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LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

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SUBJECT: Proposal for County 'Waste Summit'

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The East Midlands Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (EMIEP) has been undertaking work, with the University of Northampton, to identify potential efficiencies in waste services throughout the region. The initial phase resulted in a report and an event in Leicester on 19 May 2010.

Phase 2 of the project is now underway and a number of initiatives are planned.

One proposal is that, for each of the counties in the region, a 'waste summit' is held. The event would involve both members and officers, and would explore, through speakers and facilitation, the possibilities for achieving further efficiencies, particularly through partnership working. A draft agenda for such an event is given in Appendix 1. It is likely that the event would be held in the autumn of this year, most likely in November.

Officers have considered the proposal and are of the view that such a summit could be worthwhile, particularly in a climate where achieving efficiency in all areas of local authority work is such a priority due to constrained budgets.

Officers have also expressed an interest in a 'Facilitated Efficiency Challenge' event, intended for officers only, which would take place before the summit and which would help to identify efficiency savings. The output from this event could act as an input to the waste summit.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership agree to request EM IEP to organise and facilitate a 'waste summit' event to be held in Lincolnshire in autumn 2010.