

4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**TOWARDS A POSSIBLE FUTURE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTYWIDE WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT****REPORT OF HEAD OF REGULATORY SERVICES****1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform members of the Leicestershire Waste Partnership's (LWP) initiative regarding investigating of the possibility of a County-wide domestic waste collection contract.
- 1.2 To seek members approval to reply positively to recently received correspondence (attached as Appendix A) that suggests a 'waste summit meeting ' be arranged at an early opportunity to include discussion about potential future joint working opportunities and arrangements.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **Members note the existing Leicestershire Waste Partnership Action plan comments, (attached as Appendix A) determine the commencement of background work regarding a possible future joint working opportunity and the viability of establishing a Countywide Waste Collection contract**
- 2.2 **Members request the Head of Regulatory Services, in consultation with Chairman of REEA, write in support of a proposed waste summit to include potential Countywide joint working contracts and arrangements (attached as Appendix B).**

**3.0 KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 Currently the waste services being provided by the Districts and Boroughs in the County are substantially independent of one another in that they contain differing specifications, schedules and have a wide range of start and end dates
- 3.2 In order to capture the potential efficiencies and benefits that might emerge from amalgamating contracts or working arrangements, it has been recognised that initial discussions and considerations need to commence at an appropriate time for the numerous issues that surround such a contract to be fully explored and evaluated and, if agreement is secured, developed into a viable arrangements.
- 3.3 It is almost inevitable that issues and barriers will be identified, therefore, commencing the work with sufficient time to allow such matters to be worked through fully requires a clear , unambiguous timeline to which all participants can subscribe.
- 3.4 Members will note from both the attached LWP action plan extracts and the letter received from Cllr Blunt, that there is no specific conflict between the two and accordingly there appears to be considerable consensus and agreement with the tenor.
- 3.5 Most recently discussions within the LWP have led to agreement that an existing joint working arrangement 'route map' be followed as guidance with regard to taking the initial steps and preparatory ground work. This suggests that the first step to towards considering a countywide waste collection contract is to seek the views of all potential partners involved. Partners are asked to seek the views of their Members regarding the level of support and commitment that could be realistically expected , and to identify any of those partners who even at an initial stage may not wish to pursue either full or partial joint

working arrangements or contracts.

3.6 The LWP is aware that the first contracts with existing predetermined potential termination and re-letting points are Harborough District Council in 2016, with both Melton Borough Council and Charnwood Borough Council's in 2017. The time scale needed for the development, working up and possible realisation/letting of joint contracts of the nature that are under discussion are understood to be in the region of 3 to 4 years and consequently, the LWP is intending to commence the first steps (as detailed above at point 3.5) before the end of 2012/13.

**4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no direct policy or corporate implications as a result of this report, however should discussions regarding future joint working opportunities with other authorities take place it is highly likely that both policy and corporate issues will be brought into the wider debate if realistic and achievable joint working arrangements are to emerge.

**5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no direct finance or resource implications as a result of this report. Participation in the initiative can be met from existing staff resources.

**6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS**

6.1 There are no direct legal or legal powers implications as a result of this report. Additional reports will be produced in future reporting on progress and any opportunities that emerge.

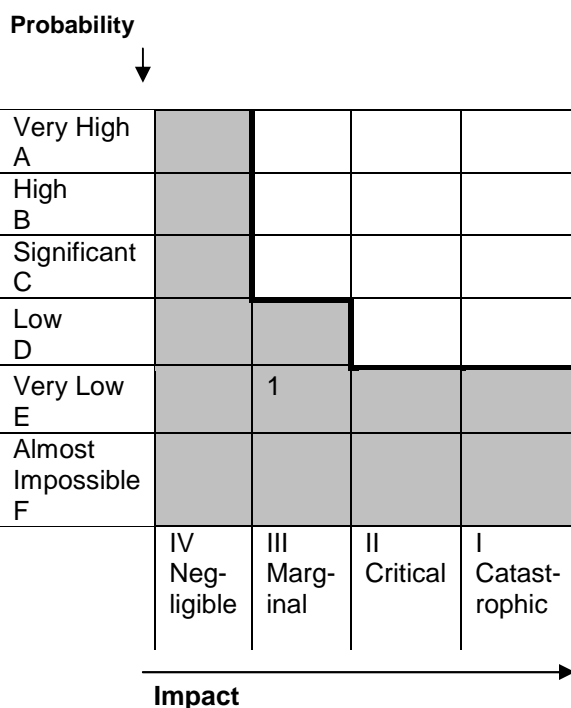
**7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY**

7.1 There are no community safety implications as a result of this report.

**8.0 EQUALITIES**

8.1 There are no equalities implications as a result of this report.

**9.0 RISKS**



Risk No.	Description
1	Background work looking towards joint county wide waste collection contracts is delayed and does not commence at an appropriate time

## 10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no direct climate change issue as a result of this report, however waste management services and the various ways they can be delivered can have an impact on a council's carbon footprint and accordingly, future discussion and debate in regards to joint contracts will include consideration for environmental issues in general, incorporating climate change issues.

## 11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 No consultation has been carried out in regards to this report, however should proposals for joint working opportunities emerge from pending discussions, substantial and extensive consultation will be part of that process.

## 12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 Waste Management services impact upon all wards within the Borough

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Appendices :        Appendix A Comments from the current LWP strategy action plan  
Appendix B Copy of letter from Leicestershire County Councillor Richard Blunt.

Background Papers: none

Reference :            X : REEA