

APPENDIX 3

Changes to JMWMS recommendations

Please note all recommendations were reviewed to ensure they were clear and were capable of being understood independently from the supporting text, and changes have been made to the wording accordingly.

Original Recommendation	Comments	Response	Final Recommendation
1: Continue to develop the Partnership, share best practice and seek to gain efficiency and improved service delivery where deliverable through joint working	The principles of recommendation 1 should be driven by commitments made by the Partners in the IAA	This is an issue that needs further consideration by the Partnership.	1: All partners shall continue to develop the Waste Partnership, share best practice and seek to gain efficiency and improved service delivery where deliverable through joint working
2: Build upon existing relationships, and foster new ones, with the research, business, voluntary, community and academic sectors across the partnership to ensure involvement where appropriate and practicable in delivering sustainable waste management solutions for Merseyside			2: All partners shall build upon existing relationships, and foster new ones, with the research, business, voluntary, community and academic sectors across the partnership to ensure involvement where appropriate and practicable in delivering sustainable waste management solutions for Merseyside
3: MWP establish Joint Communications Group to develop Strategy document by 2008	<p>Clarify reference to Strategy is Communications Strategy.</p> <p>Update recommendation – Joint Comms Group is in place, focus is now developing and delivering a joint comms strategy.</p> <p>In terms of recommendation 3, clarity is sought on how the Joint Communications Group is being resourced and prioritised</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>-----</p> <p>This is an issue that it outside the remit of the strategy and needs further consideration by the Partnership</p>	3: The Merseyside Waste Partnership will develop, agree and implement a Joint Communications Strategy by 2008

4: Communications and education messages should make a clear link with climate change and energy / resource issues as driving forces behind the waste strategy	Extend to focus on waste prevention and recycling	Agreed	4: Communications and education messages delivered by the Partnership should focus on waste prevention and recycling but make a clear link with climate change and energy / resource issues as driving forces behind the waste strategy
5: Merseyside Waste Partnership to develop and agree an Education and Awareness Strategy to support the Communications Strategy	Clarity required as to the difference between communications strategy and an education and awareness strategy ----- In terms of recommendation 5, there should be pooled resources and budgets	Change of terminology to reflect the delivery/implementation focus of the education and awareness role and its status as a 'Plan' rather than a strategy. Plus additions made to text to clarify the relationship with the Communications Strategy ----- This is an issue which needs further consideration by the Partnership.	5: The Merseyside Waste Partnership will develop, agree and implement an Education and Awareness Plan to support the Joint Communications Strategy by 2008
6: MWDA to implement strict enforcement controls at all HWRCs by 2009	Extend to link to awareness raising and support for businesses	Agreed	6: MWDA will implement enforcement controls at all HWRCs by 2009, linked to awareness raising publicity and support to businesses for alternative methods to dispose of their waste correctly
7: MWP continue to ensure sufficient resourcing for enforcement and education to tackle environmental crime and nuisance issues, including training, partnership working and stakeholder engagement to identify & efficiently tackle specific problem areas which may arise	Extend to state 'A common approach to environmental enforcement should be developed, approved and adopted by the partnership'.	Changes made to focus on a joint approach	7: The Merseyside Waste Partnership will develop and implement a co-ordinated and resourced action plan for enforcement and education to tackle environmental crime and nuisances issues by 2009.
8: We will be engaged in the wider	Change from 'We' to 'MWP' to	Agreed	8: The Merseyside Waste

waste debate and encourage more sustainable waste management and regional self sufficiency	ensure recommendation can stand alone		Partnership will engage in the wider waste debate to support more sustainable waste management and regional self sufficiency
9: It is important that all public facilities are accessible to all members of the community	Expand to include reference to an Equalities Impact Assessment and implementation of subsequent actions ----- Practical implications of delivering this recommendation are unclear	Additions made to the text of the report to support the recommendation and focus on the need for good practice recognising the equalities impact assessment, plus a wide range of statutory responsibilities ----- Recommendation is supported by all the districts and this has not been raised as an issue.	9: All public waste management facilities shall be accessible to all members of the community
10: All new facilities should be well designed and where practicable be in keeping with local character, have visitor centres / open days as part of the education and awareness raising programme for municipal waste management (and its environmental implications)	Not clear that there are benefits from all new facilities having visitor centres ----- Add in that the education programme should compliment that of the districts	'Where appropriate' added to the recommendation ----- This has been reinforced in the text	10: All new waste management facilities shall be well designed and where practicable be in keeping with local character, and where appropriate have visitor centres / open days as part of the education and awareness raising plan for municipal waste management (and its environmental implications).
11: Staff should be trained to high standards and NVQ level 1 & 2 awards offered as a minimum to encourage staff development, and improve and maintain high levels of service delivery	More detail required on which staff, minimum standards to be achieved, secondment opportunities ----- Should some sort of incentivisation based on improvements to recycling performance at each site be built into the employees' package – or is this too much detail at this stage?	Text expanded in the main body of the report, plus minor change to recommendation ----- This is not appropriate for the strategy at this stage.	11: All operational waste management staff shall be trained to high standards and NVQ level 1 & 2 awards or equivalent offered as a minimum to encourage staff development, and improve and maintain high levels of service delivery
12: MWP to maintain watching brief of	Recommendation too ambiguous	Wording changed to emphasis the	12: The Merseyside Waste

<p>developments which may impact on the delivery of the service and protection of the environment, workers and the public, including health impact studies</p>		<p>focus on waste and resources R&D – the need to keep up to date as new findings emerge which may be relevant to service delivery and operations in Merseyside</p>	<p>Partnership will maintain a watching brief on waste and resources R&D which may impact on the delivery of the service and protection of the environment, workers and the public, including health impact studies</p>
<p>13: MWP to consider more environmentally friendly transport options in all new waste related procurements (e.g. bio-diesel, intermodal transport etc)</p>	<p>Extend to include the requirement to reduce the impact on climate change over the period of any contracts</p> <p>-----</p> <p>“consider” seems weak here. Also note that site selection is important here as siting in the wrong place can make green transport options impossible.</p>	<p>Additions made to the text rather than the recommendation itself, recognising that good practice may already be adhered to in terms of environmentally friendly transport options and that reduced impact may be achieved at the start of a contract as a result of procurement decisions, rather than over the period of a contract.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Consider could be changed to ‘seek’ to illustrate the preference towards more environmentally friendly transport. Site selection is an issue for LDD.</p>	<p>13: All partners shall seek more environmentally friendly transport options in all new waste related procurements (e.g. bio-diesel, intermodal transport etc)</p>
<p>14: All Districts to maintain the separate collection of dry recyclables, biodegradable waste and residual waste, using kerbside sort, commingled or wheeled bin collection systems</p>		<p>This recommendation, along with 15, 16, 19 have been brought together under a new ‘overarching recommendation, designed to retain the intention of these recommendations but to place them into a broader context of a set tools to achieve better recycling performance across the partnership</p>	<p>14: All Districts are committed to improving recycling performance and achieving key targets and will incorporate a range of approaches to ensure that the challenging recycling and landfill diversion targets of 2010 and beyond are delivered. These approaches include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the separate collection of dry recyclables, biodegradable waste and residual waste, using

			<p>kerbside sort, commingled or wheeled bin collection systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect recyclables as frequently as practicable, moving towards fortnightly residual waste collection • Move towards the kerbside collection of kitchen waste • Optimise Bring Bank locations to complement the kerbside collection service towards an optimum saturation rate
<p>15: All Districts to collect recyclables as often as a possible and move towards fortnightly residual waste collection by 2010</p>	<p>Concerns regarding the appropriateness of this across all districts within the timescale specified.</p>	<p>This recommendation needs to be retained as it was agreed and signed up to by all Partners in the original JMWMS in 2005 and as this is an update rather than a review the main intention of the JMWMS cannot be significantly changed. However this recommendation has now been encompassed within an overarching recommendation (refer to 14 above) to provide clearer context that it is one of a number of solutions towards improving recycling performance that Districts have stated they will move towards.</p>	<p>See recommendation 14</p>
<p>16: All Districts to move to the kerbside collection of kitchen waste by 2010</p>	<p>Concerns regarding the practical implications of this across all districts, specifically within the</p>	<p>This recommendation needs to be retained as it was agreed and signed up to by all Partners in the original</p>	<p>See recommendation 14</p>

	timescales specified.	JMWMS in 2005 and as this is an update rather than a review the main intention of the JMWMS cannot be significantly changed. However this recommendation has now been encompassed within an overarching recommendation (refer to 14 above) to provide clearer context that it is one of a number of solutions towards improving recycling performance that Districts have stated they will move towards..	
17: Consider treatment options including Anaerobic Digestion for the processing of kitchen waste	Change 'Consider' to 'Be aware of market..' ----- A detailed study is required n potential for AD and CHP possibilities	'Consider' is retained to ensure that the recommendation is proactive and directed. However, MWDA added to ensure the action is more explicit. ----- Agreed - as the recommendation states consider treatment options <u>including</u> AD, it would be expected that a detailed review and analysis would be undertaken ----- Recommendation re-numbered	15: MWDA will consider treatment options including Anaerobic Digestion for the processing of kitchen waste by 2010
18: Improve the segregation of paper and card for recycling and garden waste for composting at HWRCs by 2010. MWDA will work closely with its current and new contractors to identify ways of improving performance to optimise recycling rates		Recommendation re-numbered	16: MWDA will improve the segregation of paper and card for recycling and garden waste for composting at HWRCs by 2010. MWDA will work closely with its current and future contractors to identify ways of improving performance to optimise recycling rates.
19: Every District to optimise its Bring Bank locations to complement the	The number of sites is dependent upon local circumstances	This recommendation needs to be retained as it was agreed and signed	See recommendation 14

<p>kerbside collection service, to an optimum saturation rate of one per one 1000 population</p>	<p>Linked to recommendation 19, there needs to be an agreed specification for bring bank sites across Merseyside i.e. consistency in banks and colours. This issue will be resolved if Recycle Now styling is fully adopted.</p>	<p>up to by all Partners in the original JMWMS in 2005 and as this is an update rather than a review the main intention of the JMWMS cannot be significantly changed. However this recommendation has now been encompassed within an overarching recommendation (refer to 14 above) to provide clearer context that it is one of a number of solutions towards improving recycling performance that Districts have stated they will move towards. In addition it has been modified, removing the final words 'one per 1000', as it is too prescriptive (in some areas the saturation rate may be greater or less, the key principle is for all districts to achieve an optimum saturation rate appropriate to local circumstances).</p> <p>This is an issue that needs further consideration by the Partnership.</p>	
<p>20: Every District to consider the potential for introduction of street recycling bins where appropriate</p>	<p>Does this need a specific reference to the Recycle on the Go consultation which ended recently?</p> <p>Can we work in partnership to agree a common receptacle (or approach) for use throughout</p>	<p>Reference added to the text</p> <p>This is an area for future development and further consideration by the Partnership</p>	<p>17: All Districts shall consider the potential for introduction of street recycling bins by 2010.</p>

	Merseyside? This would dramatically reduce contamination.	----- Recommendation re-numbered	
21: Every District to agree a protocol for acceptance of collected materials for recycling with relevant parties	Expanded to include reference to meeting needs of all partners. ----- Linked to recommendation 21, consideration needs to be given to the impact of MWDA MRF input specification on the cost of waste collection	Slight modification to the wording agreed and a timeline inserted. ----- This is an issue that needs further consideration by the Partnership. ----- Recommendation re-numbered	18: All Districts shall agree a protocol for acceptance of collected materials for recycling with relevant parties, which meets the needs of all partners, by 2010
22: All partners to use awareness raising / enforcement measures where appropriate to improve the quality of recyclate collected and reduce contamination		Recommendation re-numbered	19: All partners shall use awareness raising/enforcement measures where appropriate to improve the quality of recyclate collected and reduce contamination.
23: MWDA to procure recycling / composting / treatment capacity with a priority on high quality of output product. Relevant standards (e.g. BSI PAS 100) should be sought wherever practicable to enhance the value and application of secondary materials		Recommendation re-numbered	20: MWDA to procure recycling/composting/treatment capacity with a priority on high quality of output product. Relevant standards (e.g. BSI PAS 100) should be sought wherever practicable to enhance the value and application of secondary materials.
24: All collection decisions by partners should consider the implications on the processing of the collected material (in terms of quality and appropriateness of material collected) and vice versa	Linked to this recommendation consideration should be given to Districts receiving some direct financial benefit from the value of recyclable material delivered to the MWDA	This is an issue that should be considered by the Partnership – it is not an issue for the strategy. ----- Recommendation re-numbered	21: All partners are committed to delivering good quality recyclates to the market place and maximising the recovery of materials through an efficient collection and treatment process.
25: Links with Market Development		Recommendation re-numbered	22: Links with Market Development

organisations (e.g. Envirolink NW) should be enhanced and local markets for materials should be encouraged as far as practicable			organisations (e.g. Envirolink NW) shall be enhanced and local markets for materials should be encouraged
26: All partners should specify appropriate recycled / secondary materials in purchasing and specifying decisions where practicable		Recommendation re-numbered	23: All partners shall specify appropriate recycled / secondary materials in purchasing and specifying decisions where practicable
27: Wherever practicable seek to highlight positive local uses for materials derived from recycling/ composting activity, promote compost give-aways and Swap shops		Recommendation re-numbered	24: All partners shall highlight positive local uses for materials derived from recycling/ composting activity, promote compost give-aways and Swap shops.
28: Where energy is generated (either through biological or thermal processing), CHP systems should be encouraged to maximise the efficiency of the conversion process, where practicable	CHP adds value to EfW schemes, but it is not clear that any thought has been given to where the heat from such installations might best be used. This is important for siting of plants and some strategic view on possible uses would be helpful to steer decisions.	It is not considered practical in a strategy document to define heating applications which as noted are site specific and may range from community buildings, housing, industry or industrial / commercial premises. Presenting a list of possible options would not steer decisions and could limit innovation in procurement. ----- Recommendation re-numbered	25: Where energy is generated (either through biological or thermal processing), CHP systems shall be encouraged to maximise the efficiency of the conversion process.
29: All partners to undertake an audit of waste arisings in main council offices to determine the nature and quantity of wastes arising in local authority premises by 2009	Slight change to wording to refer to partners and their main premises, rather than focusing on local authority offices. -----	Agreed – wording amended accordingly. ----- Recommendation re-numbered	26: All Partners shall undertake an audit of waste arisings in their main premises to determine the nature and quantity of wastes arising by 2009
30: All Partners to establish practices and systems to reduce waste arisings and re-use / recycle / compost	Linked to recommendation 30, the Partnership could develop a common approach to measuring	This issue needs to be considered by the Partnership and may be appropriate for consideration in the	27: All Partners shall establish practices and systems to reduce waste arisings and re-use / recycle /

increasing proportions of the remaining waste by 2009	and implementing systems based upon EMS standards	2010 review. ----- Recommendation re-numbered	compost increasing proportions of the remaining waste by 2009
31: All Partners to seek to reduce and sustainably manage the hazardous elements of the waste stream generated by the local authorities (e.g. Computer Monitors, Fluorescent tubes) by 2009		Recommendation re-numbered	28: All Partners shall seek to reduce and sustainably manage the hazardous elements of the waste stream.
32: All Partners to consider green procurement alternatives for all local authority purchasing, and implement more environmentally friendly alternatives wherever practicable and economic to do so. A green procurement guidance or policy should be developed and implemented by 2009		Recommendation re-numbered	29: All Partners shall implement green procurement alternatives for all local authority purchasing, and implement more environmentally friendly alternatives wherever practicable and economic to do so. A green procurement guidance or policy should be developed and implemented by 2009