

**JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE
REPORT
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Recommendation

It is recommended that:-

1. Members note and endorse the changes to the key recommendations of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Merseyside;
2. Members approve the update of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Merseyside.

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Report of the Director

1. **Purpose of the report**
 - 1.1 To advise Members of the changes to the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Merseyside (JMWMS).
 - 1.2 To seek Members approval and re-endorsement of the updated Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2008 and its key recommendations.
2. **Background**
 - 2.1 MWDA and the Merseyside Waste Collection Authorities are required by law (The Waste Emissions Trading Act 2003) to produce a joint strategy for the management of municipal waste. The JMWMS for Merseyside approved in 2005 deals with the strategic vision for managing wastes in a sustainable manner up to 2020. As part of the ongoing procurement process and management of the strategy, an Update has been undertaken to reflect changes in legislation, circumstance and new developments in waste treatment technologies.
 - 2.2 The focus of the Update is to ensure the content of the strategy reflects present data, specifically waste arisings, waste growth, current levels of performance and key MWDA/Partnership projects. The Update ensures the policies, options and actions are deliverable, challenging and appropriate with regard to the ever-changing and evolving local, regional, national and European waste and resource management agenda.
 - 2.3 The reason this is an Update of the strategy rather than a Review is to ensure that the updated document remains consistent with the original strategy in order to support the ongoing procurement. Therefore, the aims and objectives of the 2005 strategy approved by Members remain the same. A detailed Sustainability Appraisal has been undertaken and the strategy proposes that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) be conducted as part of a full review in 2010. Recommendations have only been amended if superseded by other policy, good practice and performance.

2.4 New or increased areas of activity proposed in the Update include:

- Climate change and resource use as driving forces to take forward sustainable waste management;
- Working together: Waste Partnership development and improved performance and service delivery through joint working;
- Working with Stakeholders: Building relationships and engagement with business, voluntary, community and academic sectors;
- Waste prevention programme of joint activities to reduce municipal waste arisings in Merseyside (including re-use of unwanted goods);
- Enforcement: co-ordinated approach for enforcement and education to tackle a range of issues including flytipping, litter and depositing non recyclable materials in recycling containers;
- Education, awareness and joint communications;
- Sustainable procurement and good waste management practices within partner Authorities;
- Opportunities to influence management of wider wastes including trade waste recycling; and
- Quality of recyclates and market/sector development

All data has been updated where required in terms of waste generation, waste management performance and projections including revised lower waste growth rates across Merseyside.

Targets, proposals recommendations and pledges have only been amended if superseded by policy, good practice or performance. Recommendations were removed where they had been achieved and/or predate 2007. New and amended recommendations support the original 2005 strategy aims and objectives and reflect the areas of activity listed above.

The full list of 29 recommendations can be found on pages 42-44 of the strategy (see Appendix 1). A list of the changes to the key recommendations during the update consultation with districts is attached at Appendix 3.

2.5 This Update focuses on MWDA and the five Merseyside Waste Collection Authorities. Whilst Halton Borough Council has been actively engaged with Merseyside to deliver shared waste management systems, through Procurement, Halton has produced its own separate but aligned Waste Management Strategy for ratification in 2008. The next scheduled review of the JMWMS for Merseyside in 2010 could provide the opportunity to produce a joint partnership strategy which includes Halton.

2.6 The JMWMS 2008 comprises:

- a Headline Strategy (attached – Appendix 1);
 - 5 District Council Action Plans (ratified by the relevant Local Authority in 2006);
 - Supplementary Reports (further detail and background information) which include:
 - Waste Prevention Strategy (attached – Appendix 2);
 - Legislation and Policy;
 - Sustainability Appraisal;
 - Data and Projection;
 - Partnership Information;
 - Service Delivery Arrangements; and
 - Waste Arisings Study.
3. It is proposed that, in the first instance Districts will be asked to reaffirm their commitments to the JMWMS targets by approving this Updated Strategy and through the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA). MWDA will work with Districts to develop programmes of action to help them meet their individual District JMWMS targets through the implementation of the IAA informed by the procurement process.
4. The 2005 JMWMS recommended that a full review of the strategy should take place every five years. The review can amend or change aims, objectives and targets and will be subject to an SEA and public consultation. It is the intention that this will take place in 2010 and the 2008 Update will form the basis of this more detailed review.

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