

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

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Waste Strategy Update

Recommendations

That Members: -

- (1) Approve Warwickshire's updated Municipal Waste Management Strategy (subject to any amendments necessary)
- (2) Authorise the process for adoption by individual partner Authorities
- (3) Publish the updated Strategy and make available on the Warwickshire Waste Partnership webpages

1.0 Background

1.1 Warwickshire currently has two strategy documents adopted by the Warwickshire Waste Partnership relating to the delivery of waste targets, these are - the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (2005) and the Joint Waste Minimisation Strategy (2007). Both strategy documents were also adopted individually by each of the Partner Authorities.

2.0 Waste Strategy Update

2.1 In June 2012 the Warwickshire Waste Partnership agreed to update key elements of the Joint Municipal Waste Strategy including waste composition, services, performance information, data, legislation, targets and indicators. It was not the intention to fundamentally re-write the existing strategy, start from a blank canvas or substantially alter the main strategy objectives.

2.2 The Partnership chose to 'update' the strategy rather than carry out a formal review, as the 2005 objectives of the strategy have been successful and so do not need changing substantially. In addition, it was understood that a formal review, that changed the objectives significantly, would entail completion of a full strategic environmental assessment (SEA)¹, which could be time

¹ The existing Strategy was not accompanied by a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) because the strategy development and adoption dates fell before the dates set by the EU SEA Directive (Directive 2001/42/EC) and the subsequent national SEA Regulations (The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (SI 2004 No. 1633)). A Best Practical

consuming and costly. Since Defra is in the process of reviewing the requirement for Authorities to develop Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategies, it was felt better to complete an update at this time and await the outcome of Defras review before completing a formal review.

- 2.2 Since June 2012 the Warwickshire Authorities – North Warwickshire Borough Council, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, Rugby Borough Council, Stratford on Avon District Council, Warwick District Council and Warwickshire County Council, have been working together to update the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Warwickshire. The final updated strategy for Warwickshire is provided in Appendix A.
- 2.3 The updated Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy will ensure that the members of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership continue to work together to implement sustainable methods of waste management and will help to ensure the Authorities meet their legislative requirements.

3.0 Overview of updated Waste Strategy

- 3.1 As stated in section 2.1 it was not the intention to alter the objectives of the Warwickshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, this was adhered to with the exception of the objective relating to landfill diversion targets.

The objective relating to landfill diversion targets is no longer relevant as the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS) ended at the end of the 2012/13 scheme and therefore the objective and related targets and indicators have been removed. It should be noted, however, that several of the other objectives will reduce waste to landfill through more sustainable practices, reducing waste and increasing re-use, recycling and composting of the waste that does arise.

- 3.2 The objectives in the updated strategy are:

- To reduce the amount of waste generated in Warwickshire
- To develop integrated, sustainable solutions for managing waste in Warwickshire
- To meet and exceed national re-use, recycling and composting targets
- Work in partnership with each other and other stakeholders to produce and implement the Strategy
- Encourage public participation in the implementation and review of the Waste Strategy
- Regularly review and update the Strategy and implementation programme

Environmental Option (BPEO) study was conducted in accordance with prevailing guidance at the time.

3.3 The key aspirational targets in the updated strategy are as follows:

- Aim to achieve to reduce household waste to 311kg per household, per year, by the end of the strategy period (2020)
- Aim to achieve countywide recycling and composting targets of 65% by the end of the strategy period (2020)
- Provide an effective HWRC service aiming to reach re-use, recycling and composting levels of 74% across all sites by reducing recyclables being put into the residual waste stream

4.0 Consultation

4.1 In addition to the consultation with stakeholders and the public which took place earlier in 2013, the partnership carried out consultation on the draft updated strategy with neighbouring authorities². The consultation took place over a four week period from 15th October to 12th November, the authorities were asked to comment on any aspect of the Strategy. No comments were received from any of the neighbouring authorities, during the consultation period.

4.2 In addition to the consultation with neighbouring authorities the project team undertook a consultation with the Environment Agency, Natural England and English Heritage, the consultation formed part of a screening process for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) requirements of the update to the Waste Strategy. A screening report was produced to aid the process; the report presented the draft changes to the updated waste strategy, as well as an analysis of significant environmental effects. It was the view of the Authority that the environmental impacts of the revised strategy would not be significantly different to those of the original strategy and so a full Strategic Environmental Assessment would not be required. The Environment Agency and Natural England both responded to confirm that they agreed with the assessment of no significant environmental impacts from the refresh to the Strategy. There was no response from English Heritage.

5.0 Next steps

5.1 The next steps in the process are as follows:

- Approval of the updated Waste Strategy by the Warwickshire Waste Partnership - December 2013
- Adoption of updated Waste Strategy by individual authorities – December 2013 onwards (a template report that individual authorities may wish to use if provided in Appendix B)
- Publication of the updated Waste Strategy (once adopted by all partner authorities) – Spring 2014
- Annual Report – Dec 2014

² Neighbouring authorities = Staffordshire, Leicestershire, Coventry, Solihull, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire,

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
3. Waste Strategy Update, Warwickshire Waste Partnership – 4th December 2012
4. Progress with Waste Strategy Update, Warwickshire Waste Partnership – 25th June 2013

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