

Agenda Item 7



LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

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SUBJECT:	JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This paper accompanies the presentation to the LWP of the first draft version of the new Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS).

Feedback is invited from each LWP member authority with regard to both the contents and the format of this draft document, which will then be revised as appropriate.

DOCUMENT CONTENTS

This first draft of the JMWMS document reflects input received to date from each LWP member authority:

- At the strategy workshops held in July 2017 – In particular, these agreed the shared vision and objectives;
- Through previous LWP meetings; and
- Through meetings of the LWP's Officer Working Group – The OWG have recently helped to write the Forward Plan (Chapter 7).

The format of this draft document is currently based on that of the existing JMWMS which was published in 2008. However, this is open to discussion, as are all aspects of the contents.

The chapters are set out as follows.

1	Vision
2	Introduction
3	Legislation Review
4	JMWMS Process
5	Current Services
6	Aims & Objectives
7	Forward Plan
8	Next Steps

In addition to these elements, the current proposal is that the final document will have a number of additional sections as follows.

Section	Title	Contents
Appendix A	External Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further legislative detail. • Impact and opportunities of neighbouring authorities' strategies and services.
Appendix B	LWP Input	Summary of how we have worked together to develop a shared Strategy.
Appendix C	Public Engagement	Summary of what public engagement we undertake and how that shapes the final Strategy. See later in this paper for what is currently proposed.
Appendix D	Glossary of Terms	
(Separate document)	Action Plan	Will set out the detail of what we will do to achieve our strategic objectives.

NEXT STEPS

1) Future document revisions

In addition to amendments in the light of any feedback received from the LWP, there are other pieces of information which will be used to inform future drafts of the Strategy including:

- Results of residual waste sampling exercise – The final version should arrive at some point during November and will particularly affect the exact numbers shown in Chapter 5.
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) – The draft Environmental Report is due at the end of November and its contents will need to be considered.

- Report from WRAP-sponsored work on collections options – This is due in December and the contents could affect various elements of the Strategy.

2) Public engagement

It should be noted that, by its inclusion in the papers for this meeting, the first draft of the JMWMS has become a publicly-available document. This will also apply to future drafts.

Additionally, the Recycle for Lincolnshire website will be updated regularly to reflect our progress through the JMWMS process.

There will also be a period of formal public engagement, and this is currently anticipated to be done early in 2018. However, the exact timing may depend on the extent of the revisions arising from LWP feedback and in response to the three reports referred to above. If there are significant changes from the first draft version, it is likely to be appropriate for the LWP to see a revised draft before public engagement can begin. The LWP will need to decide whether, if this is necessary, it happens as part of their next meeting (in March 2018) or as an additional workshop in the meantime.

Whenever it happens, there are a number of options to consider with regard to how the formal public engagement takes place.

Method (2008 Strategy)	Details (2008 Strategy)	Participation (2008 Strategy)	Results (2008 Strategy)	Pros	Cons
Web based consultation documents and questionnaire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft documents published online • Online questionnaire (same as postal) • Email account for other feedback 	82 questionnaires completed	Not stated separately so included in postal results?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inexpensive • Reaches younger audience? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May exclude older audience?
Postal questionnaire	7,000 sent to randomly-selected households (1,000 per WCA)	1,141 completed (possibly includes online and roadshow responses?)	Broad support for draft Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High number of specific responses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 8% of responses from under-35's.
Roadshows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toured key towns • Public could ask general questions and/or complete/take postal questionnaire 	79 questionnaires completed	Not stated separately so included in postal results?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broader audience • Opportunity for spreading general LWP messages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costly & labour-intensive • Limited number of specific responses
Workshops: 1) "Stakeholders" 2) Elected Members	3 sessions at each: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives • SEA • Residual treatment options 	Attendees: 1) 22 people 2) 18 people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling target changed to 55% • SEA criteria priority weightings • EfW identified as preferred option 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to give detailed background information • Direct and specific feedback received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Already engaging with LWP both through initial workshops and at meetings
ADDITIONAL OPTIONS (not used in 2008): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media? • Other new technologies? 	We would need expert advice on this!			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inexpensive? • Reaches younger audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would need careful consideration of how best to use this

Professional advice will be sought on the most appropriate methods to use, and on how to do so most effectively. However, the LWP is asked to consider which of these methods of engagement they feel are most appropriate and which, if any, are unnecessary.

3) Scrutiny and adoption

The LWP does not have the power to adopt the final JMWMS on behalf of its member authorities. In view of that, each authority will need to ensure that the document goes through its own scrutiny and political processes as appropriate.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the LWP reviews the attached first draft of the JMWMS and provides feedback on both format and contents for the next draft version.
2. That the LWP considers whether, if there are significant revisions to this first draft, they wish to review a revised draft before formal public engagement.
3. That the LWP considers and gives feedback on which of these methods of engagement they feel are most appropriate and which, if any, are unnecessary.
4. That each LWP authority notes and prepares for the requirement to pass the JMWMS through their own political processes at suitable stages.

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