

## CABINET MEETING – 5 DECEMBER 2012

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET - PART 1

**Title of Report:**

**Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Review 2012**

**Author(s):**

Deputy Chief Executive

**Purpose of Report:**

To adopt an updated Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

**Description of Decision:**

Cabinet is recommended to agree the adoption of an updated Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, to guide future decisions in the management of municipal waste.

**Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework**      **\*Yes/No**

**If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework**

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

To ensure a fit for purpose Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy guides development of waste management solutions.

**Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:**

Three alternative options have been considered:

- Continue with the existing strategy which is out dated.
- Do a full strategy review which is not required and would be too expensive
- Not to have a strategy which would result in a lack of guidance on decisions to ensure medium and long term objectives are met.

**Impacts analysed;**

**Equality** N/A      **Privacy** N/A      **Sustainability** Y      **Crime and Disorder** N/A

<p><b>Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution?</b></p> <p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Is it included in the 28 day Notice of Decisions?</b></p> <p><b>Yes</b></p>	<p><b>Scrutiny Committee</b></p>
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**REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**SOUTH TYNE AND WEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP – JOINT  
MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

**1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To adopt an updated Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

**2. DESCRIPTION OF DECISION**

- 2.1 Cabinet is recommended to agree the adoption of an updated Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, to guide future decisions in the management of municipal waste.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland Councils formed the South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership in 2006.
- 3.2 The authorities developed a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy which, after extensive councillor, public and stakeholder consultation, was adopted in 2007 for the 20 year period 2007 – 2027.
- 3.3 The strategy sets the following waste management objectives:
- Reduce the amount of waste that is generated
  - Re-use waste
  - Recycle and/or compost waste as far as this is practicable within economic and environmental constraints
  - Recover energy from the remaining waste and finally dispose of residual waste safely
- 3.4 The strategy contains a commitment to review it at least every five years. Officers from all partner authorities have worked to review the strategy and the proposed update is attached as appendix 1.
- 3.5 Objectives and policies have been updated to take account of national changes, most notably the government's Waste Review 2011. These are relatively minor changes, and do not change the overall direction of the strategy.
- 3.6 The main change has been to the Baseline Review, which contains details of services and performance. The changes reflect the major service developments and improvement in recycling rates over the last five years.

#### **4. REASON FOR DECISION**

- 4.1 To ensure a fit for purpose Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy guides development of waste management solutions

#### **5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 5.1 Alternative options examined but not recommended are:
- 5.2 Continue to use the existing strategy and not make any revisions. It is considered this option would result in use of an out-of-date strategy, particularly in the Baseline Review, as the developments and achievements over the last five years would not be taken account of.
- 5.3 Carry out a full rewrite of the strategy. This would involve a substantial amount of resource, and officers consider that the objectives and policies in the strategy adopted in 2007 are still relevant with only minor revisions required.
- 5.4 No longer have a joint municipal waste management strategy. Although there is no statutory requirement to have a municipal waste management strategy, such a strategy guides decisions to ensure medium and long term objectives are met.

#### **6. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS/CONSULTATIONS**

- 6.1 In reviewing the strategy, officers have taken account of the outcomes of feedback received by authorities in the last five years. This includes information from consultations, queries, complaints, compliments and meetings.

Cabinet Members have been consulted on the revisions to the strategy.

- a) **Financial (and Value for Money) Implications –**  
The Executive Director Commercial and Corporate Services has been consulted. There are no direct financial implications arising from the report. Any service changes to further the objectives of the revised strategy would be subject to usual Council budget setting processes. Working in partnership for waste management brings economies of scale.
- b) **Human Resources Implications –** There are no human resources implications.
- c) **Procurement and Risk Management**  
The Head of Audit Risk and Procurement has been consulted. Having an out-of-date Strategy or no Strategy risks not achieving medium to long term objectives.

- d) **Environmental and Sustainability Implications** –  
There are no direct implications. The strategy follows the waste hierarchy, which seeks to manage waste in the most sustainable manner possible.
- e) **Human Rights Implications** – None
- f) **Area and Ward Implications** – The strategy affects all areas and wards
- g) **Legal implications** – None
- h) **Equality and Diversity Implications** – There are none identified at this stage but an equality and diversity implications review will precede any relevant future service change.
- i) **Crime and Disorder Implications** – None

## **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 Report to Cabinet – Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy 10  
October 2007

<http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cm15/Meetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/5502/Committee/1066/Default.aspx>



**APPENDIX 1**

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