

Agenda Item 8



LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

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| SUBJECT: | JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY |
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the March meeting of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership Councillors were informed that preparation works had started on the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) with an anticipated adoption date of summer 2018. It was resolved at that meeting that the Partnership would receive regular update papers to set out the progress that had been made with strategy against the project timetable (Attached at Appendix 1).

Since March detailed work has taken place on preparation for 2 workshops which is set out in more detail below. Also work has been undertaken on the following tasks:-

- Introductory chapters – Several non-contentious sections have been drafted.
- Review of the current situation – Information received from each WCA has been combined with tonnage data into a summary chapter.
- Analysis of residual waste composition – A procurement exercise is underway for a sampling exercise, and it is hoped that a contractor will be appointed soon.
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) – Initial discussions are underway with Mouchel to revive the work that they undertook on this that was shared with the LWP in 2013.

The requirement to produce a Waste Strategy falls jointly on the County Council as Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) and the seven Waste Collection Authorities (WCA's). As described above, the WDA is already supporting this by committing appropriate resource to develop the new JMWMS, but it is critical that the process of developing and implementing the Strategy should be a joint venture with significant commitment from all members of the LWP in order to arrive at a genuinely shared vision and future strategy.

A 2016 survey of LWP members suggested the view that Chief Executive level involvement in strategic waste matters would add "some gravitas" and "would assist in the decision making flow". In the light of that, and the cancellation of the June meeting of the Chief Executives and Leaders Group, a letter was sent to each Chief Executive seeking their views on a scoping document setting out the proposed process and timeline for developing a new JMWMS.

Each Chief Executive was asked to seek to ensure the participation of their authority to enable the Strategy process to:

- Consider in the round "what is best for the public of Lincolnshire";
- Formulate objectives which will help to achieve that; and
- Develop an action plan to which each partner can be fully committed.

The scoping document, which is attached herewith (Appendix 2), also suggests possible content for the JMWMS. It should be noted, however, that the actual content will need to be developed with the collaboration of all LWP member authorities. The recommendation to the Chief Executives is that, in line with the recent LWP Audit Action Plan, the LWP itself, and its associated Officer Working Group, will be the key fora for developing and enacting the new JMWMS.

In the first instance, this WCA input will be received through a pair of stakeholder workshops to be held at the Energy from Waste facility in Hykeham as follows:

- Workshop 1 = Thursday 6th July: "What do we want to achieve?" – This is to agree our broad brush objectives for the JMWMS.
- Workshop 2 = Thursday 20th July: "How do we achieve it?" – This will develop a framework for an action plan.

Lincolnshire County Council has engaged John Woodruff, Principal Consultant at Ricardo Energy and Environment, to chair the workshop sessions. As an independent facilitator, with experience of working in both the collection and disposal aspects of municipal waste management, John will lead the sessions with the aim of enabling open and frank discussions where all feel able to contribute.

These workshops will be attended by representatives from each LWP member authority, and the aims of them will be:

- To discuss and agree a set of overarching objectives to be included in the JMWMS; and
- To begin to develop a list of possible actions to move us forwards towards meeting those objectives.

It should be noted, however, that these objectives are intended to give an overview of what we aim to achieve together. The type of "SMART" objectives described in the LWP Audit Action Plan will actually form part of a separate JMWMS Action Plan which the LWP will be asked to consider later in 2017, possibly with the need for further workshops and/or a task and finish group to work on this.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership note the proposed process, seen by each Chief Executive, for developing a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Lincolnshire.
2. That the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership and its Officer Working Group are the main channels for Waste Collection Authorities input into the development of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy and its accompanying Action Plan.
3. That the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership note the progress that has been made with the preparation of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy against the project plan.

APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – Project Timetable
- Appendix 2 – Scoping document

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