

		AGENDA ITEM NO.																																				
Report Cover Sheet																																						
Name of Meeting:	Executive																																					
Date of Meeting:	10 th December 2007																																					
Report Title:	Joint Committee for waste																																					
Summary of report:	This report seeks approval in principle for this Council to negotiate and agree a constitution jointly with other members of the Waste Partnership for a joint committee discharging waste functions.																																					
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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Policy Framework:	No																																					
Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budgetary framework:	No																																					
Wards of the District directly affected by this decision:	All																																					
Key Decision?	No																																					
Included within the Forward Plan?	No																																					
Is the report Private & Confidential	No																																					
Background Papers:	Executive reports – 12 th September 2005 and 12 th December 2005																																					
Consultation Undertaken																																						
Below is a table of the Council's regular consultees. However not all have to be consulted on every matter and if there was no obligation to consult with a specific consultee they will be marked as n/a.																																						
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Officer Approval		
With regard to officer approval all reports must be approved by the report authors relevant director, Finance Services and Legal Services.		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Relevant Director(s)		
Chief Executive		
CMT	22/11/07	All
Section 151 Officer	22/11/07	
Legal	22/11/07	Simon Best
Finance	22/11/07	Mary Hawkins
Final Decision?		No
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		
A further report will be brought back to the Executive for consideration and approval following negotiations and agreement on the constitution of the Joint Waste Committee.		

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1.1 That Members approve in principle the proposal for a Joint Committee to discharge waste functions subject to:
- more detailed negotiations and agreement on the constitution taking place
 - a further report to this Committee to include the Partnership checklist and a risk register for the partnership
 - arrangements in the event of any partner not agreeing the budget being clarified
 - the arrangements for either exit and/or the dissolution of the Joint Committee being included in a report requesting a final decision
 - arrangements for a joint scrutiny being part of the final arrangements.

2. REASON(S) FOR THE RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 The proposal for a Joint Committee reflects the success of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership which was created in 1998 as an informal forum to help formulate and integrate waste management strategy within Warwickshire. The Partnership comprises one elected member and an observer from each of the districts and boroughs in Warwickshire and five elected members from the County Council. It possesses no executive or decision making powers. If executive action is required the partnership must make a proposal requiring adoption by each of the constituent authorities concerned.
- 2.2 In a Memorandum of Understanding agreed in 2005 the Partnership agreed that the possibility of progressing to a more formal relationship should be explored in 2007.
- 2.3 A working group was set up earlier this year to examine options for a closer and more formal partnership and the outcome is the outline proposal for a statutory joint committee. Attached at Appendix A is a report due to go to Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet on 6th December 2007 which details the principles and way forward for the Joint Committee.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S) CONSIDERED

- 3.1 The alternative option would be to maintain the current arrangements which would impact on the ability to meet the challenges faced by all the waste authorities in the county over the years to come.

4. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

- 4.1 Any initial contributions required to set up the new Committee will be met out of the existing waste management budgets for 'Hired and other services' which includes an element of money set aside for this purpose as part of the recent revised estimate process.
- 4.2 The proposed arrangements as set out in the attached document would require budgets to be approved by all constituent authorities. However the Council needs to know what its liabilities might be if any other partner does not agree to the budget.

- 4.3 In September 2005 the Executive agreed that all new partnerships should complete a partnership checklist. It is also important that the partnership considers its risk register from day one. Consequently it is proposed that these be completed in a further report making final proposals to enter into joint arrangements.

5. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 It is essential to the success of the Council's own Waste Strategy that it supports effective joint working with its partners within Warwickshire.
- 5.2 To be effective and demonstrate good governance there should be effective scrutiny. It is difficult and potentially costly for all Councils to do this independently so it is proposed that the final arrangements should include a proposal for joint scrutiny.

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