

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE
STRATEGY
(Report by the Head of Operations)**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To approve adoption of the revised Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Joint Waste Partnership of Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council and the 5 district councils submitted its Joint Municipal Waste Strategy to Defra in 2002. Huntingdonshire District Council adopted this strategy in 2002. Defra guidance on Municipal Waste Strategies states that strategies should be reviewed and revised every five years so that they reflect national, regional and local policies, legislation and targets. This review has now been completed. The revised document, a copy of which has been placed in the Members Room, combines the original principles established in 2002 and incorporates new themes that have emerged over the last five years. The revised and updated strategy has nine key themes all of which have associated objectives and actions.
- 2.2 Following its adoption in 2002, it was agreed that the strategy would be reviewed after 5 years. Recycling Plans, which were appended to the 2002 Strategy, were reviewed in 2005 and revised plans have been available on the RECAP (Recycling in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough) website since then.
- 2.3 The partner authorities have been working towards voluntary targets agreed within the strategy for combined recycling and composting as follows:-
- 45 - 50% by 2010/11
 - 50 - 55% by 2015/16
 - 55 – 60% by 2020/21
- 2.4 Together, the partnership members have achieved a very high overall recycling and composting rate, with an average of 50.5% for 2007/08 across the partnership area. As a result of this joint working, Cambridgeshire has been the highest performing shire county in the country for the last four years and is likely to be again in 07/08. Huntingdonshire's recycling rate for 2007/08 was

55.93%, amongst the highest in the country. This excellent performance throughout the partnership area means that the 2010/11 target has been achieved 3 years ahead of time.

- 2.5 As a high performing authority/partnership, we are not now required by DEFRA to produce a new strategy however the partnership agreed that as a review is regarded as Best Practice it should be carried out. The new updated strategy incorporates up to date and relevant targets with a clear action plan to deliver them.
- 2.6 The revised document combines the original principles of the 2002 document with new themes that have emerged since the original document was written. An extensive public consultation has been carried out to ensure that the document addresses current and future need.

The nine key themes of the strategy are outlined below.

- Underlying Strategic Principles for the Waste Strategy
- Joint Working,
- Climate Change;
- Protection of the Environment;
- Waste Prevention & Reuse;
- Recycling & Composting;
- Management of Residual Waste;
- Wider Waste Role; and
- Stakeholder Engagement

Attached at Appendix A are the eighteen actions which are designed to deliver the strategy objectives

- 2.7 The strategy covers arrangements for the sustainable management of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) controlled by the RECAP partners and is the framework for addressing waste prevention, reuse, recycling and recovery in line with the waste hierarchy. It also covers collection, treatment and disposal of MSW. The strategy is a forward thinking document which clearly identifies the links between waste management and climate change. It continues to direct the way forward for waste management within the area and reconciles the twin aspirations of customer satisfaction whilst achieving the national and European waste diversion targets.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 As a high performing authority that has made significant investment in waste management and recycling services in recent years, there are no financial implications associated with the adoption of the new strategy.

4. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (SERVICE DELIVERY) COMMENTS

- 4.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery) considered the revised Strategy at their meeting on 7th October 2008. Panel Members received an explanation and clarification of a number of questions raised, including the actions undertaken by the Council to reduce the impact of waste management activities on climate change and the impact of changing from landfill disposal at Buckden to hard surface tipping at the new Alconbury transfer station. Panel Members were also updated on the outcomes of a Joint Waste Partnership Project, managed by the District Council, to encourage commercial waste recycling across the Partnership area. The Panel has expressed their satisfaction with the content of the Strategy and has recommended the Cabinet to approve the adoption of the revised Strategy.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Cabinet are requested to
- a) approve the adoption of the revised and updated Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Strategy for dealing with Joint Municipal Solid Waste 2002 – 20022 in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

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APPENDIX A

REVIEW OF JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH – ACTION PLAN

Action No.	
1.	JMWMS: Maintain the relevance and responsiveness of the JMWMS:
2.	RECAP Governance: The Partnership Team will implement and review a robust mechanism for effective decision making, communication and change management throughout the partnership.
3.	New Communities: Provide effective and efficient provision of waste services to new and re-locating Council Tax payers entering the JSA as a result of the Growth Agenda.
4.	Service Modification: Identify service modifications required to meet Strategy and statutory targets.
5.	Joint Procurement: Investigate and pursue opportunities for joint procurement (via joint contracts and jointly procured contracts) for bring sites, Materials Recovery Facilities, bulking and transfer stations or joint kerbside collection contracts, where feasible.
6.	Climate Change: RECAP will work to place itself in a position to reduce its climate change impacts from waste management activities and to monitor impact on climate change.
7.	Enviro-Crime: Develop and implement consistent and co-ordinated policies in the partnership.
8.	Waste Prevention: Decrease the amount of total household waste per dwelling to 1,272 kg by 2019/20.
9.	Third Sector Reuse: Increase opportunities for reuse in the partnership area.
10.	Marketing and Communication: In 2009 the Marketing Group will develop a communication strategy to be implemented over the following 10 years, which will aim at increasing the diversion from landfill.
11.	Trade Waste Recycling: Develop and implement a Trade Waste Strategy, by the end of 2008.
12.	Dry and Organic Recycling: To develop the existing comprehensive recycling service within the JSA, in order to achieve the RECAP JMWMS targets.
13.	Key Indicators: Ensure the effective delivery of the Strategy to achieve statutory targets.
14.	Legislative Responsibilities: To ensure the compliance with all waste legislation and treatment regulations.
15.	Procurement of Residual Waste Treatment Facilities: To provide sustainable waste treatment facilities to ensure the diversion of waste captured in the residual waste stream.
16.	Wider Waste Role: Play a wider role in tackling non-municipal waste.

17.	Funding: The partnership team will continually monitor and seek external funding opportunities (such as WRAP and DEFRA) to implement initiatives that further achieve the RECAP's objectives, and these opportunities will demonstrate best practice and raise RECAP's profile.
18.	Development of Waste Targets within LAAs: RECAP will seek to influence the inclusion of waste targets within the local area agreements annual refresh process.