

**Report to the *Cleaner Greener and Safer  
Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee***

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***Staffordshire Waste Partnership  
Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy***



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## **Introduction**

*This paper is to inform members of the rationale behind the development for a refreshed Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, and the process for consultation and final adoption by the partner authorities represented through the Joint Waste Management Board (JWMB).*

## **Background**

*The current JMWMS was last refreshed in 2007 and set out how Staffordshire would move towards Zero Waste to Landfill by 2020. With construction of the new Energy from waste plant in the south of the county, known as 'W2R' well underway, and completion on target, the partnership will only landfill a very small amount of the material (less than 5%) collected. As a partnership we are now recycling and composting over 50% of the waste we collect, and therefore the partnership has achieved its core objective as far as practicably possible.*

*In agreeing to refresh the JMWMS in 2012, the JWMB recognised this milestone had been met, and that the issues surrounding effective and sustainable waste management has changed drastically since 2007.*

*Development of the refreshed JMWMS 2013 has taken place over the last twelve months, utilising the partnerships own resources. Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council have been the project lead for the refreshed strategy, and the process managed by an officer steering group, consisting of the Chair of the Staffordshire Waste Officers Group (SWOG) the Chair of the Staffordshire Recycling Officers Group (ROG) a lead officer from one of the WCA's, a lead officer from the WDA, and*

*a lead officer from Stoke-on-Trent UA, with the support of an officer on a part time basis from the Staffordshire Waste Partnership.*

*Events have been undertaken for officers and members of the JWMB to set their vision and aspirations, which has culminated in the adoption of six key principles to which the refreshed strategy will focus.-*

- *Waste Prevention*
- *Efficiency Savings*
- *Resource Recovery*
- *Carbon Reduction*
- *Infrastructure & Contracts*
- *Municipal Waste Household & Commercial (providing more efficient customer focused services)*

*These key principles have been further developed into a draft delivery plan which was formally approved by the JWMB at its meeting in October 2012.*

*It is important to note that this JMWMS acts as an overarching document allowing individual partner authorities to develop their own waste strategies which recognise individual authority aspirations and needs of their communities. The process for refreshing Newcastle's Waste management strategy is currently in the process of development being led by a cross party group of members.*

### **Questions to be addressed**

The areas that scrutiny should focus on within the meeting are the same as the consultation questions:-

- *Do you agree with the key principles identified within the Strategy?*
- *Do you agree with the principle of making efficiencies through collaborative working across the 10 Staffordshire local authorities, where mutual benefit is demonstrated?*
- *Should Staffordshire local authorities look to work collaboratively with local authorities outside of the county?*
- *Should Staffordshire local authorities look to work collaboratively with third sector organisations (charities etc)?*
- *Should Staffordshire local authorities aim to reduce the carbon footprint of existing waste services?*
- *Should Staffordshire local authorities consider the carbon footprint when developing new services?*
- *Should Staffordshire local authorities strive to further increase recycling levels?*

## **Outcomes**

*The outcomes that are required from this scrutiny process are Members comments and feedback for the consultation questions either collectively as a committee or individual per Member.*

## **Supporting Information**

*To enable the scrutiny committee to have a full discussion of the topic area and to make informed decisions it is requested that Members have read the 2013 Refresh of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent [2007 – 2020] prior to the meeting.*

*Link to the consultation*

*[http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultationandfeedback/consultationdetails.aspx?consultationid=municipal-waste\\_2013&consultationdeptid=environment](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultationandfeedback/consultationdetails.aspx?consultationid=municipal-waste_2013&consultationdeptid=environment)*

## **Constraints**

*The consultation period on this strategy runs between Monday 21st October 2013 and Friday 13th December 2013.*

## **Relevant Portfolio Holder(s)**

*Cllr Ann Beech - Cabinet member for environment and recycling*

## **Local Ward Member (if applicable)**

*All*

## **Background Materials**

*Copy of the Staffordshire Waste Partnership – 2013 Refresh of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent [2007 – 2020]*

## **Appendices**

*Appendix 1 Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Formal Consultation.*

## Appendix 1

### Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Formal Consultation.

1. The key principles listed below are identified within the Strategy. Do you agree with them?

- Waste Prevention, including reuse
- Efficiency Savings
- Resource Recovery
- Carbon Reduction
- Infrastructure & Contracts
- Municipal Waste (Household & Commercial)

Multiple choice checkboxes

Strongly Agree    Agree    Disagree    Strongly Disagree    Unsure

2. Do you agree with the principle of making efficiencies through collaborative working across the 10 Staffordshire local authorities, where mutual benefit is demonstrated? Such as the merging of services and commissioning of waste management infrastructure.

Multiple choice checkboxes

Strongly Agree    Agree    Disagree    Strongly Disagree    Unsure

3. Should Staffordshire local authorities look to work collaboratively with local authorities outside of the county?

Multiple choice checkboxes

Yes    No    Don't Know

4. Should Staffordshire local authorities look to work collaboratively with third sector organisations (charities etc)?

Multiple choice checkboxes

Yes    No    Don't Know

5. Should Staffordshire local authorities aim to reduce the carbon footprint of existing waste services?

Multiple choice checkboxes

Yes    No    Don't Know

6. Should Staffordshire local authorities consider the carbon footprint when developing new services?

Multiple choice checkboxes

Yes       No       Don't Know

7. Should Staffordshire local authorities strive to further increase recycling levels?

Multiple choice checkboxes

Yes       No       Don't Know

8. If you disagree with the previous question, please provide reasons why  
Disagree with increased recycling