

SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Portfolio Holder for Place

To: Cabinet – Tuesday 15 January 2019

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Subject Lincolnshire Waste Partnership - Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

Purpose: To provide members with the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy that has been created with the County Council and the 7 Lincolnshire authorities within the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership

Recommendation(s):

- 1) That members adopt the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy at Cabinet on 15th January 2019

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Under the Waste and Emissions Trading Act 2003, authorities in two-tier areas have a duty to have a shared waste strategy. This allows Waste Collection Authorities (WCA) and Waste Disposal Authorities (WDA) to work together in deciding how they will manage waste in their area.
- 1.2 The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership (LWP) was formed to oversee the implementation of this strategy, which will create a plan for how household waste will be managed now and in the future.
- 1.3 The LWP is comprised of senior representatives from the 7 Local Authorities managing waste in Lincolnshire and the County Council. Representatives from the Environment Agency also attend meetings.
- 1.4 To fulfil the duty of the Waste and Emissions Trading Act 2003, the LWP has developed a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) which all authorities of the LWP are looking to adopt in 2018/19.
- 1.5 The attached JMWMS has been through a number of stages:
 - July 2017 – LWP agreement of a vision and a list of objectives
 - 2017/18 – Various initial drafts developed and revised
 - March 2018 – Consultation Draft approved by LWP
 - April to July 2018 – Public Consultation, including formal scrutiny by all LWP partner councils
 - August 2018 – Revised Draft prepared in the light of consultation responses
 - September 2018 – LWP endorse JMWMS as ready for formal adoption by each partner council

1.6 In SHDC, the JMWMS went to joint PDP/PMP in April 2018 as part of the partnership consultation and feedback process. Feedback from the scrutiny panel was detailed in the following points;

- Educating residents was seen as an essential tool in reducing littering, and increasing the uptake of valid recycling;
- Enforcement - encourage the public not to litter or fly tip and where possible, fine perpetrators;
- Keep recycling processes simple – the national mood to be ‘greener’ should be harnessed and the most cost effective and environmentally friendly solutions should be sought;
- The Portfolio Holder Place and the Environmental Services Team to look at how glass, metal and plastics could be collected with paper and cardboard but kept separate;
- Continuity of collections.

1.7 The JMWMS includes an action plan which sets out how the LWP will work to meet the strategic objective of the strategy.

2.0 **OPTIONS**

2.1 That members adopt the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy at Cabinet on 15th January 2019

2.2 Do Nothing

3.0 **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

3.1 The JMWMS sets out a Lincolnshire position in respect of waste management issues, and looks to establish a culture with values in support of delivering the waste strategy and its vision.

“To seek the best environmental option to provide innovative, customer friendly waste management solutions that give value for money to Lincolnshire.”

3.2 The JMWMS has been created to deliver key objectives with a joint goal in mind. However, work on how to implement those going forward will continue beyond the adoption of the strategy in a partnership which allows officers to ensure the best options for South Holland residents are always represented.

3.3 In order to deliver the JMWMS effectively it is important that all partners of the LWP agree to adopt the strategy and action plan, the failure to do so could have reputational, environmental and financial impacts to SHDC if we chose to not adopt a shared strategy.

3.4 The proposed JMWMS has been subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment and it is considered that it promotes the right balance between selecting the best environmental options and providing value for money.

4.0 **EXPECTED BENEFITS**

- 4.1 The JMWMS and its strategic objectives ensure that all partners of the LWP are working towards a main goal of addressing the waste management concerns of the County partnership and by signing up to that, we agree to work in a way that best addresses these for our residents.
- 4.2 Working as a partnership to produce the JMWMS has required close communication between partners, and consistent messages to Stakeholders. The delivery of the strategy and action plan will be done with the same goals in mind.
- 4.3 By signing up to the JMWMS, SHDC are supporting the ambition of the LWP to provide a mechanism through which to assess the impacts of change on all stakeholders in the control and management of waste, be that residents, business, or other third parties and ensure they are fully considered before individual decisions are taken. Therefore agreeing to adopt the JMWMS ensures that SHDC are able to best represent the needs of its residents and stakeholders on a County partnership stage.

5.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

In preparing this report, the report author has considered the likely implications of the decision - particularly in terms of Carbon Footprint / Environmental Issues; Constitutional & Legal; Contracts; Corporate Priorities; Crime & Disorder; Equality & Diversity/Human Rights; Financial; Health & Wellbeing; Reputation; Risk Management; Safeguarding; Staffing; Stakeholders/Consultation/Timescales; Transformation Programme; Other. Where the report author considers that there may be implications under one or more of these headings, these are identified below.

5.1 **Carbon Footprint / Environmental Issues**

- 5.1.1 The JMWMS addresses the collection of waste and recycling in the County and has been subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment and it is considered that it promotes the right balance between selecting the best environmental options and providing value for money.

5.2 **Corporate Priorities**

- 5.2.1 The JMWMS addresses our corporate priorities to ensure cleaner, greener and safer public spaces and protect our environment.

5.3 **Reputation**

- 5.3.1 By not signing up to the JMWMS the Council could risk reputational impacts where it would fail to support a waste strategy endorsed by the other authorities in the LWP.

5.4 **Stakeholders / Constitution / Timescales**

- 5.4.1 The JMWMS has been consulted on with the other authorities in the LWP and externally with the public. The feedback received from this has been used to alter the JMWMS accordingly.
- 5.4.2 The JMWMS has so far been approved for adoption by Boston District Council, City of Lincoln Council and Lincolnshire County Council, though without agreement from all eight

members of the LWP, the JMWMS will not be possible to be officially adopted.

6.0 **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED**

6.1 All

7.0 **ACRONYMS**

7.1 JMWMS – Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

7.2 WDA – Waste Disposal Authority

7.3 WCA – Waste Collection Authority

7.4 LWP – Lincolnshire Waste Partnership

Background papers:-

[Minutes of a meeting of the JOINT PERFORMANCE MONITORING PANEL AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT PANEL held on Tuesday, 24 April 2018 at 6.30 pm.](#)

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Key Decision: Y

Exempt Decision: N

This report refers to a Mandatory Service

Appendices attached to this report:

Appendix A Lincolnshire Waste Partnership - Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy