

**PRESENTATION ON THE PRODUCTION OF THE JOINT MERSEYSIDE WASTE
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING DOCUMENT**
WDA/75/08

Recommendation

That:

1. Members receive a presentation on the development of the Joint Merseyside Waste Development Planning Document (Waste DPD) from Dr Alan Jemmett from Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service.
2. Members agree the suggested approach to providing consultation response to the Waste DPD in section 3.3 of this report.

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Report of the Director

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Members with information of the presentation on the production of the Joint Merseyside Waste Development Planning Document (Waste DPD) by Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service.

and

1.2 Members are asked to approve the suggested approach for the Authority to respond to the Consultation on the Joint Merseyside Waste Development Planning Document.

2. Background

2.1 The Waste DPD is being prepared by Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS) on behalf of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, St Helens, Sefton and Wirral Councils. The Waste Disposal Authority along with the Councils mentioned will be consultees on the Document. It is a statutory requirement to plan for all types of new waste facilities. The agreed approach is to do this sub-regionally as it reduces costs and planning risk and is also appropriate to the scale of the waste management challenge.

2.2 The Waste DPD will become the statutory land use plan to guide future development of all new waste management and treatment facilities across Merseyside and Halton – this will include commercial and industrial as well as household waste facilities. Final adoption of the Waste DPD is currently scheduled to be completed in 2011. The Waste DPD is not only concerned with treatment and disposal but will encourage the beneficial re-use, recycling and reprocessing of waste into valuable resources.

3. Report Body

- 3.1 The Waste DPD will eventually become the statutory land use plan to guide future development of all new waste management and treatment facilities across Merseyside and Halton – this will include commercial and industrial as well as household waste facilities. The Waste DPD is not only concerned with treatment and disposal but will encourage the beneficial re-use, recycling and reprocessing of waste into valuable resources.
- 3.2 Public consultation on the Spatial Strategy and Sites Report (a key part of the development of the Waste Planning Document) runs from 17th November 2008 to 9th January 2009. Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority will be preparing a response to the consultation.
- 3.3 The next Authority meeting is not until the 6th February 2009. It is proposed therefore that the Director compile a draft formal consultation response, and circulates to Members for comment. Thereafter, it is proposed that delegated authority be granted to the Director, in consultation with the Chairman, to submit the final Authority response by the 9th January consultation deadline. Members are reminded that each of their constituent Councils also have an opportunity to respond to the consultation on an individual District basis.

4. Risk Implications

There are no Risk implications associated with this report.

5. HR Implications

- 5.1 There are no HR implications.

6. Environmental Implications

- 6.1 There are no Environmental implications.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 There are no Financial implications.

8. Conclusion

- 8.1 Members are asked to note the presentation from Dr Alan Jemmett, Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service concerning the Joint Merseyside Waste Development Planning Document.

- 8.2 Members are asked to delegate the formulation of a response to the Spatial Strategy and Sites Report (a key part of the the development of the Waste Planning Document) to the Director following consultation with all Members. The response to be submitted by 9th January 2009.

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The background documents to this report are open to inspection in accordance with Section 100D of The Local Government Act 1972 - Nil.