

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS TO MERSEY WASTE HOLDINGS LIMITED
WDA/51/08

Recommendation

That the Authority approves the appointment of BDO Stoy Hayward as Auditors of Mersey Waste Holdings Limited for the period 1st October 2008 to 30th September 2009

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Report of the Treasurer

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek the Authority's approval to the selection of Auditors by Mersey Waste Holdings Limited for the period 1st October 2008 to 30th September 2009.

2. Background

The apportionment of auditors of Mersey Waste Holdings Limited is subject to prior consultation with the Authority which has been undertaken. The current auditors have been the subject of recent Audit Commission approval.

3. Current Situation

The current situation is that BDO Stoy Hayward are the appointed Auditors to Mersey Waste Holdings for the period up to 30th September 2008. The MWHL Board approved the appointment of BDO Stoy Hayward for the year to 30th September 2009 covering the period of the new contract at its meeting of 6th August 2008.

4. Risk Implications

Failure to appoint suitably qualified Auditors places the company at risk that its financial statements do not fairly present its financial position in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The Authority needs to ensure that appropriate audit arrangements are put in place by the company.

5. HR Implications

None

6. Environmental Implications

None

7. Financial Implications

None

8. Conclusion

The decision of the Authority supports the choice of Auditor by the Board of Mersey Waste Holdings Ltd.

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The background documents to this report are open to inspection in accordance with Section 100D of The Local Government Act 1972 - Nil.