

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

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Role of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership

Recommendations

- (1) The Waste Partnership is asked to note the role of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 As Warwickshire is a two tier area, the waste services are managed jointly by the five waste collection authorities (District and Borough Councils) and one waste disposal authority (Warwickshire County Council).

2.0 Background to the Warwickshire Waste Partnership

- 2.1 The waste collection and disposal authorities work jointly together as the Warwickshire Waste Partnership.
- 2.2 The Warwickshire Waste Partnership consists of elected Members and officers representing the six Warwickshire authorities.
- 2.3 The group was established in 1998, when it was known as the Warwickshire Waste Forum. It was set-up to forge closer working relationships between the County and District/Borough Councils, particularly with respect to developing a joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

3.0 Memorandum of Understanding

- 3.1 In 2005, the Warwickshire Waste Forum became the Warwickshire Waste Partnership, with a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) being adopted to promote closer partnership working between the Warwickshire Authorities.
- 3.2 The purpose of the MOU was to clarify and agree the responsibilities and obligations of the Partners in relation to development and implementation of the Strategy. The MOU also established guidelines for progressing joint working, guiding principles and a structure for co-ordinating the Strategy.

3.3 The guiding principles outlined were:

- Sustainable development
- Joint Working
- Fairness
- An integrated approach
- Best Value
- Value for Money

3.4 In addition the MOU considers ensuring inclusion of Partners, consultation with partners and external partners, agreement to share information, flexible contracts, commitment to targets, as well as effective and co-ordination.

3.5 The MOU is provided as Appendix A.

4.0 Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

4.1 The Partnership is responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of Warwickshire's Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. The strategy was developed jointly by officers and elected members from all six authorities within Warwickshire.

4.2 The Strategy was originally adopted in 2005 and provides a framework for managing waste in Warwickshire up until 2020.

4.3 The Partnership made great progress once the strategy was adopted and even achieved some of the key targets/actions before the 2020 goal.

4.4 In 2013 the Warwickshire Waste Partnership updated the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, as part of the update the Partnership renewed support for the following 2005 strategy objectives:

- 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

4.5 In order to achieve the objectives the Partnership set itself two key targets for the remaining strategy period:

- Reduce residual waste produced to a maximum of 311kg per household, per year by the end of the strategy period (2020).
- Achieve a countywide re-use, recycling and composting targets of 65% by the end of the strategy period (2020).

Background Papers

1. None

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