

REPORT TO: Environment and Regeneration Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 11th February 2026

REPORTING OFFICER: Executive Director Environment and Regeneration

PORTFOLIO: Environment and Urban Renewal

SUBJECT: Merseyside Waste Recycling Authority Corporate Plan 25/26

WARD(S) Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 A presentation will be provided to the board on the Merseyside Recycling & Waste Authority (MRWA) corporate plan for 25/26.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the contents of the presentation are noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 MRWA is the recycling and waste authority for the Liverpool district and handles waste from the six local authorities including Halton.
- 3.2 Halton's residual waste (black bins), recycling (blue bins) and garden waste (green bins) is received and handled through MRWA waste arrangements.
- 3.3 Halton has a strategic relationship with MRWA, a consideration in the organisations corporate plan and future procurement arrangements for recycling and waste handling.
- 3.4 The MRWA Corporate Plan has been redesigned and extended to allow flexibility to a changing context to respond to future challenges and opportunities.
- 3.5 There are five priority focus areas:
- Deliver our statutory and contractual duties.
 - Develop new and improved services.
 - Ensure the highest standards of governance and performance.
 - Implement our Zero Waste Strategy 2040.
 - Educate and influence behaviour change.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 MRWA recycling and waste arrangements meet statutory requirements for handling waste.

4.2 Simpler recycling and food waste is to be introduced in 2026; the LCR Waste Partnership including MRWA is progressing arrangements across LCR to introduce and evolve district services as appropriate ensuring mechanisms and capacity to handle waste streams and levels.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None as a result of the report.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence

Waste has a direct effect on public health; effective and efficient household waste collection mitigates potential health implications related to accumulated waste.

6.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy

The waste sector and local arrangements to deal with waste provides significant employment opportunities and contribution to Halton's economy.

6.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families

There are opportunities through the behaviour change work to engage children and young people to be champions of waste and recycling approaches at home.

6.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need

Halton offers support, such as assisted collections to enable those with support needs to deal with their waste appropriately.

The extended waste collection requirements will include resident engagement and behaviour change support with targeted support to cohorts as required to increase recycling and reduce household waste levels in Halton.

6.5 Working Towards a Greener Future

MWRA introduced a Zero Waste Strategy in 2025 with Halton, along with the other Liverpool City Region local authorities signing up to a circular economy approach.

6.6 Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community

MWRA are a key stakeholder to support the changes to household

waste arrangements in Halton. The approach and investment demonstrate the commitment to Halton's residents. Most residents and households will be keen to contribute what they can to the environmental agenda and providing appropriate tools and household collections will enable this.

7.0 Risk Analysis

7.1 None identified.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 None identified.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None identified.

10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

'None under the meaning of the Act.'