At the Meeting of the Authority held on Friday 4th February 2011

Present : Councillor Cluskey Councillor Morgan Councillor Hargreaves Councillor Concepcion Councillor Brighouse Councillor Nelson (Observer status)

40. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tattersall, Anderson, Turner and Moore.

41. Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 26th November 2010

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2010 be approved and signed as a correct record.

42. Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers

There were no declarations of interest.

43. Questions from Members under Procedural Rules 9

There were no questions submitted by Members under Procedural Rule 9.

44. Questions from Members of the Public under Procedural Rules 10

There were no questions submitted by members of the public under Procedural Rule 10.

45. Motions proposed by Members under Procedural Rule 15

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

46. <u>Annual Meeting and Timetable of Authority Meetings 2011 - 2012</u> WDA/02/11

Members were asked to set the date of the Authority's Annual Meeting and consider a timetable of meetings for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.

Resolved that:

- 1. the Annual Meeting be held at 2.00 p.m. on 24th June 2011;
- 2. further meetings take place at 2.00 p.m. on 23rd September 2011, 18th November 2011, 3rd February 2012 and 13th April 2012; and
- 3. the Clerk to the Authority be granted delegated powers to make any future alterations to the timetable of meetings as deemed appropriate, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Authority.

47. <u>Revenue Budget 2011-2012 and Prudential Indicators 2010-2011 to 2013-</u> 2014 WDA/03/11

A report was submitted seeking Members' approval to a revised Revenue Budget 2010/11 and to set the Revenue Budget 2011/12 which showed an overall decrease from the previous year. The Treasurer informed Members that in response to the current economic pressures, an overall reduction of 4.1% had been achieved which ensured that the levy on constituent district councils would have at most a zero percent change.

Resolved that:

- 1. the Revised Revenue Budget for 2010/11 be approved;
- 2. a Revenue Budget for 2011/12 amounting to £67,991,723 be approved;
- 3. the Authority determines that a levy of £67,991,723 for 2011/12 be made and distributed between each District Council on the basis of the approved levy apportionment methodology, as follows:

Knowsley	£7,870,555
Liverpool	£22,669,368
St Helens	£ 8,489,244
Sefton	£ 12,974,007
Wirral	<u>£ 15,988,549</u>
	£ 67,991,723

4. the District Councils be required to pay the Treasurer the levy due from them respectively, in pursuance of paragraph 3 of this resolution, by ten instalments on or before:

21st April 2011 3rd June 2011 11th July 2011 16th August 2011 22nd September 2011 28th October 2011 5th December 2011 11th January 2012 14th February 2012 16th March 2012;

- 5. the Prudential Indicators for 2010/11 to 2013/14 be approved as set out in the report and detailed at Appendix 4;
- 6. delegated powers be granted to the Treasurer to the Authority, within the total limit for each year, to effect movements between the separately agreed limits in accordance with option appraisal and best value for money for the Authority; and
- 7. delegated powers be granted to the Treasurer to the Authority to effect movements between borrowing and other long term liabilities sums as with the above delegation

48. External Audit – Annual Audit Fee Plan 2010-11 WDA/04/11

A report was submitted which set out for Members the proposed audit work identified by the Audit Commission in relation to 2010-11.

Resolved that Members note the planned audit work proposed by the Audit Commission for 2010-11.

49. <u>The Equality Act 2010</u> <u>WDA/01/11</u>

A report was submitted which informed Members of the key employment implications in relation to the introduction of The Equality Act 2010 and to seek delegated powers of the Authority to the Director to update and approve relevant HR Policies and Procedures.

Resolved that:

- 1. the report be noted; and
- 2. delegated powers of the Authority be granted to the Director to update and approve relevant HR Policies and Procedures in

relation to the new Equality Act where there are no substantive changes to existing policy.

50. <u>Waste Management and Recycling Contract Trial Allowing Acceptance</u> of Trade Waste at Bidston HWRC WDA/05/11

Members considered a report which sought approval to the implementation of a trial to allow local small businesses to deposit their trade waste within a dedicated area at the Bidston Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC). Members were informed that the aim of the scheme was to reduce the overall operating costs for the Authority by generating an income from profits made from the new service under the existing Waste Management Recycling Contract with Veolia.

Resolved that the implementation of a trial allowing acceptance of trade waste at the Bidston Household Waste Recycling Centre be approved as outlined in the report.