

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

4 December 2012

Waste Strategy Update

Recommendation

That the Waste Partnership notes the overview of the Waste Strategy update.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Warwickshire currently has two strategy documents adopted by the Warwickshire Waste Partnership relating to the delivery of waste targets: the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (2005) and the Joint Waste Minimisation Strategy (2007). Both strategy documents have also been adopted individually by each of the Authorities.
- 1.2 The key targets and objectives within the old documents are summarised below:
 - (i) Reduce the amount of waste produced in Warwickshire
 - (ii) Work progressively towards higher recycling levels, exceeding current statutory targets of 30%¹
 - (iii) Aim to reach inspirational county-wide targets of between 40-45% recycling to be achieved by 2009/10²
 - (iv) Limit the amount of waste disposed of to landfill – making use of existing waste treatment facilities e.g., Coventry and Solihull's EfW facility
 - (v) After maximising recycling and composting, treat all remaining waste using 'other' market technology (no new landfill contracts)³
- 1.3 Warwickshire made steady progress towards meeting its key strategy objectives and adopted a number of stretched targets in 2011. The targets are provided in the table below.

¹ The UK Waste Strategy 2000 set a national target to recycle or compost at least 30% by 2010. The EU recycling target is now 50% for municipal waste by 2020

² We are currently at 49% and expecting to achieve 56% by 2015

³ Updated as part of a Task and Finish Group in June 2011

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

2.0 Waste Strategy Update

- 2.1 The Warwickshire Waste Partnership has agreed to update key elements of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy document including waste composition, services, performance information, data and legislation. It is not the intention to fundamentally re-write the existing strategy, start from a blank canvas or alter the main strategy objectives.
- 2.2 The updated Strategy will ensure that the members of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership continue to work together to implement sustainable methods of waste management and will ensure the Authorities meet their legislative requirements.
- 2.3 The waste management group at Warwickshire County Council will complete the majority of the update in-house; with guidance from all Warwickshire Authorities and with support from a consultancy with experience in updating waste strategies at key stages.
- 2.4 A workshop will be held to develop actions and indicators that will inform the updated strategy action plan to ensure the objectives in the strategy are met.

3.0 Progress

- 3.1 Work on the update to the strategy commenced following the Warwickshire Waste Partnership meeting in June 2012. The following tasks have been completed:
- A core team of project officers has been set up and meetings scheduled to progress the update
 - The project initiation document has been produced

- The update of waste data and performance has commenced
- The update of national waste strategies and policies has commenced
- The tender for waste composition analysis was developed and awarded to M.E.L Research Limited. The winning tender was for 2 seasons (autumn and spring) of residual and green waste analysis
- The autumn waste composition analysis was completed during late October and early November
- Raw data from the autumn waste analysis has been obtained – the overall result for Warwickshire is provided as an Appendix *(to be provided)*
- Work package for consultancy support was developed and 2 written quotes obtained. The winning quote was from the consultancy Frith Resource Limited
- A statement has been produced detailing the decision to update the strategy

4.0 Next steps

4.1 The next steps for the project are as follows:

- Quality assurance by consultant of statement to support the update of the strategy rather than a full review
- Report for autumn waste composition work to be obtained from consultant
- Schedule planning for spring waste composition work
- Completion of spring waste composition analysis
- Quality assurance of national waste strategies and policies by consultant
- Finalise services and performance section updates
- Finalise data and projections to be used in updated document
- Development of possible actions and indicators at annual waste conference
- Review of information from conference and development of action plan
- Quality assurance of action plan by consultant

Background Papers

1. Review of Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy, Warwickshire Waste Partnership – 26 June 2012
2. Proposed new Waste Management Targets to support Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy, Warwickshire Waste Partnership – 6th December 2011

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