

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director Environment and Economy

Report to:	Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee
Date:	18 September 2018
Subject:	Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

Summary:

This report accompanies the Revised Draft of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) for Lincolnshire.

A previous Consultation Draft JMWMS came before Environment and Economy Scrutiny in April 2018, and this new version has been revised in line with consultation feedback including from this committee. The Revised Draft has now been endorsed by the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership (LWP), subject to minor modifications, with the recommendation that each partner council now formally adopts this JMWMS.

The Executive will be asked on 6th November to endorse the final JMWMS (incorporating the minor modifications) and to recommend its adoption by the County Council at its meeting on 14th December 2018.

Actions Required:

The Committee are asked to endorse the Revised Draft JMWMS (attached as Appendix A) subject to the minor modifications described in this report, and to recommend that it is adopted by the County Council on 14th December 2018.

1. Background

Under the Waste and Emissions Trading Act 2003, authorities in two-tier areas have a duty to have a shared waste strategy. This allows Waste Collection Authorities (WCA) and Waste Disposal Authorities (WDA) to work together in deciding how they will manage municipal waste in their area.

To fulfil this duty, the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership (LWP) has developed a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS). The attached Revised Draft of the JMWMS has been through a number of stages:

- July 2017 – LWP agreement of a vision and a list of objectives
- 2017/18 – Various initial drafts developed and revised
- March 2018 – Consultation Draft approved by LWP

- April to July 2018 – Public Consultation, including formal scrutiny by LCC partner councils
- August 2018 – Revised Draft prepared in the light of consultation responses
- September 2018 – LWP endorse JMWMS as ready for formal adoption by each partner council

As part of this process, the Consultation Draft JMWMS was presented to Environment and Economy Scrutiny in April, and the committee submitted feedback (attached in full for reference purposes) which was taken into account as follows:

1) That consideration was given to the location and availability of recycling centres
A review of HWRCs is included in the newly-developed Action Plan
2) Recycling options required simplification
In line with Objective 2, to be addressed through Action Plan and " Strategic Review of Kerbside Mixed Dry Recycling Collection and Disposal"
3) The (waste) hierarchy (is) very good
Support for existing text – e.g. section 2.2.1
4) Additional work... to understand why recycling rates were down
See section 5.5.2 for analysis of 2017/18 fall. As per the Action Plan, we are looking to tackle the longer-term trend through a simplified kerbside service and supporting communications campaign
5) Collection authorities operated different types of collection services
As per item 2 above
6) Contamination of recycled material (is) an issue
Initially addressed through "no thanks" campaign as described in section 5.4.3
7) Refunding the return of plastic bottles (is) a positive development
We will be monitoring any developments on this (and other subjects) in Defra's upcoming Resources and Waste Strategy – e.g. see section 3.2.2

The main change overall is the addition of an Action Plan to set out how the LWP will work to meet their strategic objectives. A full list of the differences between the new Revised Draft and the previous Consultation Draft, along with the reason for those changes, is given in the attached "what's new" summary.

Minor amendments are still required before the attached Revised Draft becomes the Final JMWMS to be presented to each partner Council. However, it is anticipated that these changes will be as follows, and will only have a minor effect on the text of the document:

- A new front cover with updated photos
- A foreword written by the Chair and Vice Chair of the LWP
- Minor changes to text
- Updating with any newly-available data

2. Conclusion

Subject to minor updates as listed above, the LWP have endorsed the Revised Draft as being ready to go before each partner Council for formal adoption. It has

been prepared with the cooperation of all eight Lincolnshire Councils and has public support as evidenced through the consultation process.

The proposed JMWMS has also been subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment and it is considered that it promotes the right balance between selecting the best environmental options and providing value for money.

The Executive will therefore be asked on 6th November 2018 to endorse the final JMWMS and to recommend its adoption by the County Council at its meeting on 14th December 2018. This Scrutiny Committee is asked to provide their endorsement to be included in that report to Executive.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out??

Yes

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

Equality Impact Analysis is attached (as Appendix D). This has been updated in the light of responses to the public consultation.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Revised Draft of Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Lincolnshire
Appendix B	E & E Scrutiny feedback to JMWMS consultation
Appendix C	"What's new" summary of changes from Consultation Draft
Appendix D	Equality Impact Analysis

5. Background Papers

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Further details and background documentation	https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/recycle-for-lincolnshire/waste-strategy-for-lincolnshire/

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