

# Agenda Item 6



**LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP**

**5 MARCH 2020**

<b>SUBJECT :</b>	<b>DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT</b>
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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The members of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership (LWP) formally approved the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) for Lincolnshire in January 2019. This sets the objectives for how the partnership will protect the environment by delivering sustainable waste management services through best value practices for the benefit of Lincolnshire.

Waste management is one of the activities that require a strategic environmental assessment before any plan or programme can be implemented. As well as consulting with national and regulatory bodies the partnership conducted a public consultation on its draft proposals. The feedback from all of these was included within the final draft of the strategy that all members of the partnership adopted.

It is also a requirement that such plans are monitored to assess the significant environmental effects once the plan is implemented so that unforeseen adverse effects can be identified at an early stage to be able to undertake appropriate remedial action.

## **DISCUSSIONS**

The adopted strategy was published in January 2019 and is available online at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/1898/joint-municipal-waste-management-strategy-2019-pdf>.

The strategy has ten objectives, many of which have actions that will require a decision before further activity can continue or they will reach a conclusion where evaluation of

their impact will be required. This supports adopting a formal regular structured review of progress against the objectives. This is done through reports to the meetings of the LWP so that its members can have oversight of the actions they have agreed and their progress in achieving the aims of the strategy.

Whilst these reports are publicly available through the democratic pages of the County Council as convener of the LWP meetings, it was felt that a published document should be produced to put all the information in one place so the public and other interested parties can have easy access for reference and information.

As the strategy was adopted in January 2019 and its actions were based on data from the accounting year April 2017 to March 2018, it was felt that the data should be updated with that from later years to enable an objective assessment to be made of progress and to identify any potential adverse effects that may be happening. The report will also identify external factors that will affect the objectives in the strategy and explain how the LWP members are responding to any changes.

All the data on waste and recycling submitted to Government by the partnership members has to be checked and approved before becoming official statistics. This validation exercise is normally completed by December which is when the Government publish the national and local waste and recycling statistics. Most partnership members have reviewed and submitted their end of year data by May each year and the checking process usually only produces minor changes.

It is agreed by the senior officers group that a report can be put together for the LWP annual AGM in July each year using the unvalidated data for the previous year with a high degree of confidence that the data is accurate. The annual report for the following year will pick up any changes identified through the validation process.

## **OPTIONS**

As the JMWMS was a published document it is felt that the annual report should be presented in a similar format.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The recommendation is for the LWP to approve the production of an annual report to be presented at its July AGM each year. Once approved the report to be publicly available as a printable document.

If approved the draft annual report will be provided to LWP members after the March LWP meeting and the finalised version presented at the July AGM.