

# Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Merseyside Review

## Issues and Options – Member Consultation

### Paper 1

#### Identification of Key Options

Policy and strategy documents at a national and regional level were reviewed in order to identify key themes for consideration in the strategy review process for Merseyside. The long list of 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 be considered as the strategy continues to be developed and raise issues that 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)		Affordability and Deliverability added at Workshop

**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 '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
<b>Forthcoming Legislative/Policy Changes</b>	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.

At the Officer Workshop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March the long list of themes was reviewed by officers and two additional themes included – Affordability and Deliverability. Suggestions were also made regarding how best to combine a number of overlapping themes and to ensure that themes represented outcomes for the strategy rather than processes involved in the delivery of the strategy.

The long list of themes was given a priority rating against the following scale, with each theme scored as either a high, medium or low priority.



**High Priority**



**Medium Priority**



**Low Priority**

The scores were recorded and weighted, a high priority theme given 3 points, medium 2 and low 1 point. Following the evaluation it was considered appropriate that Value for Money, Affordability and Deliverability should become key evaluation criteria for the strategy review process as these elements underpin the overall delivery of the strategy.

The top ten total scores were then cross referenced with the top ten high priority scores to establish the a short list of the top ten options for member approval. The following short list of options for the strategy will be taken forward for further evaluation and public consultation;

#### **Short List of Key Options**

Number	Option
1	Reduce the climate change/carbon impacts of waste management
2	Maximise prevention of waste
3	Maximise landfill diversion/ recovery of residual waste
4	Maximise sustainable economic activity associated with waste management
5	Reduce the ecological footprint of waste management activities
6	Promote behavioural/cultural change that delivers the strategy objectives
7	Promote the use of renewable energy
8	Achieve high recycling = 50-55%
9	Promote resource efficiency
10	Provide sufficient capacity for waste management activity