

# AGENDA ITEM 11

## RURAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

26 MAY 2010

### REPORT OF HEAD OF STREET SCENE & ENVIRONMENT

#### LEICESTERSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY REVIEW 2010

##### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the review of the Leicestershire Waste Partnership Strategy that is currently taking place.

##### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That Members note the list of options contained within Appendix 1 that is informing a review of the Leicestershire Waste Partnership Strategy.**
- 2.2 **The Committee agrees to the Strategy review subject to any changes made at the meeting of the Member Steering Group (Leicestershire Waste Management Partnership).**

##### 2.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.0 In 2001 the government called for all the regions and counties in the country to produce their own Municipal Waste Management Strategies (MWMS).
- 3.1 In 2002, in response all the local authorities in Leicestershire formed the Leicestershire Waste Management Partnership, which has subsequently been renamed as the Leicestershire Waste Partnership (LWP).
- 3.2 In 2006 the Partnership produced a Municipal Waste Strategy and within that document was a requirement to review the strategy every 5 years. The current revision presently underway is expected to be completed by December 2010. The strategy is available for inspection within the Members Room and also electronically.

The proposals for the revised Strategy document consist of:

- (i) Significantly reducing, condensing and amalgamating the appendices that accompanied the originally strategy.
- (ii) Revising the 2006 original document to ensure it remains legal and compliant with current Government requirements by adhering to a modified list of objectives (see Appendix 2).
- (iii) Considering recent contemporary and newly emerging concepts that might be incorporated.
- (iv) Considers options (See Appendix 1) with a view to establishing an implementation programme expected to attain current and future targets and meet all the known performance requirements.

(v) Ensuring that it is in line with DEFRA guidance which details the requirement of 5 year strategy review cycle.

3.3 On the 25<sup>th</sup> May there was a special meeting of the Member Steering Group at County Hall, at which the Chairman was to attend where the changes to the Strategy review were to be debated. I will give a verbal update at the meeting of the outcome of any decisions made at the Member Steering Group on the strategy review. The recommendation in 2.2 states that the Strategy Review be accepted subject to any changes made at the Member Steering Groups meeting of the 25 May – and if applicable will be reported to this Committee.

#### **4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The reduction of waste to landfill, reduced pollution, additional recycling all contribute to the Corporate Plan and the Leicestershire Sustainable Community Strategy.

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The Strategy review is being undertaken jointly by Leicestershire Waste Partnership Officers together with consultancy assistance from the major international accounting and consulting firm, Deloitte. This Council's resources are principally member attendance at the Member Steering Group and staff time of officers within the Street Scene & Environment Team.

#### **6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS**

6.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. The legal implications applicable to each proposal within the Strategy will be examined at the appropriate time.

#### **7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY**

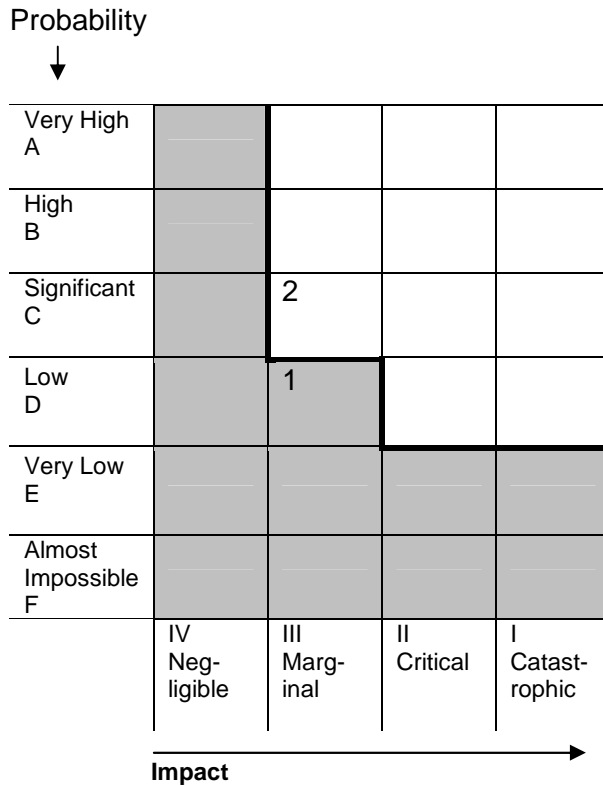
7.1 There are no direct implications on Community issues as a result of this report.

#### **8.0 EQUALITIES**

8.1 There are no direct implications on Equality issues as a result of this report.

#### **9.0 RISKS**

9.1 The principal risk is any delay in the Strategy review and its continuing implementation. This may have significant consequences in terms of the current recycling and recovery performance targets and its impact on achieving the required performance levels. The associated risk is the unaffordability of any proposed solutions.



Risk No.	Description
1	Failure to achieve an agreed LWP Waste Management Strategy review within the required timescale .
2	Any proposed solutions to increase recycling or reduce waste to landfill may be unaffordable.

## 10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 Waste Management has a measurable impact upon the climate with emissions from the transportation involved as well as from various methods of waste disposal i.e. from landfill to waste incineration.

## 11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 Consultation is currently being carried out with a wide range of stakeholders and will continue over the summer. It covers a wide range of groups and organisations and ranges from those with associated statutory responsibilities to voluntary community and parish groups throughout Leicestershire.

## 12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 The strategy covers the whole of Leicestershire therefore all wards may be affected

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Appendices : 1 – Waste Management Options  
2 – Draft Objectives of the Leicestershire Waste Partnership Strategy (2010)

Background Papers: Leicestershire Waste Partnership SEA Scoping Report; Municipal Waste Management Strategy

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