

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment
Title:	Coastal Pollution – Adoption of Waste Management Strategy
Reference:	8134

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval is given for the adoption of the Coastal Pollution Waste Management Strategy (see Appendix 1), and for its inclusion as an addendum to the County Council's existing Coastal Pollution Plan.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council has a duty under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 to “maintain plans for the purpose of ensuring that if an emergency occurs or is likely to occur the person or body is able to perform his or its functions so far as necessary or desirable for the purpose of,
- i) Preventing the emergency
 - ii) Reducing, controlling or mitigating its effects
 - iii) Taking other action in connection with it
- 2.2. The County Council is also required by Section 40 the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 to take steps to conserve biodiversity.
- 2.3. In response to these, and the requirements of the National Contingency Plan for Marine Pollution (NCP) and associated national guidance documents produced by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), with particular reference to Scientific, Technical and Operational (STOp) Notice no. 3/15, the County Council has developed its own Coastal Pollution Plan.
- 2.4. Amongst the key responsibilities that are highlighted in the Coastal Pollution Plan is “Final and intermediate waste disposal from the point of clean up” – a requirement to manage the potentially significant volumes of waste that could arise from a maritime incident which impacts upon the shoreline.
- 2.5. The Waste Management Strategy has been developed in fulfilment of the requirements set out in 2.4 and provides operational guidance for the storage, movement, processing and final disposal options for wastes likely to be recovered from coastal and estuarial waters of Hampshire as a result of Tier 1, 2 and 3 maritime pollution incidents.

2.6. The Waste Management Strategy enables the County Council to fulfil all of its responsibilities by:

- Identifying sites for the temporary storage and treatment of marine pollution wastes.
- Ensuring all wastes recovered are transported by registered carriers in compliance with Hazardous Waste Regulations.
- Proposing suitable protocols for identifying destinations suitable for the reception of recovered marine pollution wastes.
- Encouraging safe segregation of materials and reducing exposure of personnel to hazardous substances.
- Promoting waste minimisation and reuse inline with the waste hierarchy.
- Identifying sections of the shoreline for which Hampshire County Council has responsibility, and providing information about/contact details for trained Beachmaster resources.

2.7. A draft of the Waste Management Strategy has been provided to relevant contacts at both the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and Environment Agency (as environmental regulator and authority on waste sites) who have confirmed that the Strategy is inline with best practice.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The alternative option is to not adopt the Coastal Pollution Waste Management Strategy as an addendum to the existing Coastal Pollution Plan. In this scenario, Waste Management in Coastal Pollution incidents would be dealt with on a more ad-hoc basis, with no reference to suitable sites for temporary storage of waste.
- 3.2. Such an approach would be in opposition to best practice guidance promoted by the Maritime & Coastguard Agency and the Environment Agency. It could slow down decision making in an incident situation through reducing the ability of decision makers to have relevant information at hand, and create risks of utilising temporary storage sites which have not been thoroughly researched as meeting suitability criteria in advance.
- 3.3. For these reasons this option is rejected.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by an Executive Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

- 5.1. None.

6. Supporting information:

6.1. None.

Approved by:	Date:
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Stuart Jarvis Director of Economy, Transport and Environment	

APPENDIX 1

The Waste Management Strategy for the Coastal Pollution Plan can be found at the following Hantsfile Link:

[b\) Coastal Pollution Plan - Waste Management Strategy - Issue 1 January 2017](#)