



**At a Meeting of the Authority  
held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

Present : Councillor Cluskey (Chairperson)  
Councillor Salter  
Councillor Dean  
Councillor Tattersall  
Councillor Johnston  
Councillor Crowther  
Councillor Lonergan  
Councillor Harrison

87. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gardiner.

88. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008 be approved and signed as a correct record.

89. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009 be approved and signed as a correct record.

90. **Declarations of Interest by Members and Officers**

Neil Ferris declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 10, recorded herewith as minute 96 in so far as it relates to the appointment of Statutory Officers.

Mandy Valentine declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 10, recorded herewith as minute 96 in so far as it relates to the appointment of Statutory Officers.

Councillor Cluskey declared a non-prejudicial interest in Item 10, recorded herewith as minute 96 in so far as it relates to Mersey Waste Holdings Limited.

91. **Questions from Members under Procedural Rule 9**

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

92. **Questions from Members of the Public under Procedural Rule 10**

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

93. **Motions proposed by Members under Procedural Rule 15**

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

94. **Appointment of Deputy Chairperson and Other Nominations**  
**WDA/06/09**

A report was submitted which informed Members of the resignation of Councillor Salter in his role as Deputy Chairperson and MWDA representative on other bodies. Members were asked to consider the vacancies arising from him resignation and make nominations accordingly.

It was moved and seconded that Councillor Dean be appointed to the vacant positions.

**Resolved that:**

1. Councillor Dean be appointed as Deputy Chairperson for the remainder of the 2008/09 Municipal Year;
2. Councillor Dean be appointed as one of the representatives to the Board of Mersey Waste Holdings Limited; and
3. Councillor Dean be appointed as one of the representatives to the Board of Bidston Methane Limited.

95. **Annual Meeting and Timetable of Meetings**  
**WDA/03/09**

A report was considered which requested that the Authority set the date of its Annual Meeting and agree a programme of meetings for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

**Resolved that:**

1. the Annual Meeting be held at 2.00 p.m. on 26th June 2009;
2. further meetings take place at 2.00 p.m. on 14th August 2009, 25th September 2009, 27th November 2009, 5th February 2010 and 16th April 2010;

3. the meeting scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> April 2009 in the current Municipal Year be moved to the morning of 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009; and
4. delegated powers be granted to the Clerk to the Authority to make any future alterations to the timetable of meetings as deemed appropriate, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Authority.

Neil Ferris declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item and in accordance with the Code of Conduct, left the meeting during consideration of the item.

Mandy Valentine declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item and in accordance with the Code of Conduct, left the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor Cluskey declared a non- prejudicial interest in the following item and in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Members, remained in the meeting.

96. **Revenue Budget 2009/10 and Prudential Indicators 2008/09 to 2011/12 WDA/04/09**

A report was submitted seeking Members' approval to a revised Revenue Budget 2008/09 and to set the Revenue Budget 2009/10. Members were informed of the progress made in the procurement of new contracts and their impact on the Authority's budget. Members were reminded of the Authority's levying strategy and recommended to approve a 12% increase in the budget which was below the 15.4% affordability envelope agreed by District Councils as a result of the Authority's revised financial models.

**Resolved that:**

1. the Revised Revenue Budget for 2008/09 be approved;
2. a Revenue Budget for 2009/10 amounting to £70,872,041 be approved and, pursuant to Section 74 of the Local Government Act 1988 (as amended by the local Government and Housing Act 1989) and having regard to the budget, the Authority determines that a levy of £70,872,041 for 2009/10 be made;

3. the levy be distributed between each District Council on the basis of the approved levy apportionment methodology, as follows:

Knowsley	£ 7,742,865
Liverpool	£24,830,389
St Helens	£ 9,010,163
Sefton	£ 12,809,122
Wirral	<u>£ 16,479,502</u>
	£ 70,872,041

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 the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2009, 29th day of May 2009, 6th day of July 2009, 11th day of August 2009, 17th day of September 2009, 23rd day of October 2009, 27th day of November 2009, 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010, 10th day of February 2010 and 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2010;
5. the revised Senior Management Team Structure attached at Appendix 5 be approved;
6. the Prudential Indicators for 2008/09 to 2011/12 be approved as set out in the report and detailed at Appendix 4;
7. 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
8. 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.

97. **Minimum Revenue Provision 2009/2010**  
**WDA/05/09**

A report was submitted informing Members of the requirement to approve a policy statement regarding making Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for the next financial year prior to the commencement of that year.

**Resolved** that the Authority's MRP Statement for 2009/10 be approved.