

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report sets out the background and key elements to the current Project Integra Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy approved in 2006 and the stages and processes undertaken by Project Integra (PI) during 2012 to 'refresh' the core strategy.
- 1.2. The report also seeks approval for the 'refreshed' Project Integra Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. The document is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. Hampshire has been widely acknowledged for its partnership working on waste, its impressive integrated waste management facilities, its relatively high performance, and its contribution to shifting fundamental thinking from waste to resource management.
- 2.2. While Hampshire remains in a good position in relation to most areas of the UK, it still has more to do to improve performance to consistently high levels across the whole area, to optimise costs, and to achieve this while working to high and consistent levels of public satisfaction.
- 2.3. Hampshire also continues to aspire to put into practice the concept of Material Resource Management as embodied in the Hampshire document 'More from Less', and this still continues to have fundamental implications for the way we organise services in the future.
- 2.4. As a way for the 14 waste authorities in Hampshire to deliver this agenda, PI mapped out a strategy, the 'Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy'

(JMWMS), to meet the inevitable challenges up to 2020. Specifically it sought to link the material resource agenda to PI's rolling 5 year Business Plan, and represented a statutory document that met the requirements of Section 32 of the Waste and Emissions Trading Act (WET) 2003.

2.5. In the context of managing municipal waste in Hampshire, the overarching vision for the JMWMS is that by 2020, Hampshire will have a world class and sustainable material resources system that maximises efficient re-use and recycling and minimises the need for disposal.

2.6. The key elements of the core strategy are:

- Customer Focus;
- Value for Money;
- Sustainability;
- Behavioural Change;
- Waste Prevention and Reuse;
- Waste Recycling and Composting;
- Waste Treatment and Disposal; and
- Leading the Way.

2.7. Following consultation and a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), the final document was considered and endorsed by the Policy Review & Scrutiny Committee and on 6 April 2006 the Project Integra Management Board approved the JMWMS for submission to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and publication.

2.8. On 20 March 2006 Hampshire County Council's cabinet agreed the Project Integra JMWMS and the preferred option. The County Council noted that the decisions support Aims 2 and 5 (Stewardship of the Environment and Improving Services) of the Corporate Strategy by increasing re-use, recycling, and recovery of waste and natural resources in Hampshire.

3. Commentary on the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

3.1. In January 2011 Defra advised that they were reviewing the provisions in the WET Act 2003 and as a result there was now no longer a statutory duty to have a JMWMS. To ensure that PI continued to have an agreed strategic direction for waste management in Hampshire a 'refresh' of the JMWMS was included in the 2012-13 action plan.

3.2. The JMWMS prepared in 2005/6, in accordance with government guidance comprises three parts:

- Part A-Core strategy;
- Part B-supporting information; and
- Strategic Environmental Assessment.

3.3. In reviewing the above, the Project Integra partnerships view was that the core strategy remained valid, as does much of its content, but the document needed 'refreshing' to take account of policy, legislative, and financial

changes that have occurred since 2006, as well as updating drivers for change and challenge ahead for the period of the new strategy.

3.4. The main changes and additions included a focus on key issues including:

- the slow down in growth of waste arisings compared to the projections made in the 2006 strategy;
- treating waste as a resource in accordance with the waste hierarchy;
- recognising energy as an increasingly valuable commodity; and
- recognising the financial pressures on local authorities to make efficiencies and savings.

3.5 The key elements of the core strategy as listed in 2.6 remain valid and have been translated into key activities in the PI action plan 2013-16.

3.6 In March 2012 the Project Integra Strategic Board (PISB) agreed the JMWMS be 'refreshed'. It was not considered necessary to repeat the extensive development processes of the 2006 strategy given that the core strategy remained and the relatively minor changes to the content of the document.

3.7 The Strategy Officers Core group led by Hampshire County Council officers undertook to refresh the document in accordance with this approach and produced a draft text for consideration by partners. An externally facilitated Project Integra members workshop was held on 27 September 2012 to consider the draft text.

3.8 Further minor changes were made in accordance with comments made at the workshop to provide a final draft version for consideration by the PISB on 22 November 2012. Subject to minor amendments agreed at the Board meeting on 22 November 2012, the Board approved the final draft of the JMWMS. Each partner was asked to formally approve the final draft, and once approved by all this will become the adopted JMWMS, and a copy will be sent to Defra.

4 Conclusions

4.1 Hampshire County Council recognises that whilst there is no longer a statutory duty to produce a JMWMS it welcomes the partnership's desire to adopt the original core strategy, that now recognises new drivers and pressures, sets a new direction, and underpins the action plan for PI partners.

5 Recommendation

5.1 That approval be given for the 'refreshed' Project Integra Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

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:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1 The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives. The website contains a summary [assessment of the impacts](#) on Maximising uses of Waste and Reduction of landfill in Hampshire.
- 1.2 It is considered that the issues covered by this report will not have impacts requiring further specific actions by the Council above those already established in its existing policies and working procedures.

2 Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1 The Project Integra Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy will not compromise the County Council's policy on the prevention of crime.

3 Climate Change:

- 3.1 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 activities within the Project Integra partnership are managed to ensure that their energy consumptions/carbon impact is minimised.

- 3.2 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.