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LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

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SUBJECT:	END DESTINATIONS OF RECYCLING CHARTER
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee (LARAC) has recently launched the End Destination of Recycling Charter (attached as appendix 1) and are encouraging all councils to become signatories. Recent research carried out by YouGov for the Association has shown that the public has a real interest in what happens to the recycling they put out for the council collection. However, at the current time, there research shows that very few local authorities have this information publicly available on their websites.

The association believes there are a number of benefits for the local authorities that sign up. Our residents will have more confidence in the waste services we provide if they know that their recycling efforts have real value. That they can be assured that their recycling is turned into specific products and does not disappear into landfill and the council also shows a willingness to be clear and open with their residents about what happens to these materials.

Officers, at the LWP officer group meeting held on 14 June agreed to support the principle outlined in this charter and felt that the Charter would be more effective if all local authorities within the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership became signatories. The officers therefore recommend that members of the Partnership support the Charter and become signatories.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership is recommended to:

- i) Support the end destinations of recycling charter;
- ii) That the local authority members of the partnership arrange for their individual authorities to become signatories to the charter.