



**Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director – Place**

Report to:	<b>Environment &amp; Economy Scrutinee Committee</b>
Date:	<b>20 October 2020</b>
Subject:	<b>Waste Strategy Update</b>

**Summary:**

This report provides an update on strategic waste matters, and invites comments from the committee to feed into the review of the 10 strategic objectives set out in the Waste Strategy for Lincolnshire adopted by the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership (LWP) in January 2019.

**Actions Required:**

Members are asked to note this update and to provide their feedback on the attached draft report. Their comments will then be taken into account in finalising the report to be presented to the LWP at their meeting on 19th November.

## **1. Background**

### National Waste Strategy & Policy

During 2019 this Scrutiny Committee had input into the LCC/LWP responses to several consultations on key policies originally set out in Defra's Resources and Waste Strategy for England. Although COVID-19 has delayed some of the next stages of this work, including the next round of consultations, Defra continue to aim for the 2023 introduction of policies including:

- Consistency of waste collections – e.g. mandatory collection of food waste,
- Enhanced Producer Responsibility (EPR) – A mechanism whereby packaging manufacturers will be financially responsible for the collection and recycling/disposal of their products, and
- Deposit Return Schemes (DRS) – Charging a deposit for certain types of packaging which the public can reclaim upon returning the item for recycling.

To reinforce this, Defra's draft Waste Management Plan for England reiterates these policies. Defra are currently consulting on that draft Plan although we do not propose to submit an LCC response due to the narrow scope of the questions – They are limited to specific technical details rather than allowing for comments on the policies themselves.

## Review of Lincolnshire Strategic Objectives

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership's (LWP) Waste Strategy for Lincolnshire, which was formally adopted in January 2019, includes a list of 10 strategic objectives which this Committee helped to shape.

Much has happened since then (e.g. COVID-19 and evolving national policy) so, in order to ensure the continued relevance of the Strategy, a review is being undertaken to consider:

- The LWP's progress towards meeting those objectives, and
- Whether any of those objectives might need updating.

The LWP will receive, at their meeting in November, a report based on the attached notes (Appendix A). As things currently stand in those notes, the report is likely to conclude that:

- The objectives are all still valid and are in line with emerging national policy, and
- The LWP are making good progress towards achieving most of the objectives, although COVID-19 has had a negative impact on some, particularly our recycling rate.

## **2. Conclusion**

This committee is asked to consider the proposed contents and conclusions of this review of strategic objectives, and to suggest any further items which they think should be included in the report to the LWP.

## **3. Consultation**

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

No

### **b) Risks and Impact Analysis**

Risks and impacts will be considered in preparation of the final paper for the LWP. Any input from Scrutiny can be included in that process.

## **4. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Draft report - Review of Waste Strategy Objectives

## 5. Background Papers

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Waste Strategy for Lincolnshire	LWP page of LCC website – <a href="https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/recycling-waste/lincolnshire-waste-partnership">https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/recycling-waste/lincolnshire-waste-partnership</a>

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