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SUBJECT:

DERBYSHIRE'S JOINT MUNICIPAL

WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - FINAL

APPROVAL.

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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 To seek Members' adoption of the Derbyshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy and the accompanying Memorandum of Understanding.

2.0 Detail

Waste Strategy

- 2.1 Over the last three years a working group comprising representatives from Derbyshire Council, Derby City Council and all eight District and Borough Councils in Derbyshire has been working to develop a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) for Derby and Derbyshire.
- 2.2 The Strategy will provide a framework for decisions to be taken on the management of Municipal Solid Waste in the County and City over the next twenty years.
- 2.3 This Committee approved a draft strategy for public consultation at its meeting on 29th September 2005.
- 2.4 The public consultation exercise was undertaken between September 2005 and March 2006 and included 35 exhibitions, citizens panels, displays at libraries and Council offices and information on Council web sites. Just over 7,000 responses were received. 750 Groups and organisations in and around the County were also consulted of which 22 responded with detailed comments. The comments and responses were analysed and, where appropriate, the Strategy documents were modified to take into account the issues raised. A summary of the public consultation responses is appended at Annexe A to this report.

- 2.5 The final Strategy document, its Technical Appendices and Environmental Impact assessment have been accepted by the Waste Strategy Working Group and the Waste Collection Authority Advisory Group. The latter Group represents all the Derbyshire Waste Collection Authorities at Member and Senior Officer level.
- 2.6 The proposed Strategy is based on a number of key principles:
 - A partnership approach between all Councils to achieve the visions of this Municipal Waste Strategy.
 - Introduction of Waste Minimisation schemes to reduce the growth in waste arisings.
 - Continued support to and promotion of the benefits of home composting and other waste minimisation schemes.
 - Support to local and regional schemes that encourage and develop local recycling, composting and reprocessing capacity.
 - Continued introduction/expansion of the kerbside collection of dry recyclables and organic (compostable) materials.
 - Enhancement of the Household Waste and Recycling Centre provision.
 - Provision of Materials Recycling Facilities to deal with recyclable materials as required.
 - Development of a number of in vessel composting facilities.
 - Continued use of open windrow composting for green waste.
 - Provision of sufficient residual waste treatment capacity.
 - Provision of sufficient landfill capacity to receive treatment residues and other non-recyclable waste.
- 2.7 An Executive Summary of the Draft Strategy is appended at Annexe B to this report. A full copy of the draft strategy can be made available on request.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- 2.8 The Memorandum of Understanding, appended at Annexe C to this report, provides a framework for guiding the implementation of the strategy by:
 - Demonstrating how the partner Authorities will work together effectively to coordinate their efforts.
 - Clarifying, documenting, and confirming the respective responsibilities and contribution of each Partner to the delivery of the Waste Strategy.
 - Ensuring a commitment to the development of appropriate and rigorous performance management and project management arrangements.
 - Committing the Partners to keeping each other fully informed and consulting each other, where appropriate, about their plans and intentions, as far as is reasonably possible, regarding future contracts and changes that would affect effective waste management in Derbyshire.
- 2.9 The final MoU has been accepted by the Waste Strategy Working Group and the Waste Collection Authority Advisory Group.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 Adoption of the Waste Strategy and Memorandum of Understanding commits the Council to the delivery of the actions detailed in the Council's Waste Minimisation and Recycling Plan previously approved by this Committee.

- 3.2 The most significant financial implications will be in regard to the implementation of the new "in vessel" compost scheme over the whole of the district over the next three years and the renewal of the contract for the "green boxes and blue bag" recycling scheme in 2008.
- 3.3 The Council's current budget plans, together with financial support from the County Council, will meet the costs of implementing the "in vessel" compost scheme throughout the district. The procurement process for the renewal of the contract for the "green boxes and blue bag" recycling scheme has just commenced and the ensuing financial implications will be reported to Members in due course.

4.0 Community Implications

4.1 The management of waste over the next twenty years and beyond will impact on the whole community.

5.0 Conclusions

- 5.1 The draft Waste Strategy and Memorandum of Understanding provide an agreed approach to the effective and sustainable management of municipal waste in Derbyshire for the next twenty years.
- 5.2 The documents have been approved by the Waste Collection Authority Advisory Group.
- 5.3 The Council is recognised for its commitment to Waste Minimisation and Recycling, both in terms of its contribution to effective partnership working within the County, and also, in meeting its recycling targets year after year. Continuation of this commitment will help the Council to play its full part in the successful implementation of the Waste Strategy and the Memorandum of Understanding.

