

## **Coventry, Solihull And Warwickshire Sub-Regional Forum - 16 June 2006.**

### **The Management of Municipal Waste in the Sub Region**

#### **Recommendation**

That members of the CSW Forum approve that Coventry, Solihull and the Warwickshire authorities investigate options for joint working including the provision of joint waste management facilities.

#### **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 Coventry and Solihull jointly own the Coventry Waste to Energy from Waste(EfW) Plant and have a Joint Waste Advisory Forum (JWAF) to steer waste management in the two Councils.
- 1.2 The JWAF is progressing a number of options for improving waste management in the two Councils including:
  - a) Developing integrated and holistic recycling options to compliment the waste to energy recovery process.
  - b) Expanding kerbside recycling schemes across communities.
  - c) Further developing community led recycling to increase and promote sustained community recycling .
  - d) Investigating a combined and integrated waste collection service to serve both authorities.
- 1.3 Both Councils retain a commitment to Waste to Energy incineration through the Coventry and Solihull Energy from Waste Plant.
- 1.4 Coventry is currently developing its Municipal Waste Management Strategy which will be presented to elected members in September 2006 for approval.
- 1.5 Warwickshire’s Municipal Waste Management Strategy was approved in October 2005. Warwickshire County Council and the District Councils within Warwickshire intend to:
  - Reduce the amount of waste produced in Warwickshire.

- Aim to reach aspirational countywide targets of between 40-45% recycling to be achieved by 2009/10.
- Limit the amount of waste disposed of to landfill – making use of existing waste treatment facilities e.g. Coventry & Solihull's EfW facility.
- After maximising recycling, treat all remaining residual waste using a thermal treatment system such as Energy from Waste– generating energy from a non-fossil source.

## **2.0 Future opportunities**

2.1 There are clearly areas where there could be mutual advantages from the Warwickshire authorities working in partnership with Coventry and Solihull to provide sub regional solutions to these issues and discussions have been taking place at officer level. It is proposed that the following areas are further explored:

- a) Additional inputs to the Coventry EfW plant by the Warwickshire authorities to assist the County in achieving statutory landfill diversion targets.
- b) Sale of landfill allowances by Coventry City Council and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council to Warwickshire County Council.
- c) The development of recycling plants, transfer stations and in-vessel composting plants which could serve the sub region. These are likely to be located in Warwickshire.
- d) Long term Energy from Waste Plants.
- e) Joint financing arrangements

2.2 The JWAF has endorsed the continued joint working with Warwickshire and, as appropriate, the inclusion of Warwickshire County Council officers at the JWAF, and the Warwickshire Waste Partnership has endorsed closer working with Coventry and Solihull.

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