

**Appendix 1****Climate Change Policy****Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority acknowledges**

- The most crucial threat from exceeding environmental limits is from dangerous climate change;
- That climate change is occurring and will continue to have far reaching effects on the UK's people and places, economy, society and environment; and
- That we, as a service provider, must understand our climate change risks.

**We welcome**

- The social, economic and environmental benefits, which come from addressing climate change issues;
- The setting of national greenhouse gas emission targets;
- The opportunity to lead the field of sustainable waste management; and
- The notion of encouraging and helping residents, communities, businesses and other organisations in Merseyside and the North West to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

**Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority is committed to:**

- Sign the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change;
- Make climate change a driver to achieve sustainable waste management;
- Publicly declare, within appropriate plans and strategies, the commitment to address climate change issues and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our own operations;
- Work with central government and organisations to assist at the local level, to deliver the UK Climate Change Programme;
- Participate in local and regional networks on climate change;

- Address with our partners, the causes and the impacts of climate change, according to our local priorities;
- Mitigate and adapt to climate change and produce a carbon management plan for the Authority;
- Build new facilities that meet the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) Excellent standard and refurbish existing facilities to meet BREEAM Very Good standard subject to a Value for Money assessment;
- Raise awareness of climate change amongst stakeholders in the community we serve;
- Appraise and review the Authority's strategies, plans, policies and activities in relation to climate change issues;
- Assess the risk associated with climate change and the implications for our services;
- Encourage other partner organisations, suppliers and contractors to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Monitor the progress of our plans against the actions needed and publish the result in our annual sustainability report.

Signed

Date