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LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

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SUBJECT:	CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THE LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As a result of the anticipated level of reduction in local authority funding all councils in Lincolnshire have been undertaking reviews of the levels of partnership working to which they are currently committed.

This work is still on-going, but will be given additional impetus by the measures outlined in the recent Comprehensive Spending Review.

At the last meeting of the Lincolnshire Waste Officer Group it became apparent that whilst District Councils are generally in favour of continuing support for the full Lincolnshire Waste Partnership, a number of authorities are considering withdrawing their support for the Waste Officer and Recycling Officer Group.

The Waste Officer Group is a supporting technical and operational group for the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership and has always been an integral part of the full Partnership. This provides the opportunity for all the Authorities to exchange operational information affecting the provision of efficient and effective collection and disposal waste services in Lincolnshire.

DISCUSSIONS

The Partnership is invited to consider whether it would continue to be an effective body working in the best interests of the residents of Lincolnshire without the full committed support of all of its authorities officers.

The Partnership is also invited to consider the future delivery of the Action Plan if officers potentially reduce or stop attending the Waste Officer and Recycling Officer Groups.

OPTIONS

In respect of the continuation of a fully supportive Waste Officer Group each individual member authority needs to consider the implications for the Partnership if a reduction or cessation of officer time is proposed.

In the event of any Authority choosing the latter option the Waste Partnership, may wish to consider the viability of the partnership continuing with only limited support.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Individual member authorities of this Committee are recommended to discuss the commitment for the continued support for the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership and the supporting technical and operational Waste Officer Group, immediately at the end of the main Partnership meeting.