



MERSEYSIDE WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF MOTION

PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR DAVID LONERGAN

TO BE PUT TO THE FULL MEETING OF THE MERSEYSIDE WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY ON 7 DECEMBER 2007

At meetings of the Authority on 17th November, 2006 and 2nd February, 2007, Members agreed to proceed to consider potential sites for the treatment of waste under the Authority's Contract Procurement Programme on the basis of the approved selection criteria without the sites being identified to Members.

I understand from recent correspondence received from the Clerk to the Authority that this decision was based upon a consideration of the overall risks and benefits, the most significant factor being the need to maintain confidentiality with regard to the identity of the sites.

Members further agreed at the Authority's meeting on 5th October, 2007 to review their position on this issue.

Given the recent media reports relating to the identification of the sites preferred by the Authority for the construction and location of a waste treatment incinerator and waste management facilities, together with a Freedom of Information request received by my own authority in relation to this issue, I firmly believe that now is the time for greater transparency and that Members should be informed of all of the potential sites identified by the Authority for the treatment of residual waste under the Contract Procurement Programme, including those that are not at present being put forward for advanced site acquisition.

I also believe that the time has come for the rationale for selecting the preferred sites to be identified and discussed, together with why these sites have been highlighted as more suitable than the others. This will require that the information pertaining to the location of, and proposals for, the remaining top 10 sites now be shared with Members of the Authority.

I would strongly suggest therefore that Members of the Authority now change their current position on this matter and seek information from the relevant officers upon the location and site selection process applied to the top 10 sites. I fully appreciate that the site selection is a "live" process and that additional confidentiality issues will arise from disclosure to Members which will need to be addressed.

I therefore move that the Authority resolves to review and reverse its earlier decision upon the disclosure of site details to Members and that Members are now given detailed information upon the identity, location and site selection process and rationale applied to the top ten sites.

David Lonergan

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MWDA Member nominated by Knowsley Council**

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