

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – JOBS, ECONOMY AND  
TRANSPORT**

**12 November 2013**

Report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services

**REVIEW OF THE DERBYSHIRE JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE  
MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To update the Cabinet Member on the review of the Derbyshire and Derby City Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (DJMWMS) and detail the next key stages of the programme including a public and stakeholder consultation.

(2) **Information and Analysis** The DJMWMS 'Looking after Derbyshire's Waste' was adopted in 2006 by the County Council, City Council and all eight district/borough councils in Derbyshire. The Strategy sets out the strategic vision in respect of waste management in Derbyshire and provides a framework for the development and delivery of waste services over the next 20 years. An essential part of implementing the Strategy is increasing the recycling/composting rates towards a target of 55% by 2020 and provision of waste treatment facilities to divert waste from landfill.

Since the Strategy was adopted, the Councils in Derbyshire have invested heavily to improve arrangements for the collection and recycling/composting of waste. The overall recycling/composting rate has increased for the County and City from 27% in 2005/06 to 45.5% in 2012/13. Investment has been made in new and improved household waste recycling centres and the provision of in-vessel composting facilities in the County. In April 2010, a new long term contract for the disposal and treatment of residual waste in Derbyshire commenced with Resource Recovery Solutions (Derbyshire) Ltd (RRS).

The review of the Strategy is being undertaken by the Derbyshire Waste Partnership (DWP) which consists of Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council and the eight district and borough councils in Derbyshire. The day-to-day project management and review process is being managed by the County Council's waste management officers on behalf of the partnership.

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The review began in March 2012 and has focused on waste prevention, reuse, recycling and composting, rather than on treatment and disposal of waste that cannot be recycled and composted.

An Officer Steering Group has been overseeing the review process. The group is made up of representatives from different professional disciplines from the City and County Council and two Waste Collection Authorities.

Consultants, SKM Enviros, were appointed to provide technical support for the review. They have been focussing on specific parts of the review process, namely waste forecasting, the development and appraisal of options, facilitation of a series of separate workshops for officers, lead members and stakeholders, the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), drafting of the Strategy document and the development of individual council action plans.

The following key elements of the review process have been completed:

- **Production of a Waste Forecasting Report** - Waste forecasts providing forward projections of Derbyshire and Derby City waste tonnages have been developed to inform the review and appraisal of delivery options.
- **Production of a SEA Scoping Report and Environment Report** - The review necessitates a SEA and, in April 2013, a scoping report was prepared and consulted upon with statutory stakeholders. The findings of the SEA have been presented in a draft Environment Report which will form part of the public consultation. Comments received on the SEA will feed into the final Strategy.
- **Setting Strategic Aims and Objectives** - Draft strategic aims and objectives and an overarching draft vision for the Strategy have been defined through a number of workshops attended by officers, lead members and stakeholders. The majority of partners attended both officers and members' workshops. The stakeholder workshop was attended by representatives from waste management companies, local environmental groups and statutory bodies.
- **Development of Options and SEA Objectives and Criteria** - A long list of options to deliver the strategic objectives along with SEA objectives and criteria were developed taking into account the views of officers, lead members and stakeholders. The development of these was informed by a review of the Councils' existing plans, programmes and environmental objectives.
- **Shortlisting of Options** - Following the development of the long list of options, an Officer workshop was held to distil the long list into a proposed shortlist. Each option was evaluated in terms of deliverability

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and how well it met the strategic objectives. The shortlist was agreed with lead members and stakeholders through separate workshops. SKM Enviro subsequently undertook a detailed options appraisal on the shortlisted options to allow their performance to be compared (from a technical and cost perspective) so that the ability of each option to deliver the strategic objectives of the Strategy could be understood.

- **Draft Strategy document** - A draft revised strategy document has been prepared.
- **Action Plans** - Individual authority actions plans for delivering the preferred options have been developed.

This draft headline strategy sets out the DWP's approach to managing waste sustainably for the communities of Derbyshire and Derby City and the Partnership's priorities for action over the next five years until the next review takes place.

The Strategy provides a framework for how DWP will work to reduce the amount of waste that the Partnership produces, to reuse, recycle and compost as much material as possible and find the most sustainable solutions to deal with any waste leftover.

The Strategy does not review arrangements for the treatment and disposal of waste that is not recycled or composted which is managed through an existing long term waste management contract. Additionally, the Strategy does not cover waste management planning issues. Policies for determining planning applications for waste management developments are a matter for the Derby and Derbyshire Joint Waste Plan.

The key elements of the draft Strategy are as follows:

- The document replaces the 2006 strategy document.
- Covers the period 2013 to 2026.
- Focuses on the higher levels of the waste hierarchy, namely waste prevention, reuse, recycling and composting.
- Retains the target of recycling/composting up to 55% of household waste by 2020.
- Outlines current waste management services.
- Outlines future projected trends in waste growth.

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- Details a shortlist of delivery options and activities which could contribute to achieving the strategy objectives. The shortlisted delivery options include:
  - 9 waste prevention delivery options including reducing residual bin size/capacity, education and promotion, Love Food Hate Waste campaign and lobbying Government;
  - 7 waste reuse delivery options including partnering with the third sector, reuse of furniture and electrical items and promotion of auction sites;
  - 11 recycling and composting delivery options including trade waste recycling, incentive reward schemes, lower frequency of residual waste collections supported by weekly food waste and reducing contamination in recycling and composting.
  - education, promotion and awareness raising is a key option pertaining to all waste prevention, reuse, recycling and composting activities.
- Monitoring of performance against the vision and objectives in the strategy will take place on an annual basis according to a set of performance indicators.
- The Strategy will be subject to review on a five yearly basis and the accompanying action plans will be reviewed annually.

The Strategy document is supported by individual authority action plans for all ten councils which provides details of individual activities proposed at a local level.

The Strategy has been developed alongside and supported by a number of technical studies documented in the reports listed below:

- a Waste Forecasting Report that considered likely waste growth trends over the duration of the strategy;
- an Options Appraisal Report which considered different ways to achieve the objectives in the strategy; and
- a SEA which considered the impact on the environment of the Strategy and ways to reduce any adverse impacts.

### **Public Consultation**

The County Council, on behalf of DWP, must now seek the views of householders and stakeholders of Derbyshire on this revised Strategy. This will be achieved through a public consultation which will be held between mid-November 2013 and February 2014.

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The 13 week consultation will enable DWP to better understand the needs of local people, make more efficient use of public resources, practice evidence-based decision making and over time, help measure performance in delivering high quality services and improving life for local people.

A detailed programme has been developed to consult with a range of stakeholders and interested parties including:

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| ➤ Derbyshire residents              | ➤ Other public bodies |
| ➤ Local businesses                  | ➤ Council staff       |
| ➤ Voluntary organisations           | ➤ Elected Members     |
| ➤ Community groups                  | ➤ Service providers   |
| ➤ Parish, Town or District Councils | ➤ Other authorities   |

The consultation will be undertaken using a variety of methods and media including questionnaires, leaflets, posters, websites, social media, roadshows, exhibitions, forums and citizens panels. Local elected Members have been consulted on the programme of activity in their local area and feedback incorporated.

The final Strategy will take account of the outcomes from the public consultation stage, with a report being produced to accompany the reports listed above. The final Strategy will then be subject to formal adoption by each Derbyshire Authority.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The cost of the Strategy review is being met from the Waste Management revenue budget. This cost is being shared with Derby City Council on a 50:50 basis.

(4) **Environmental and Health Considerations** Through the DJMWMS, the County Council is committed to increasing sustainable waste management solutions across the whole County. The review of the Strategy will contribute to the following environmental benefits:

- waste prevention and reuse;
- increased recycling/composting;
- meeting landfill targets;
- contributing to the Authority's carbon management programme.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, property and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

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(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? Yes.

In order to meet deadlines for the public consultation period, it has been necessary to request Councillor Kath Lauro, Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny – Places Committee, to consider waiving the call-in period in respect of this report. Councillor Lauro has agreed that it is reasonable to waive Call-in on this occasion in order to ensure that the consultation requirements are satisfied.

(7) **Background Papers** Report to the Cabinet Member – Technology and Recycling dated 17 January 2013 (Minute No.6/13 refers). Officer contact details – Claire Brailsford, extension 39775.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That the Cabinet Member:

- 8.1 Notes and supports the progress made on the review of the Derbyshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.
- 8.2 Endorses the draft Strategy for public consultation.

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