



**At the meeting of the Authority
held on Friday 20th September 2024**

Present: **Cllr Page**
Cllr L Robertson-Collins
Cllr Bell
Cllr K Brown
Cllr Norris
Cllr Dickinson
Cllr Kelly
Cllr Williams

17. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr Nelson and Cllr Baldwin

18. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th June 2024**

Resolved the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th June 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

19. **Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers**

Cllr Brown Declared an interest in relation to item 8 as his wife has an interest in a project supported by the Zero Waste Community Fund, and in accordance with the procedure remained in the meeting

20. **Question(s) from Members under Procedural Rule 9**

There were no questions submitted by Members in accordance with Procedural Rule 9.

21. **Question(s) from Members of the Public under Procedural Rule 10**

There were no questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with Procedural Rule 10.

22. **Motion proposed by Members under Procedural Rule 15**

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

23. **WDA/43/24 Food Waste Management Arrangements**

Members were informed of the legal changes to collection of food waste from households.

Members were asked to approve the proposal to install appropriate infrastructure at existing MRWA waste transfer locations to enable handling and management of household food waste separately collected by Liverpool City Region's Councils from the statutory date.

Resolved that:

1. Members noted the changes required to management of separately collected food waste;
2. Members approved the proposal to install appropriate infrastructure at existing MRWA waste transfer locations to enable handling of food waste to be separately collected from Liverpool City Region's Councils in accordance with the new legal obligations;
3. Members agreed the final decision on the siting of the preferred location of a facility in Huyton be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with Authority Chairperson.

24. **WDA/44/24 Community Fund 2023-24 Outcomes and the Zero Waste Community fund 2024-25 Programme**

Members were asked to note the outcome of the 2022-23 Community Fund programme and to note the projects supported with Zero Waste Community Fund for 2024-2025 as approved by the Chief Executive under delegated powers of the Authority.

Members were asked to confirm they wish to continue the policy of delegating powers of the Authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairperson, to approve projects subject to the Zero Waste Community Fund being apportioned in line with the agreed funding allocation method.

Resolved that:

1. Members Noted the outcome of the 2022-23 Community Fund Projects the projects supported with Zero Waste Community Funding in 2024-2025; and
2. Members Agreed to continue the policy of delegating powers of the Authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairperson to approve projects for the Zero Waste Community Fund being apportioned in line with the agreed funding allocation method.

25. **WDA/45/24 MRWA Update on Audit Recommendations**

Members were asked to take note of the progress in response to the Audit recommendations. Members were reminded of the External Auditors report in November 2021 which included statutory recommendations for the Authority to respond to.

Resolved that Members take note of the progress in response to the Audit recommendations.

26. **WDA/46/24 Value for Money Audit Update**

Members were asked to note the Auditor's conclusions on the Authority's arrangements for securing Value for Money (VfM) in the way it provides its services. In addition, to note the Authority's progress in responding to the recommended improvement opportunities.

Members asked that this report be taken to the next Authority Meeting in November to enable the Auditor to present their findings.

Members also asked that their disappointment be noted, that Auditor was not able to be present at the meeting today.