

WASTE STRATEGY ISSUES**WDA/24/16****Recommendation**

That:

1. Members note the submission by the Authority, as part of the Joint Waste Disposal Authorities Group, to the All-Party Parliamentary Sustainable Resource Group on the circular economy and English Waste Strategy brought up by the EU referendum result (Brexit). The covering letter and report are attached at Appendices 1 and 2.
2. Members also note the Authority's submission to the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) Committee inquiry into food waste in England. The submission is attached at Appendix 3.

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WASTE STRATEGY ISSUES**WDA/24/16****Report of the Chief Executive****1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To inform Members of the Authority's submissions to the All Party Parliamentary Sustainable Resource Group (APSRG) and the Environment Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) Committee in relation to the implications for English Waste Strategy development post 'Brexit' and food waste policy respectively.

2. Background

- 2.1 In 22nd April 2016 Members received a report highlighting the potential implications of the proposed EU Circular Economy Package.
- 2.2 In June 2016 The UK referendum determined that the UK will leave the European Union.
- 2.3 Since that time the Authority has continued working with the other Joint Waste Disposal Authorities (Manchester and the four London JWDA's) to consider the implications for the development of an English Waste Strategy.
- 2.4 Recently the Committee for Environment Food and Rural Affairs has called for submissions on the development of food waste policy.
- 2.5 The Authority, working as the strategy lead and working in consultation with District partners, has compiled and submitted a response.

3. Key Issues**English Resource Strategy**

- 3.1 The submission of the JWDA's to the APSRG reflects much of the previously developed thinking about future strategy being based on the greater use of Extended Producer Responsibility i.e. 'the polluter pays' principle, greater circularisation of resource flows and targets that are more reflective of environmental impact and market conditions, rather than simply being weight-based.

Food Waste

3.2 The Draft submission to the EFRA Committee inquiry, made on behalf of Merseyside and Halton Waste Partnership, highlights the economic, social and environmental costs of food waste. The submission recommends:

- Increased Government investment in behavioural change around food to reduce the quantity and significant costs of food waste
- No new legislation or targets on local government, eg. mandatory food waste collection, without the resources from Government to deliver them
- More effective joint working and collaboration across the food supply chain, including local government, to reduce the impact of food waste
- Development of an English Resource Strategy to allow food waste and other material resources issues to be tackled together through a wider circular economy approach

4. Next Steps

4.1 Further Government policy developments and their implications for the Authority will be reported to Members with appropriate recommendations when known.

5. Risk Implications

5.1 The following risks have been identified:

Identified Risk	Likelihood Rating	Consequence Rating	Risk Value	Mitigation
Failure to influence policy development which may reduce or constrain the cost/benefit of the Authority's activity	1	4	4	Seek to provide insight to Government as to the need for and aspects of new policy. Monitor and evaluate the potential implications of Government policy development and respond fully to consultation opportunities
Failure to comply with legal requirements and good practice	1	4	4	Monitor and change service provision as required

6. HR Implications

6.1 There are no HR implications identified.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 There are no legal implications identified.

8. Environmental Implications

8.1 There are potential medium to longer term environmental implications associated with this report. However, it is not yet possible to quantify and articulate the precise risks.

9. Financial Implications

9.1 There are no financial implications identified.

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