



Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority

Waste Strategy for Merseyside 2003

Merseyside Local Authorities deal with nearly 800,000 tonnes of waste per year, most of which goes straight to landfill. We want to reduce the amount of waste we put into landfill and have set ourselves recycling targets to achieve this.

The residents of Merseyside have been able to give their views about how waste should be managed in the future through recent public consultation meetings organised by the Waste Disposal Authority in partnership with the District Councils. The main recommendation of these meetings is that the Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) and the five district Councils should work together to introduce kerbside collection systems. This will help to maximise recycling and mean there is less reliance on landfill and avoids mass burn technologies.

The 'Need for Change' document detailed Merseyside's Strategic Vision for Managing Waste. This takes on board comments from the Citizens Juries and also how we aim to meet the statutory targets set for the Waste Disposal Authority and the five Merseyside District Councils. The Document is a vision of what we wish to achieve and what will be considered when formulating the Waste Strategy for Merseyside.

MWDA and the District Councils will work together to meet the recycling targets set, and wherever possible exceed them. Our strategy is continually developing. We have set ourselves the following goals:-

Within the next five years:

- All Districts will introduce separate kerbside collections of dry recyclables with the aim of recovering a minimum of 15% of materials.
- All Districts will introduce kerbside collections of green (garden) waste with the aim of recovering a minimum further 10% of materials.
- In order to process the materials collected through the kerbside collection schemes MWDA and the District Councils will develop the necessary facilities to process the collected material.



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- MWDA working with the Clean Merseyside Centre will identify markets and negotiate contracts for the reprocessing of the materials collected by the five District Councils.
- MWDA will improve recycling/composting at Waste Reception Centres to double the amount of household waste recycled, compared to current levels. This will be done by upgrading the existing sites, developing new sites in areas of need (MWDA are working closely with the District Councils on this) and also increasing the range of materials accepted. The emphasis now will be on recycling rather than disposal of general rubbish.
- MWDA and the five District Councils will consider a change to the way the levy for the costs of waste disposal in Merseyside is calculated, so that it rewards those who reduce, re-use and recycle.
- MWDA and the five District Councils will develop and implement a public awareness campaign to help in achieving the recycling targets to begin in 2003.



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The Medium-to-Long Term Strategy

MWDA and the five District Councils are working together to establish a joint Political Forum at Member level. This will involve representatives from both the collection and disposal sectors and will establish waste management policy and actions throughout Merseyside.

By 2003 the Forum will identify a series of options to maximise recovery and recycling activities and best manage the remaining wastes so that mass burn technologies are avoided.

Merseyside aims to invite tenders for Merseyside's medium to long term needs for materials recovery, recycling treatment and disposal by 2005/06.

The Merseyside Authorities will review the strategy from time to time, in light of changes in National Policy and legislation. The Waste Strategy will then be updated and posted on our website.

This is part of Project Accord, a partnership between MWDA, Knowsley MBC, Liverpool CC, Sefton Council, St Helens MBC and the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral.

We welcome your views. Any comments should be sent to:

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