

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

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Warwickshire Waste Strategy

Recommendation(s)

1. The Waste Partnership is asked to note the report and agree the proposed actions and indicative timescales.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the December Waste Partnership meeting members requested that a plan was developed to update the Warwickshire Waste Partnership Memorandum of Understanding and review the waste strategy. This item was carried forward from the March meeting because time constraints did not allow it to be discussed.

2.0 Memorandum of understanding

- 2.1 A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been in place for the Warwickshire Waste Partnership since the strategy was developed. See Appendix A for a copy of the MOU.
- 2.2 The purpose of the MOU is to clarify and agree the responsibilities and obligations of the Partners in relation to development and implementation of the Strategy. It is suggested that the MOU is reviewed alongside the Warwickshire Waste Strategy.

3.0 Warwickshire Waste Strategy

- 3.1 The current Municipal Waste Strategy for Warwickshire provides a framework for managing waste in Warwickshire up to 2020.
- 3.2 The current objectives of the Strategy are as follows:
 - Reduce the amount of waste generated in Warwickshire
 - 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

3.3 The two key targets within the strategy are as follows:

- Reduce residual waste produced to a maximum of 311 kg per household, per year, by 2020 (excludes HWRC waste)
- Achieve a countywide re-use, recycling and composting target of 65% by 2020

3.4 The Partnership will need to decide the scope of the strategy review for example whether the main targets of the strategy will change, as this will impact on how the strategy is updated.

4.0 Waste Strategy for England

4.1 Defra released the Waste Strategy for England in December 2018. The Strategy was broad in scope and the key measures are subject to further consultation. However, it is clear that the new national strategy will have wide and far reaching impacts.

4.2 In February 2019 Defra released 3 consultations seeking views from industry and relevant parties on the following key areas:

- Extended producer responsibility (EPR) for packaging waste;
- A consistent set of materials to be collected for recycling by local authorities
- Deposit return scheme (DRS) for beverage containers.

4.3 The deadline for the consultations was May 2019 and a response was developed and submitted by the Warwickshire Waste Partnership.

4.4 Over the same time period, the Treasury also consulted on the introduction of a new tax on plastic packaging containing less than 30% recycled content. The consultation questions were technical in nature, so this was not responded to by the partnership. The proposed introduction of the tax sits alongside the proposals in the Defra consultations and will drive demand for quality secondary plastic material.

4.5 It is expected that government will analyse the consultation responses and develop their thinking before publishing a further set of consultation documents early 2020. These further documents are likely to offer good information on how government will implement the national strategy and will be useful in developing a new waste strategy for Warwickshire.

5.0 WCC Waste Strategic Review

5.1 A strategic demand management review of waste is taking place at Warwickshire County Council looking at a wide range of issues including: a review of the HWRC service, behavioural change and demand management.

5.2 The aim is to ensure that the service is fit for purpose into the future. The review will feed into the future Warwickshire waste strategy.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 It is likely that there will be financial implications for all authorities from the proposals in the waste strategy for England. However, until the direction of travel is clearer, it is not possible to quantify these.

7.0 Next steps

7.1 At the June 2019 Partnership meeting:

- Reaffirm the current MOU
- Discuss if a review of the current Strategy targets is required

7.2 Use the results of the demand management strategic review to inform the development of a HWRC strategy during 2019 / 20.

7.3 Analyse and respond to the further set of consultations on the Waste Strategy for England, due for publication in early 2020.

7.4 Carry out a review of the Warwickshire Waste Strategy once Government intentions are clear.

Background papers

None.

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