider and approve its Medium Term Financial Strategy.

**Resolved that:**

1. Members Approved the revised budget for 2025/26 and the revenue budget for 2026/27
2. Members Approved the Levy proposal set out in Section 6 and Appendix 2 to the report and agree the 2026/27 Levy at £85,579,220 and the Levy to be made on the constituent district councils for 2026/27 together with the payment dates for the Levy as set out in Section 8 to the report;
3. Members Agree to the increase in earmarked reserves from £10.0m to £20.0m to help the Authority meet the impact of forthcoming legislative changes, the forecast level of General Fund balances at the end of 2026/27 of £24.2m as set out in Section 7 of this report; and the proposed charges for 2026/27 included at Section 11.

43. **WDA/05/26 MRWA Treasury Capital Strategy 2026-27 To 2030-31**

Members were asked to Approve Capital Strategy for 2026-27 to 2030-31 at Appendix 1 of this report including the proposed Capital Programme for 2026/27 and indicative programme for 2027/28 to 2030/31 as contained within the Capital Strategy and summarised in Section 4 of the report and The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement 2026/27 included at Annex 2 to the Capital Strategy.

**Resolved that:** Members Approved The Capital Strategy for 2026-27 to 2030-31 and The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement 2026/27

44. **WDA/06/26 MRWA Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2026/27**

Members were asked to Note and approve current Treasury position as set out in Section 3, Borrowing Strategy for 2026/27 as per section 5 noting in particular the potential advance purchase of ETS allowances, Annual Investment Strategy as per section 6 and Appendix 1 and the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators included at Appendix 2.

**Resolved that:**

1. Members approved the current Treasury position and Borrowing Strategy for 2026/27.
2. Members approved Annual Investment Strategy and Treasury Management Prudential Indicators included at Appendix 2.

45. **WDA/07/26 Information Communication Technology Policies Review**

Members were given an update on the review of the Authority's Information Communication Technology (ICT) policies and asked to approve a new Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which encompasses the principles of the existing Social Media and Internet Policy, and Email Policy.

**Resolved that:**

1. Members took note of the findings from a review of the Authority's Information Communications Technology policies
2. Members approved the Draft Acceptable Use Policy at Appendix 1.

46. **WDA/08/26 MRWA Appointment Of Independent Member to The Audit Committee**

Members were asked to approve an increase in the proposed fees for the Independent Member to the Audit Committee.

**Resolved that:** Members approved an increase in the remuneration in respect of the position from £500 per annum to up to £1,500 per annum, plus expenses