

**CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL
CABINET (26TH AUGUST 2014)**

Background Papers, if any, are specified at the end of the Report

JOINT WASTE STRATEGY FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE REVIEW

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the revised Joint Waste Strategy for Buckinghamshire is adopted

Relationship to Council Objectives

This report relates to:

Objective 3: *Conserve the environment and promote sustainability*

Continuing to reduce waste and increase re-use and recycling will help conserve the local, national and global environment as well as making Chiltern a more sustainable area.

Implications

- (i) The Council's recycling/composting target is 60% by 2025 as part of the Joint Waste Management Strategy for Bucks. The national target is 45% by 2015 and 50% by 2020. There are no longer District any specific targets.
- (ii) The current Joint Waste Management Strategy for Bucks policies, including "securing a long-term strategy for the management of wastes for which the member authorities are collectively responsible"

Financial Implications

Chiltern District Council makes a financial contribution to the Partnership in addition to supporting county wide campaigns and initiatives that require Officer time and resources. This is within current budgets and resources.

Risk Implications

Not having an updated adopted waste strategy could lead the Council open to criticism and reputational risk

Equalities Implications

None

Sustainability Implications

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Background

- 1 The Buckinghamshire Joint Waste Committee has undertaken a review of our county-wide Joint Waste Strategy. This document sets out the aims and objectives for both District and County Councils in terms of waste prevention, collection and disposal.
- 2 Waste is no longer viewed purely as waste, but as a resource from which maximum value should be derived. There has been a shift toward economic factors in the refreshed strategy, including generating combined income to the benefit of all partnership members.
- 3 There has been significant progress in the past five years in Buckinghamshire: a new 'Energy from Waste' plant has been commissioned and is underway, which will significantly reduce our reliance as a partnership on landfill. All District Councils have also rolled out new services with the intention of saving money and improving recycling.
- 4 The review process has been undertaken in full consultation with the Joint Waste Committee. Members have been heavily involved in the process and have shaped the document as it stands today. A 'critical friend' event was held, at which three partnerships from England presented their partnership's strategic approaches. A 'member workshop' was also held, where an external local government officer facilitated an open and honest discussion with members and officers.
- 5 The objectives of the strategy were set, in consultation with members, as:
 - a. Communicating and delivering an excellent service to local residents and businesses
 - b. Taking a commercial approach to our business, to maximise income and provide value-for-money for residents
 - c. High environmental performance is a priority for our partnership
 - d. Effective education is fundamental to our approach
 - e. These objectives are supported by a plan, which states ambitions and actions to ensure adequate delivery of the four objectives in the 2014-2020 period.
- 6 Key targets and monitoring indicators have also been set. We have set a minimum of 60% recycling, reuse or composting by 2020, and to reduce residual waste generated per household by 2020. We will also monitor food waste tonnages and landfill diversion, although members were clear that targets in these areas are not appropriate. This is due to reduction of food waste being more important than composting of it,

and the move from landfill to energy from waste over the next five years.

- 7 Finally, the strategy sets out membership and governance arrangements for the partnership. Officer groups are defined, as are partnership support and the jointly-funded roles.
 - 8 The Memorandum of Understanding has also undergone a refresh, and this document is referred to in the joint strategy as setting out the working principles and practices of the partnership.
 - 9 For further information, please contact the Waste Partnership Officer, Henry Allmand, on 01296 585320 or email hallmand@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk. Further general information about the activities of the Waste Partnership can be found at www.buckinghamshirepartnership.co.uk/recycle-for-buckinghamshire
 - 10 The attached draft document (**Appendix**) provides further details on the strategy refresh and further detailed reports will be given as the refresh progresses.
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