



LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

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SUBJECT :	REVISION OF JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
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Background Information

The existing Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS or 'the strategy') was published in June 2008. A key objective was to ensure that residual waste treatment supports energy recovery and other practices higher up the waste hierarchy. This was to be delivered by providing a new residual waste management facility to help reduce the amount of biodegradable waste sent to landfill. This key objective has been delivered through the Energy from Waste facility located in Lincoln.

Therefore, the existing strategy has been in place for eight years and has 10 objectives to achieve. There have been varying levels of progression on the other nine objectives, one of these key targets was the 55% recycling and composting target which has not been achieved and presently is continuing to decrease, due to a number of factors such as contamination levels.

JMWMS's should be regularly reviewed, typically every five years, and revised to ensure that the overall aim of implementing best practice in municipal waste management on a continuous basis is achieved.

Given the successful delivery of a residual waste treatment facility; progress or otherwise towards the other strategy objectives; the existing current issue of high levels of contamination being experienced for the processing of Mixed Dry Recyclables (MDR) collected across the county and impending need for a new MDR contract(s) from April 2018, it is the right time to review the strategy to identify new objectives and set out how these will be delivered.

It therefore, seems reasonable to run the review of the strategy in parallel with planned works to procure a new MDR contract – especially given the current issues and risks associated with high levels of contamination being experienced for MDR collected by the Waste Collection Authorities (WCAs). A strategy that addresses these issues (i.e. to minimise contamination) that is adopted by all LWP partners will frame an agreed collaborative approach that will inherently have a much greater chance of succeeding.

A Gantt chart is attached at Appendix A that sets out in draft the key steps needed to be

completed in undertaking the revision of the existing JMWMS. This programme will need further consideration regarding appropriate resourcing from all Councils and this will require the LWP members and officers to ensure this consideration happens within their respective Councils. Consequently, the stated timescales are subject to change, following the confirmation of resources and agreement by the Partnership.

It is proposed that the work on this review starts at the same time as work begins on moving towards procurement of a new MDR contract. These two project areas: Review of the JMWMS and MDR contract procurement should operate as individual work areas (i.e. individual meetings on the MDR contract and review of the strategy) but clearly there are synergies and they are implicitly linked – especially as the strategy should assist with ensuring quality mixed dry recyclates are being collected for processing for recycling.

Recommendation

- 1) A JMWMS working group is established, with representation from the County Council and WCA partners to start the review of the strategy and for this to run in parallel with works being undertaken on a new MDR contract.
- 2) The resourcing of the JMWMS working group should be confirmed by the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership engaging within their respective Councils and confirming an appropriate resource.
- 3) The JMWMS working group should regularly report progress to the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership.
- 4) That the strategy be informed by latest best practice guidance, such as the recent WRAP report on greater consistency in household recycling in England.