

Appendices



Item No.

NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET REPORT

Report Title	DRAFT NORTHAMPTONSHIRE JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (NJMWMS)
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AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC

Cabinet Meeting Date:	1 st October 2007
Key Decision:	YES
Listed on Forward Plan:	YES
Within Policy:	NO
Policy Document:	NO
Directorate:	Customer & Service Delivery
Accountable Cabinet Member:	Councillor Trini Crake
Ward(s)	ALL WARDS

1. Purpose

1.1 All Seven Districts & Boroughs in Northamptonshire and the County Council, under the umbrella of the Northamptonshire Waste Partnership has developed a waste strategy for Northamptonshire. The waste strategy has been developed to help all the Districts and Boroughs in the county to increase their recycling rates and at the same time reduce the amount of solid municipal waste that goes to landfill. The strategy is to enable the Northamptonshire Authorities to meet the regulative targets set out in the National Waste Strategy 2007, collectively. Significantly, the targets are also in place to ensure that all the Districts and Boroughs take joint responsibility in protecting the counties environment and to help reduce climate change.

The draft waste strategy now needs to go out to statutory bodies and the public for consultation. Once the nine-week consultation period is over a review of comments received from the consultees will help structure any necessary revision of the draft waste strategy. Once any required amendments have been made to the draft waste strategy the final version will be returned back to this committee early next year recommending that this waste strategy be adopted.

1.2 The Draft Waste Strategy has been reviewed and agreed by the Portfolio Holder. In addition, it has been presented to Management Board who have agreed to sign it off for consultation.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Cabinet note the Northamptonshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (NJMWMS) and approve its release for consultation to the statutory bodies and the public.

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

The Consultation Draft of the Northamptonshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (referred to henceforth as ‘the Strategy’) has been developed jointly by the Northamptonshire Waste Partnership (NWP). The aim has been to produce a *joint* approach to managing the County’s municipal solid waste in the period from 2007/8 to 2020/21. The Strategy is a revision of one adopted in 2002 (‘the 2002 Strategy’) and, although significantly restructured and refocused, it continues in a similar direction to its predecessor.

The purpose of this strategy is to set out, in draft form, the strategic approach of the Northamptonshire Authorities to managing municipal solid waste between 2007/08 and 2020/21. It builds upon the 2002 Strategy, and takes account of developments since then, including changes in Government policy and progress made within Northamptonshire. It sets out the current position for the Northamptonshire Authorities. It also charts a way forward for the future, setting out a vision for the Strategy, and the principles, which will guide further actions. The intention is that this strategy should be relatively constant over time and will not need major change when the Strategy is reviewed periodically (every 5 years).

The Strategy addresses all of the waste arising within Northamptonshire that come under the heading of ‘municipal solid waste’ (MSW). This includes ‘household waste’ (waste produced by households - including street sweepings and litter and waste collected at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs), as well as some commercial wastes, waste from municipal buildings and waste from clearing up fly tipping.

Due to the long term nature of policies such as the Landfill Tax and the Landfill Allowances Trading Scheme (LATS), as well as the need to manage waste and resources in a way that does not compromise the potential for future generations to meet their own needs, this Strategy takes a long term view – to 2020/21 and beyond.

3.2 Issues

None.

3.3 Choices (Options)

N/A

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

Future development of a county wide waste strategy.

4.2 Resources and Risk

No Financial Implications

No Staffing Implications

4.3 Legal

None

4.4 Equality

N/A

4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)

Cabinet – Public – Environment Agency – DEFRA and any other Statutory Bodies.

4.6 How the Proposals deliver Priority Outcomes

To improve the quality of the environment in which we live.

To improve our interaction with the public to ensure we are providing good quality services.

To improve working with partners to deliver better outcomes and services.

4.7 Other Implications

Nothing specific arising from this report .

5. Background Papers

5.1 National Waste Strategy 2000 – Northamptonshire 2002 Waste Strategy – National Waste 2007.

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