

Appendix A

Leicestershire Waste Partnership position in regards to investigate / consider joint working opportunities and potential contract harmonisation:

Leicestershire's district and borough councils along with the County Council are members of the Leicestershire Waste Partnership. As a partnership, we have a long-standing strategic commitment to joint working. This was reaffirmed recently when the updated Leicestershire Municipal Waste Management Strategy (the Strategy) was adopted by all partner authorities. The Strategy includes a range of high-level actions, which are being implemented through the associated Action Plan 2012/13 to 2013/14. This contains the action, "Consider opportunities for greater joint working / more efficient delivery of services (including greater harmonisation of collection services)", and the sub-task, "Seek opportunities to explore strategic joint working options". Both the action and the sub-task are set against a time period of 2012/13 to 2013/14.

Responsibility to deliver the Action Plan falls to all partner authorities, with management by the Waste Partnership Manager and review by the Waste & Street Scene group. Progress on the action plan is reported to Members of the Leicestershire Environment Board at least annually.