



MERSEYSIDE WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY

FORWARD PLAN

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Introduction

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Authority publishes a “Forward Plan” of “Key Decisions”.

The Forward Plan is published on a six weekly basis to match the Authority’s meeting cycle and covers key issues to be dealt with in the subsequent three months. It is a publicly available document and its purpose is to reinforce the openness and accountability of the Authority’s decision-making process.

The Plan seeks to anticipate the issues that will be the subject of a Key Decision during that period. For each item the Plan includes:

- The item’s title and a short description of the decision being sought.
- An indication of who will be making the decision.
- The Scrutiny arrangements for the decision.
- An indication of when the decision is expected to be made. This may be a specific date i.e. the date of a meeting, or a period during which the decision is likely to be made.
- A list of Supporting Papers. These will be documents which the decision-maker(s) will consider or take into account when making the decision.
- An indication of what consultation will take place on the item which is the subject of the proposed decision. This will include an indication as to who will be consulted (i.e. principal groups and organisations) and how that consultation will be conducted.
- An indication of how and to whom representations should be made on the item.

Within the Plan, the items are listed in the chronological order in which it is anticipated that the decisions will be made.

The decision in respect of each key decision is recorded in the minutes for the relevant meeting which are approved at the subsequent meeting of the Authority and are open for inspection at the Authority Offices and on the Authority's web site.

Definition of a Key Decision

The definition of a Key Decision is set out in the Authority's Constitution. It is as follows:-

A Key Decision is an executive decision:-

- (i) incurring expenditure or making savings which are financially significant, unless the specific expenditure or saving has previously been agreed by the Authority; or*
- (ii) which, in the view of the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair, is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in Merseyside.*

A decision will be considered financially significant if:-

- a) in the case of revenue expenditure, it results in incurring expenditure or making savings of £250,000 or greater;*
- b) in the case of capital expenditure, the capital expenditure/savings are in excess of £1 Million;*

unless the specific expenditure or savings have previously been agreed by the Authority or have been taken in line with the Authority's Financial Management Policy.

In determining whether a decision is significant in terms of its effect on communities, the Chief Executive and lead Member will give consideration to:-

- a) the number of residents/service users/District Council areas that will be affected;*
- b) whether the impact is short term, long term or permanent;*
- c) the impact on the community in terms of the economic, social and environmental well-being.*

Decision-Makers

Key Decisions will be made by the Authority or its committees where relevant powers have been delegated. A report will be submitted to the relevant meeting on each key decision, and Members will also consider, where necessary, any report which has been 'called-in' under the Authority's scrutiny arrangements.

Consultation

The Chief Executive, in taking decisions under delegated powers, will consult with the relevant Authority Members and other key stakeholders, in accordance with those identified in the Forward Plan.

Authority Meetings

The Authority will meet formally approximately every six weeks. Meeting dates are published on the web site www.merseysidewda.gov.uk. Each Authority meeting will be in two parts. The first part of the meeting will consider the Key Decisions contained in the Forward Plan, and any other matters determined by the Chair. The second part of the meeting will be made available for any scrutiny discussions.

The current schedule of meetings is as follows:

7th February 2025
25th April 2025

Scrutiny Arrangements

Two Members of the Authority may request that the Chair place a delegated decision matter on the Agenda of an Authority regular meeting as a 'scrutiny item'.

Information Reports

The Authority will periodically publish information reports about its Policies, Strategies and Performance on the web site www.merseysidewda.gov.uk

Contacts

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Item	Ref No.	Decision Date	Lead Officer
RRC RTLS vehicle management	K01-25	7/02/25	Ian Stephenson
Corporate Plan 2025 - 2030	K02-25	7/02/25	Paula Pocock
HR Policies & Procedures Review	K03-25	7/02/25	Paula Pocock
MRWA ZERO WASTE STRATEGY	K04-25	7/02/25	Paula Pocock
JOINT LIVERPOOL CITY REGION ZERO WASTE STRATEGY	K05-25	7/02/25	Paula Pocock
Audit update	K06-25	7/02/25	Peter Williams
Timetable of Authority Meetings 2025/26	K07-25	7/02/25	Paula Pocock
MRWA budget 2025-26	K08-25	7/02/25	Peter Williams
Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2025-26	K09-25	7/02/25	Peter Williams

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	RRC RTLS vehicle management			
File Reference	K01-25			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Private			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	X
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	The report asks Members to note the status of contract discussions re: vehicle management at the RTLS and to delegate Authority for a decision on any potential dispute resolution process to the CEX in consultation with Chair.			
Scrutiny area	Whole Authority			
Date for decision	7 th February 2025			
List of Background Papers for consideration	None			
Risk Management Implications	Failure to ensure issues are appropriately addressed risks poor contract management, ongoing operational impact and poor governance over major contract decisions.			
Prior consultation	None			
Representations	In writing to or by email to ian.stephenson@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Corporate Plan 2025 - 2030			
File Reference	K02-25			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial x	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	Members are asked to consider and approve the proposed Corporate Plan for 2025-30			
Scrutiny area	Governance			
Date for decision	7 th February 2025			
List of Background Papers for consideration	N/A			
Risk Management Implications	If the Corporate Plan is not approved the Authority may not fulfil its functions effectively			
Prior consultation	n/a			
Representations	In writing to or by email to paula.pocock@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	HR Policies & Procedures Review			
File Reference	K03- 25			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	HR
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	Review of HR Policies and procedures in light of updated legislation and best practice.			
Scrutiny area	Governance			
Date for decision	7th February, 2025			
List of Background Papers for consideration	N/A			
Risk Management Implications	N/A			
Prior consultation	N/A			
Representations	In writing to Jane Nolan or by email to jane.nolan@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	<u>MRWA ZERO WASTE STRATEGY</u>			
File Reference	K04-25			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact X	Other – please specify	
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	Members are asked to note progress of the MRWA Zero Waste Strategy, approve the text document and delegate responsibility to the Chief Executive to develop a public facing designed version.			
Scrutiny area	Strategy & Development			
Date for decision	7 th February 2025			
List of Background Papers for consideration	WD/xx /24 APPENDIX 1 MRWA Zero Waste Strategy			
Risk Management Implications	See within report WD/xx/24			
Prior consultation	Paula Pocock Glynn Stevenson			
Representations	In writing to or by email to rebecca.haynes-mccoy@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	<u>JOINT LIVERPOOL CITY REGION ZERO WASTE STRATEGY</u>			
File Reference	K05-25			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact v	Other – please specify	
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.				
Scrutiny area	Strategy			
Date for decision	7 th February, 2025			
List of Background Papers for consideration	WD/xx /24 APPENDIX 1 Joint Zero Waste Strategy			
Risk Management Implications	See within report WD/xx/24			
Prior consultation	Paula Pocock Glynn Stevenson			
Representations	In writing to or by email to _____@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Audit update			
File Reference	K06-25			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial x	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	Members are asked to consider the audit update report			
Scrutiny area	Finance			
Date for decision	7th February 2025			
List of Background Papers for consideration	N/A			
Risk Management Implications	The auditor requires Members to be informed of progress			
Prior consultation	n/a			
Representations	In writing to or by email to peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Timetable of Authority Meetings 2025/26			
File Reference	K07-25			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial	Community Impact	Other – please specify	Requirement to set AGM
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	To set the date of the Annual Meeting of the Authority and identify an appropriate timetable of meetings for the 2025/26 Municipal Year			
Scrutiny area	Governance			
Date for decision	7 th February 2025			
List of Background Papers for consideration	None			
Risk Management Implications	Statutory requirement to set a date for the Authority's Annual Meeting which must take place on or before 30 th June each year			
Prior consultation	None			
Representations	In writing to or by email to paula.pocock@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	MRWA budget 2025-26			
File Reference	K08-25			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial x	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	Members are asked to consider the authority's budget and Levy proposals for 2025-26			
Scrutiny area	Finance			
Date for decision	7th February 2025			
List of Background Papers for consideration	N/A			
Risk Management Implications	Members need to understand the Authority's budget proposals to enable them to agree a Levy.			
Prior consultation	n/a			
Representations	In writing to or by email to peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			

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KEY DECISION SHEET

Title	Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2025-26			
File Reference	K09-25			
Is the report likely to be private or public?	Public			
Decision Maker	Full Authority			
Key Decision Criteria	Financial x	Community Impact	Other – please specify	
Matter in respect of which a Key Decision is required.	Members are asked to consider the Authority's Treasury management strategy and prudential indicators			
Scrutiny area	Finance			
Date for decision	7th February 2025			
List of Background Papers for consideration	N/A			
Risk Management Implications	Members need to understand the risks/checks and balances that underpin the Authority's treasury management			
Prior consultation	n/a			
Representations	In writing to or by email to peter.williams@merseysidewda.gov.uk			