

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Scrutiny Report**

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To provide the Executive Member for Environment and Transportation's Decision Day report on the Project Integra Action Plan, 2012-13, to the Environment and Transportation Select Committee for pre-decision scrutiny.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1. This report summarises the key items in relation to the Project Integra (PI) Action Plan 2012-13 attached as an Appendix to this report.
- 2.2. Project Integra's headline objective is to provide a long term solution for dealing with Hampshire's municipal waste in an environmentally sound, cost effective and reliable way.
- 2.3. The current annual Action Plan focuses on joint working to reduce costs across the whole system through waste prevention, recycling and performance improvements through reducing contamination and increasing capture of materials and reducing landfill.

3. Contextual Information

- 3.1 PI is the partnership of all the local authorities in Hampshire with responsibility for managing household waste (collection and disposal). It was formed in the mid 1990s and the County Council is a key partner. The County Council provides both a financial contribution and a significant officer contribution to the workings of the partnership.
- 3.2 This is the eleventh Action plan for PI and is prepared in accordance with the constitution. This requires a draft annual plan to be prepared and approved by all partner authorities.

- 3.3 The Action Plan sets out the strategic outcomes which the partnership aims to deliver over the year in order to contribute to meeting its long term objectives within the wider context. Each strategic outcome contains a number of specific work streams which the partnership will deliver over the next 12 months.
- 3.4 The draft plan will be available in the Members' room and for public inspection at the information centre in Winchester. It can also be viewed on the PI website, www.integra.org.uk.
- 3.5 At its meeting in January 2012, the Project Integra Strategic Board (PISB) took the opportunity to reaffirm the operational focus for its activities in working to reduce costs across the whole waste management process through:
- waste prevention;
 - recycling and performance improvements through reducing contamination and increasing capture of materials;
 - reducing landfill;
 - training; and
 - joint working.

The focus on these major issues provides the basis for the Action Plan.

- 3.6 In addition the PISB agreed to develop the long term PI strategy by amending the existing Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) and incorporating the principles for waste treatment set out in the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan, complete the review of the PI executive function, renegotiate the SLA arrangements with HCC to reflect the outcome of the PI review and maintain the "Recycle for Hampshire" programme at the current level.

4. Commentary on the Action Plan

- 4.1 This is a time of significant change for Project Integra and indeed for the treatment of household waste generally. A report to the Environment and Transportation Select Committee on 3 April 2012 highlighted the need for collaborative working to ensure the delivery of high quality services and control of costs for waste treatment. This will help to maintain the Council's position in the top quartile of waste disposal authorities for cost of waste disposal per head of population.
- 4.2 The action plan sets out a number of key actions that PI will undertake in 2012, including:
- preparation of an amended JMWMS;
 - preparation of a waste prevention plan;
 - plans for increasing the capture and improving the quality of materials presented for recycling; and
 - reducing landfill.

- 4.3 This action plan represents a significant step forward in the development of a positive response to the financial pressures and customer demands for a high quality service which local authorities face. The focus on these operational issues, in the context of an integrated waste management process, is welcomed. PI partners now need to commit to delivering on the key actions of increasing the volume and improving the quality of materials presented to the Material Recycling Facilities (MRFs) for recycling.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 This is a critical time for the development of integrated waste management in Hampshire and for determining how PI partner authorities can work together to respond to the need to deliver high quality services and control their costs.
- 5.2 Hampshire County Council's continued focus on key projects such as diversion from landfill, waste prevention and the role of Project Integra are vital for the partnership to deliver better value for money through greater efficiencies and partnership working.
- 5.3 The County Council welcomes the acknowledgement by PI that its operational focus needs to be based around working to reduce cost through the whole waste management system. This is vital to enable officers and members to focus on positioning the partnership to enable it to take advantage of collective working opportunities with other local authorities, contractors, the upstream supply chain and voluntary and community groups.

6 Recommendation

- 6.1 That the attached draft Project Integra Action Plan 2012-13 be commended for approval.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

3. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 3.1. The Project Integra Action Plan 2012-13 will not compromise the County Council's policy on race and equalities.

4. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 4.1. The Project Integra Action Plan 2012-13 will not compromise the County Council's policy on the prevention of crime.

5. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

The County Council is committed to ensure that all its current and proposed future activities within the Project Integra partnership are managed to ensure that their energy consumptions/carbon impact is minimised.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Policies and plans are in place to ensure that all current activities are resilient to the impacts of climate change, both in the short and long term.