

## Warwickshire Waste Partnership

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### Proposed New Waste Management Targets to Support Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy

#### Recommendation

That the Waste Partnership notes the achievements made over the past few years and approves the new stretched targets up to 2013/14, as detailed in paragraph 5.2.

#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the last meeting of the Partnership on 27 September 2011, members asked for a review of the key targets within Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy, as the present targets have been exceeded.
- 1.2 This report summarises the progress made by the Warwickshire Waste Partnership towards reaching the targets agreed in Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy and recommends a number of new stretched targets up to 2013/14.

#### 2.0 Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy

- 2.1 Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy was adopted by the Warwickshire Waste Partnership in October 2005 and officially launched by the Partnership in January 2006.
- 2.2 The first review of the Strategy was planned for 2010, but due to a delay in Government guidance this was postponed. It has now been suggested that the legal requirement for councils in two-tier local authority areas to work together to produce a waste management strategy, may be abolished as part of the national waste review.
- 2.3 If the legal requirement for a Strategy were abolished, it would still make sense to produce a "concise, high-level strategic document". Any new document produced would need to address developments in legislation, policy and market forces and would take into account the improvements in performance achieved by partner authorities over the past five years. At the Partnership meeting on 14 June 2011 Members agreed that if the legal requirement were abolished, a "concise, high-level strategic document" would be produced in the near future to up-date the Strategy.

### 3.0 Key Objectives

3.1 The key strategic objectives are to:-

- (i) Reduce the amount of waste produced in Warwickshire.
- (ii) Recycle and compost 40 – 45% of our waste by 2009/10 (We are now at 49% and expecting to achieve 56% by 2015).
- (iii) Limit the amount of waste disposed of to landfill – making use of existing waste treatment facilities.
- (iv) After maximising recycling and composting, treat all remaining waste using 'other' market technology (no new landfill contracts).

### 4.0 Performance

4.1 The strategic objectives are monitored using the measures in the table below, the performance for the last three years is also provided.

Measures	Aim	2008/09 Actual	2009/10 Actual	2010/11 Actual
Residual household waste per household (formerly NI 191)	Low	662.5kg	591.3kg	564.4kg
Household waste re-used, recycled and composted (formerly NI 192)	High	43.20%	48.10%	49.20%
Municipal waste landfilled (formerly NI 193)	Low	51.60%	44.20%	40.00%
Household waste that has been used to recover heat, power and other energy sources (formerly LI 721)	High	7.00%	10.20%	18.50%
Percentage recycling and composting of "household waste" at Household Waste Recycling Centres (formerly LI 725)	High			66.60%

4.2 As can be seen from the table above Warwickshire has made steady progress towards meeting the key objectives of the Strategy. Currently Warwickshire has achieved its 2009/10 recycling target and landfill diversion target and is expected to meet our 2012/13 landfill diversion target.

4.3 If Warwickshire is to meet the 2012/13 targets and comply with 2020 recycling target<sup>1</sup>, it is essential to progress the waste agenda and review the Strategy as planned. In the interim it is suggested that a number of new stretched targets up to 2013/14 are adopted.

<sup>1</sup> EU recycling targets of 50% for municipal waste by 2020

## 5.0 New Targets

5.1 Taking into consideration what is presently happening with waste reduction as well as other current and future waste initiatives, such as Alternate Weekly Collection in Nuneaton, possible service changes introduced in North Warwickshire, recycling of Street Sweepings across the County and the reduction in landfill use as the W2R<sup>2</sup> Contract goes live some realistic targets have been forecast.

5.2 The proposed targets are provided in the table below:

Measures	Aim	2010/11 Actual	2011/12 Target	2012/13 Target	2013/14 Target
Residual household waste per household (formerly NI 191)	Low	564.4kg	0.538	0.485	0.473
Household waste re-used, recycled and composted (formerly NI 192)	High	49.20%	50.29%	54.72%	55.94%
Municipal waste landfilled (formerly NI 193)	Low	40.00%	34.11%	34.03%	17.28%
Household waste that has been used to recover heat, power and other energy sources (formerly LI 721)	High	18.50%	19.46%	17.27%	20.68%
Percentage recycling and composting of "household waste" at Household Waste Recycling Centres (formerly LI 725)	High	66.60%	66.62%	67.97%	69.68%

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<sup>2</sup> W2R is the project to build an Energy from Waste Facility in partnership with Staffordshire County Council