

OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE WMU

The WMU as the regulatory unit of waste management in the city is mandated to plan, organise, execute (directly or indirectly) and supervise waste management services in the City of Lusaka including waste collection from peri-urban and other selected areas in the city and the management of the disposal site. The WMU operates in a cost neutral manner meaning that the WMU shall generate sufficient funds to pay for all the expenditures required to provide an efficient and affordable waste collection and disposal service in the entire city.

Functions of the WMU include but are not necessarily limited to:

- Management of the disposal site (currently in Chunga) including waste registration and charging of fees for waste disposal
- Collection of waste and fees from the Central Business District (Waste Management District "D")
- Secondary Collection of waste from peri-urban areas and fees from community based organisations involved in Primary Collection in these areas
- Contracting of private waste collection companies to collect waste in Waste Management Districts (WMDs) on a franchise basis
- Contract Management and supervision of private waste contractors (Franchise Holders)
- Inspection of all waste management activities and enforcement of waste management regulations (esp. the Waste Management By-laws)
- Develop and oversee the implementation of long-term solid waste management plans on behalf of LCC which will include resource mobilisation for capital projects and institutional support;
- Planning of waste management including the elaboration of five year rolling action plans for the implementation of the Strategic Municipal Solid Waste Master Plan (SMSWMP) for the City of Lusaka
- Develop Environmental Auditing / Monitoring systems for solid waste management in the city;
- Conduct periodic Environmental Audits of the SMSWMP and provide directions on future implementation strategies;
- Advise LCC on policy matters relating to solid waste management in city of Lusaka;
- Maintaining contact with all waste generators but especially with those waste generators that have a direct relationship with the WMU through a contract or memorandum of understanding.

Waste Management Advisory Centre

The SMSWMP of the City of Lusaka is designed to implement an *Integrated Waste Management* approach, designing the waste management system around the Management Hierarchy ranked as follows: -

- *Waste Avoidance* aimed at reducing the amounts of waste and the risks to Human, Animals, plants and the environment in general thereof at both household and commercial or institutional levels
- *Waste Recovery* through Recycling and Material recovery for own use or for business purposes
- *Disposal* elimination waste fraction from material cycle without damage to the environment.

The WMU Advisory Centre through the Office of the Consumer relations office offers advice to residents on ways of avoiding and reducing waste, effectively reducing on the collection bills. The unit also offers technical advice on recycling and material recovery for both residents and up coming entrepreneurs. For any queries contact the WMU through wmu@microlink.zm or follow the Frequently Asked Questions [FAQs](#) Link