



# Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority

## Authority Meeting

18<sup>th</sup> September 2015

## Joint Officers' Report

## Annual Report 2014/15

### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide the Authority with verified performance data for the 2014/15 financial year, charts progress against our main aim 'our aim is zero waste' and records progress against priorities as set out in the Corporate Plan.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Authority is recommended to:
- a) consider and comment upon the proposed Annual Report 2014/15, including the suitability of its revised format; and
  - b) delegate to the Treasurer & Deputy Clerk authority to make any consequential changes to take on-board Member comments, correct minor typographic corrections and agree a final 'user friendly' factsheet, prior to publication on the Authority's website (Delegated Decision Number: DD152).

### 3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 At its 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM) the Authority received an Annual Review for 2014/15. That contained unverified data, and headline data for the year. This report builds on that report, providing verified data and performance against the Corporate Plan 2014/15 - 2016/17, and at headline level sets out:
- a) a marginal 1.78% increase in waste generated by our citizens;
  - b) a relatively static level of recycling and composting being achieved (0.16% variation);
  - c) diversion from landfill increased to almost 75% (up by 20% from last year), due to the availability of the Runcorn Thermal Power Station (TPS), our final facility constructed under the Recycling & Waste Management Contract (the Contract);
  - d) almost 100k extra tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent saved compared to last year, again due to the Runcorn TPS facility's availability;
  - e) increasing amounts of green energy generated; and
  - f) an unqualified Audit Opinion on the Statement of Accounts, which was achieved almost three months before the statutory deadline.
- 3.2 The 2014/15 financial year has been one of continuing progress and some notable achievements, which provide a good stepping stone for the even more ambitious targets set for the current financial year.

#### 4. Background

- 4.1 The Authority is keen to promote transparency about its business and has for many years produced an Annual Report about its performance, which includes verified tonnage data. The external timelines for WasteDataFlow (WDF) (which collects data from all local authorities on a national basis) are such that the Annual Report cannot be presented until this meeting, and therefore the AGM receives an interim Annual Review report.
- 4.2 Traditionally the Annual Report has presented a mixture of high level and detailed data to aid transparency. That, however, did not fully link to our Corporate Plan objectives, nor the enhanced performance management system we introduced during 2014/15. Clearly with limited resources and pressure from further austerity measures we need to be able to demonstrate the worth of 'what we do'. The style and format of this years' Annual Report has therefore been adjusted to improve accountability, though the process is expected to continue to further evolve over coming years.

#### 5. Headline Performance and Key Actions 2014/15

- 5.1 Under the Waste Management Strategy (WMS), and specifically 'our aim is zero waste' we have five headline areas of performance, which are set out in the table below

		Performance in 2014/15	Last Years 2013/14	Future Targets
a)	Waste Prevention (total tonnage per annum)	1,070k	1,089k (1.78% increase*)	425 kg per household by 2025 (total depends on housing growth)
b)	Recycling & Composting (% achieved)	41.04	40.88	50% by end 2015/16 (and 60% by 2025)
c)	Diversion from Landfill (%)	74.74	54.48	90% by 2020
d)	Reduction in CO <sub>2</sub> Equivalent (tonne per annum)	261,774	169,412	287k tonne by 2016
e)	Number of Equivalent Homes Powered by Green Energy	14,193	N/A	50,000 by 2020

\* This headline increase comprises a small increase in District delivered waste (of 1.04%) and a 4.62% increase in Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) arisings.

- 5.2 The Corporate Plan 2014/15 to 2016/17 sets out how we achieve this under three key areas:
- 1) deliver the WMS;
  - 2) using our resources economically, effectively and efficiently; and
  - 3) providing a well-run and safe place to work with the right people with the right skills.

Which are under pinned by 12 objectives and sub objectives. Performance against these is set out in detail at Appendix A.

5.3 Subject to the review/comments of Members it is intended to convert this report and its Appendix into a brief (one page) outward facing document (Annual Report Factsheet) for use by members of the public. That document, together with the detailed data included at the Appendix and Annex will be published on the website by the end of the month.

**6. Comments of the Solicitor**

6.1 None. (CB)

**7. Comments of the Deputy Treasurer**

7.1 There are no direct financial implications resulting from this report. (MS)

**8. Corporate Plan Reference Number**

8.1 All.

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The following is a list of the background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100D(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. It does not include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information, as defined by that Act.

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