

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member - Environment
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report summarises the key items in relation to Project Integra (PI) Action Plan 2011-16 (Appendix 1).
- 1.2. The Project Integra Action Plan is a five year plan. Project Integra's headline objective is to focus on effective delivery of waste and resource management services, working towards a series of targets related to the waste hierarchy, for prevention, waste minimisation, recycling, energy recovery and diversion from landfill.
- 1.3. There is a collective view that successes achieved through the partnership have been significantly less in recent years. As a result, a formal review was commissioned by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association (HLOWLA) in June 2010, to consider PI's current position, assess what it's objectives should be and determine what would be required to make the partnership fit for purpose.
- 1.4. For further details regarding the Project Integra Review and Hampshire County Council's response, please see the accompanying Executive Member for Environment report (1 March 2011).
- 1.5. The timetable for the approval of the PI Action Plan 2011-16 runs parallel with the consideration by partners of the PI Review report. As a result, the draft Action Plan focuses mainly on continuation of existing activities and will be revised once the Board has determined its actions following the review.

- 1.6. The County Council will continue to play an active role in progressing the outcomes of the Project Integra review and all PI sub groups to help quantify the partnership's outputs and help identify and bring clarity to its goals, subject to available resources.
- 1.7. There will be a continued focus on all measures that have a positive effect on reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill, coupled with an ongoing focus on reducing costs and securing income for Integra partners throughout a continuing difficult global trading climate.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. 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 with the County Council as a key partner. The County Council provides both a financial contribution and a significant officer contribution to the workings of the partnership.
- 2.2. This is the tenth Action plan for PI and is prepared in accordance with the constitution. This requires a draft annual plan to be prepared and approved by the annual general meeting of the PI Strategic Board held in January.
- 2.3. The Action Plan sets out the strategic outcomes which the partnership aims to deliver over the next five years in order to meet 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.
- 2.4. Each PI partner authority prepares its own Partner Implementation Plan and Communications Plan which sets out its commitment of resources required to support delivery and improve performance and meet the collective targets.
- 2.5. Attached to this report as Appendix 2 (subject to agreement of the outcomes of the PI Review) is the proposed Hampshire County Council Partner Implementation Plan which identifies planned actions and resources already allocated to key work streams. In summary the County Council will focus on the following key issues:
 - (i) Performance and costs.
 - (ii) Waste prevention.
 - (iii) Diversion from landfill.
- 2.6. 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. Conclusions

- 3.1. The Action Plan reaffirms the need for all partner authorities to work together to reduce the annual whole system costs to the council tax payer by delivering services more effectively and efficiently, including joint working where appropriate.
- 3.2. Hampshire County Council's continued focus on key projects such as waste prevention, diversion from landfill and the role of Project Integra are vital for the partnership to deliver better value for money through greater efficiencies and partnership working.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1. That the attached draft Project Integra Action Plan 2011-16 (Appendix 1) be approved for six months only, subject to the outcomes of the Project Integra Review.
- 4.2. That approval be subject to a caveat that no additional or new projects or resource requirements are committed ahead of the outcome of the review of Project Integra and that the draft action plan is revised following agreement of the outcomes of the Project Integra Review.
- 4.3. That the County Council review it's approval of the Project Integra Action Plan by 31 October 2011 subject to satisfactory progress being made with the implementation of the Project Integra Review.

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 Project Integra Action Plan 2011-16 will not compromise the County Council's policy on race and equalities.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. The Project Integra action Plan 2011-16 will not compromise the County Council's policy on the prevention of crime.

3. 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 consumption/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.