

Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Merseyside Review

Issues and Options – Officer Workshop

Briefing Paper 1

Identification of Key Themes

Policy and Strategy documents at a National and Regional level have been reviewed in order to identify key themes for consideration in the strategy review process for Merseyside. The key themes identified are summarised in Table 1 and the policy documents reviewed at a national and regional level are summarised below in Table 3.

Other key proposals and consultations relating to legislative change that may impact on waste management policy and decision making have also been reviewed. These should also be considered as part of the development of themes and options and raises issues and may impact on decisions regarding the priorities for action within the revised strategy and issues that may need to be taken into consideration in the future. These are presented in Table 2 below.

Table 1: Summary of Key Themes

| Number | Theme | Number | Theme |
|--------|---|--------|--|
| 1 | Resource efficiency | 18 | Innovation |
| 2 | Sustainable consumption and production | 19 | Energy efficiency |
| 3 | Reduction of climate change/carbon impacts | 20 | Renewable energy generation |
| 4 | Low carbon economic activity | 21 | Reducing transport Impacts |
| 5 | Protection of natural resources | 22 | Reducing the ecological footprint |
| 6 | Sustainable communities | 23 | Importance of partnership working & working together |
| 7 | Sustainable waste management | 24 | Provision of sufficient capacity for waste management activity |
| 8 | De-coupling of economic growth and waste growth/impacts | 25 | Promotion of key waste messages & awareness raising |
| 9 | Reduce the carbon impacts of waste management | 26 | Provision of efficient services |
| 10 | The waste hierarchy | 27 | Promoting behavioural/cultural change |
| 11 | Waste prevention | 28 | Self sufficiency and the proximity principle |
| 12 | Waste re-use and remanufacturing | 29 | Sustainable procurement |
| 13 | Zero waste | 30 | Leading by example |
| 14 | High recycling = 60-70% | 31 | Market development |
| 15 | High recycling = 50-55% | 32 | Healthy, safe and prosperous communities |
| 16 | Landfill diversion/ recovery of residual waste | 33 | Value for money |
| 17 | Consideration of all waste streams (MSW, C&I, C&DE) | | |

Table 2 - Summary of Forthcoming Issues

| Code | Issue |
|------|--|
| A | Waste prevention programmes required, possible targets on waste prevention |
| B | Increased requirement to collect WEEE |
| C | Landfill bans for certain materials |
| D | Higher national recycling targets |
| E | Mandatory targets for separate collection of food waste |
| F | Zero Waste Nation |
| G | Greater priority for C&I waste, possible targets |
| H | Greater role for councils in tackling climate change |
| I | Changes to waste definitions and scope of 'Municipal Waste' |
| J | Increased role for the Third Sector |

Table 3 –List of documents reviewed

| Level | Title | |
|--|---|--|
| National Policy | Securing the Future – UK Government Sustainable Development Strategy, Defra 2005 and Sustainable Development Action Plan 2009-2011 | |
| | Waste Strategy for England 2007 | |
| | Commercial and Industrial Waste in England, Statement of Aims and Actions 2009 | |
| | Aldersgate Group – Beyond Carbon - describes what a resource-efficient economy might look like and what policies would be required to enable the effective transition to such an economy. | |
| | Low Carbon Industrial Strategy, 2009 Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Department for Energy and Climate Change | |
| | Low Carbon Transition Plan, National Strategy for Climate and Energy, 2009 | |
| | Low Carbon Transport Strategy | |
| | UK Renewable Energy Strategy, 2009 | |
| | Towards Zero Waste – One Wales One Planet, A Consultation Strategy for Wales, April 2009 | |
| | Consultation on Scotland's Zero Waste Plan | |
| | Waste Framework Directive | |
| | Regional Policy and Strategy | Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Merseyside (JMWMS), Headline Strategy 2008 |
| | | JMWMS for Merseyside Waste Prevention Strategy |
| | | JMWMS for Merseyside District Council Action Plans |
| Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Halton, 2008 | | |
| North West Regional Waste Strategy, Draft Updated, Jan 2010 | | |
| Sustainable Consumption and Production Plan for the North West 2010-2012 | | |
| Climate Change Action Plan for England's Northwest 2010-2012 | | |

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| | 'Rising to the Challenge' |
| | The North West of England Plan Regional Spatial Strategy to 2021 |
| | RS2010 Regional Strategy for England's Northwest Part 1 Consultation (closes 26.02.10) |
| | Liverpool City Region Mini-Stern Review |
| | Liverpool City Region Multi-Area Agreement (MAA) |
| | Local Area Agreements and National Indicators |
| | Sustainable Community Strategies |
| Forthcoming Legislative/Policy Changes | Revisions to the WEEE Directive |
| | EU Biowaste Green Paper and possible future Directive |
| | House of Commons EFRA Committee Report, Waste Strategy for England 2007, Third Session 2009-10 |
| | DEFRA 'Zero Waste Nation' announcement October 2009 by Hilary Benn |
| | Third Sector Investment for Growth Report, WRAP |
| | Consultation on Renewable Heat Incentive, DECC (Open) |
| | Consultation on Heat & Energy Saving Strategy (closed in May 09) |
| | Consultation on Strengthening Local Democracy (closed Oct 09) |
| | Draft guidance on the Legal Definition of Waste and its Application (DEFRA) |
| | Future Restrictions on Landfilling of Biodegradable Recyclable Wastes (DEFRA) Expected early 2010 |
| | Review of Schedule 2 of Controlled Waste Regs 1992 (DEFRA). Expected in 2010. |
| | Requirement for Municipal Waste Management Strategies (DEFRA). Expected in 2010. |
| | Municipal Waste Definition (DEFRA). Expected in 2010. |
| | Green Paper on Life-Cycle Thinking Guidelines for Municipal Biodegradable Waste Management (EU). Expected in 2010. |
| | Changes to Producer Responsibility Scheme for Packaging (DEFRA / DBIS). Expected in 2010. |
| | Carbon – based targets (DEFRA). Possible 2011. |