

 Executive Meeting – 12 February 2014		Agenda Item No. <h1>18B</h1>
Title:		Update of Warwickshire's Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy
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Wards of the District directly affected		All
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?		No
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number		12 September 2005 – Agenda Item 4
Background Papers:		1. Warwickshire's Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2005. 2. WCC Cabinet Report – 20 Oct 2005. 3. Warwickshire Waste Partnership minutes – 25 Oct 2005.
Contrary to the policy framework:		No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:		No
Key Decision?		Yes
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)		Yes. No. 573
Equality & Sustainability Impact Assessment Undertaken		Yes
<p>Warwickshire County Council completed an Equality Impact Assessment for the revised strategy entitled "Equality Impact Assessment/Analysis". This is available if required.</p> <p>Equally Warwickshire County Council undertook a SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment) screening and determination process and it concluded that there is no significant environmental impact from the revised Strategy. This is available if required</p>		
Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive		Bill Hunt
Head of Service		Rob Hoof
CMT		N/A
Section 151 Officer		Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer		N/A
Finance		Jenny Clayton
Portfolio Holder(s)		Cllr Dave Shilton
Consultation & Community Engagement		
N/A		
Final Decision?		Yes/No
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** The current Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy was adopted in 2005 by the Warwickshire Waste Partnership, as well as individually by each of the Partner Authorities, including Warwick District Council, and runs until 2020. The Warwickshire Waste Partnership is a Committee that was established to develop and implement Warwickshire's Waste Strategy. The Warwickshire Waste Partnership is composed of representatives (elected members and officers) from all of the Warwickshire Authorities.

The Partnership has made good progress since the strategy was adopted and has achieved some of the key targets/actions before the original 2020 deadline. While progress has been made over the last nine years to reduce the volume of waste sent to landfill and increase recycling, there is more to be done.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1** That Members support and approve the update of Warwickshire's Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. The draft strategy and Appendices can be found at the following link:-

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3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

3.1 Why do we need a Waste Strategy?

Since 2005, Authorities in two-tier areas have had a statutory duty (under the Waste and Emissions Trading (WET) Act) to have a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy in place and to keep the strategy under review. (See Further Information Section 7.1)

- 3.1.1 The updated Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy will ensure that the members of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership continue to work together to implement sustainable methods of waste management and will ensure the Authorities meet their legislative requirements.

3.2 Waste Strategy Update Process

In June 2012 the Warwickshire Waste Partnership agreed to update key elements of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. (See Further Information Section 7.2)

- 3.2.1 Since June 2012, the Warwickshire Authorities have been working together to update the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Warwickshire. The final updated strategy for Warwickshire is provided in Appendix A. The Partnership supported the updated strategy at the Warwickshire Waste Partnership meeting on 3 December 2013.

3.3 Consultation

The annual waste conference for the Warwickshire Waste Partnership took place in March 2013. The conference was attended by members of the Partnership, as well as key stakeholders. Attendees were asked to vote on a number of questions to inform the targets and indicators of the updated strategy. The overall results indicated that attendees were committed to reducing waste and increasing re-use, recycling and composting in Warwickshire.

- 3.3.1 A public consultation took place in April/May 2013 to find out if they supported the way forward proposed by the partnership. Overall the public did agree with the way forward proposed. (For further information please refer to Section 7.3)

3.4 The Updated Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

The revised strategy will provide a framework for the management of waste in Warwickshire for the next 7 years. (For further details please see Section 7.4 & 7.5)

3.5 Implementation of the revised Waste Strategy

Warwickshire's updated Municipal Waste Management Strategy is supported by an implementation plan, which sets out how the Partnership aims to achieve the objectives and targets within the Strategy. (Please see Further Information Section 7.6)

4. POLICY FRAMEWORK

4.1 Policy Framework – This project will not affect the Policy Framework

4.2 Fit for the future – This project delivers on various aspects of the Fit for the Future programme.

- i. It listened to and led the community to learn how to deliver the revised strategy. The annual conference for the Warwickshire Waste Partnership took place in March 2013. The conference was attended by members of the Partnership as well as key stakeholders. Attendees were asked to vote on a number of questions to inform the targets and indicators of the updated strategy. A public consultation took place in April/May 2013 to find if they supported the way forward proposed by the partnership.
- ii. The revised Warwickshire Municipal Waste Management Strategy objectives are to "reduce the amount of waste generated in Warwickshire" and "To develop integrated, sustainable solutions for managing waste in Warwickshire"

5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

5.1 Recommendation of the revised Warwickshire Municipal Waste Management Strategy will not have any budgetary implications beyond determined budgets and officer time.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S) CONSIDERED

6.1 The alternative would be to continue with an un-revised strategy. The general objectives adopted in the 2005 strategy remain relevant, however some of the objectives have been superseded by new/updated national legislation and therefore the original document is losing its relevance.

7. BACKGROUND

7.1 Defra is currently reviewing the duty contained in the Waste and Emissions Trading Act (WET) Act to produce a joint strategy but no imminent decision is expected.

7.2 Waste Strategy Update Process. It was not the intention to fundamentally re-write the existing strategy or substantively alter the main strategy objectives.

In addition a formal review would entail completion of a full strategic environmental assessment (SEA) which can be time consuming and costly. Since Defra is in the process of reviewing the requirement for Authorities to produce a Waste Strategy, it was felt more appropriate to complete an update at the moment and await the outcome of Defra's decision before completing a formal review.

7.3 Consultation. In addition to the consultation with stakeholders and the public, the partnership carried out consultation on the draft updated strategy with neighbouring authorities. The consultation took place over a 4 week period from 15 October to 12 November 2013. No comments were received from any of the neighbouring authorities. In addition to the consultation with neighbouring authorities the project team undertook a consultation with the Environment Agency, Natural England and English Heritage. The consultation formed part of a screening process for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) requirements of the update to the Waste Strategy. It was the view that the environmental impacts of the revised strategy would not be significantly different to those of the original strategy and so a full Strategic Environmental Assessment would not be required. The Environment Agency and Natural England both responded to confirm that they agreed with the assessment that there would be no significant impact from the refresh to the Strategy. There was no response from English Heritage.

7.4 As part of the update process the Partnership has renewed support for the following 2005 strategy objectives:-

- To reduce the amount of waste generated in Warwickshire.
- To develop integrated, sustainable solutions for managing waste in Warwickshire.
- To meet and exceed national re-use, recycling and composting targets.
- Work in partnership with each other and other stakeholders to produce and implement the Strategy
- Encourage public participation in the implementation and review of the Waste Strategy
- Regularly review and update the Strategy and implementation programme.

7.5 The key aspirational targets in the updated strategy are as follows:-

- Aim to achieve a reduction in household waste to 311kg per person by the end of the strategy period (2020)
- Aim to achieve a countywide recycling and composting target of 70% by the end of the strategy period (2020)
- Provide an effective Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) service aiming to reach re-use, recycling and composting levels of 74% across all sites by reducing recyclables being placed in the residual waste stream.

7.6 Outlined below are the key strategic areas of the implementation plan:-

- i. Implement and monitor a range of waste reduction campaigns to raise awareness and promote behaviour change (Love Food Hate Waste, Smart Shopping, Home Composting, Junk Mail and Real Nappies)
- ii. Implement measures to improve re-use through the HWRC re-use shops and bulky waste collections.
- iii. Work with partners (Re-Use Forum, third sector organisations, etc.) to increase re-use in Warwickshire.

- iv. Commence review and implementation of measures to improve kerbside recycling and composting performance, such as roll out of service to flats and provision of smaller replacement residual waste bins.
- v. Commence review and implementation of measures to improve HWRC recycling and composting performance, such as review of van permit scheme, meet and greet trail and open bag policy. Implementation of various communication activities (providing information on current services and promoting behaviour change) to improve performance of current recycling and composting schemes.
- vi. Raise awareness of recycling and composting across Warwickshire by providing information on the environmental and economic benefits to the public and key stakeholders (volunteer groups, third sector organisations, schools etc.)
- vii. Review of waste technologies on a regular basis to optimise recycling and composting opportunities for Warwickshire residents.
- viii. Introduce measuring and monitoring of the carbon impact of Warwickshire's waste management (using Government guidance/carbon metric tool)
- ix. Continue to investigate the best solution for Warwickshire's residual waste, ensuring any new residential waste contracts support the diversion of waste from landfill.
- x. Promote and support the implementation of commercial services for recycling and composting of business waste (particularly SME's) at the HWRC's
- xi. Consider opportunities for increased partnership working within Warwickshire and across the region to support the efficient delivery of services and savings.
- xii. The Warwickshire Authorities will lobby Government on key waste issues by responding to relevant consultations either individually, through relevant organisations or as a Partnership.

7.7 There has been a County Waste Officers Group set up to draft an Implementation Plan for 2014/15. This has been split into different objectives with their own Target/Action and Indicator, these are:-

Objective	Target/Action	Indicator
To reduce the amount of waste generated in Warwickshire	Aim to reduce residual waste to 311kg per household, per year, by the end of the strategy period (2020)	Annual kg of residual waste produced per household (N191)
	Raise awareness of waste reduction and promote behaviour change	Implement and monitor key waste reduction campaigns
	To increase re-use of materials in Warwickshire	Tonnage of reuse in Warwickshire
To develop integrated, sustainable solutions for managing waste in Warwickshire	To reduce reliance on landfill as a primary means of waste disposal.	Tonnage of reuse in Warwickshire
	Monitor the development of new waste technologies	Reduction in the overall tonnages of waste disposed of to landfill.
	Continually seek ways to reduce carbon emissions (including from transport) to lower the impact of the	Levels of recycling, composting and recovery.
		Review development of new waste technologies on a regular basis.

	service on climate change as far as technically, environmentally and economically practicable.	Carbon metric tool as developed by UK Government
To meet and exceed national re-use, recycling and composting targets	To optimise recycling and composting within Warwickshire.	Types of material that can be recycled by Warwickshire Householders
	Aim to achieve aspirational countywide recycling and composting targets of 65% by the end of the strategy period (2020).	Re-use, recycling and composting rate % (NI192)
	Provide an effective HWRC service aiming to reach reuse, recycling and composting levels of 74% across all sites by reducing recyclables being put into the residual waste stream	Performance of individual HWRCs (% rate).
	Raise awareness of recycling and composting in Warwickshire and promote behaviour change	Implement and monitor recycling and composting campaigns
Work in partnership with each other and other stakeholders to produce and implement the Strategy.	To work Regionally and Sub regionally with appropriate stakeholders to improve value for money and service delivery	To work Regionally and Sub regionally with appropriate stakeholders to improve value for money and service delivery
Encourage public participation in the implementation and review of the Waste Strategy	Keep the public informed with progress on local and national targets	Provide web-based feedback – updated to reflect changes in performance

The group will meet routinely to allocate actions, understand who will do them and the resources and outcomes required.