

**TO: JOINT WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD**  
**10 December 2009**

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**JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**  
**(Report by the Project Director)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report reveals progress made towards the objectives contained within the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) which was adopted by each of the re3 councils in 2008.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **That Members note the progress made by the councils, towards the JMWMS Objectives, to date.**
- 2.2 **That Members receive further updates at subsequent Joint Waste Disposal Board meetings in accordance with the agreed work programme.**

**3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Background**

- 3.1 Under the Waste and Emissions Trading Act (2003) local authorities have a duty to have in place a joint strategy for the management of their municipal waste.
- 3.2 The re3 councils were successful in securing funding from DEFRA to assist them in putting together a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy during 2008.
- 3.3 Each of the councils has now adopted the Strategy (Wokingham Borough Council, Executive, 26th June 2008, Reading Borough Council, Cabinet, 29th September 2008, Bracknell Forest Borough Council, Executive, 21st October 2008).

**Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) Objectives**

- 3.3 One expectation of a JMWMS is that it will outline the intentions of the councils to whom it relates. It does this in the form of a series of Objectives and related Actions.
- 3.4 The re3 JMWMS contains 10 Objectives, within 6 different categories. The categories were chosen to match the changed requirements of a JMWMS as described within the formal guidance contained within the Government document 'Waste Strategy 2007'.
- 3.5 The categories and their associated Objectives are included at Appendix 1.
- 3.6 A monitoring report on progress towards achieving the Objectives can be found at Appendix 2.
- 3.7 Progress has been broadly positive with many Actions well under way. There are some Actions against which there has been no activity to date.
- 3.5 In subsequent reports, Officers will indicate those Actions which have changed during the reporting period.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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### **APPENDIX 1 – JMWMS OBJECTIVES**

#### Category: Local Community and Business

Objective 1: The re3 councils will build on current participation in recycling and composting and seek to further raise 'waste awareness' to effect positive behavioural change.

Objective 2: The councils will seek to support local business, particularly small to medium enterprises (SME's), in reducing their waste.

#### Category 2: Council Collection Services

Objective 3: The re3 councils will seek to improve the operational, environmental and performance efficiency of their collection services and maximise the opportunity to recycle and compost as many materials as possible.

#### Category 3: Waste Management Facilities

Objective 4: The re3 councils, in partnership with their PFI contractor, will strive to ensure continuous improvement in the effectiveness, efficiency and quality of the Contract Facilities.

Objective 5: The council, in partnership with their PFI Contractor, will seek to ensure that Contract Facilities are user friendly, provide excellent customer service and are responsive to users needs.

#### Category 4: Private and Charity Sectors

Objective 6: The councils will develop policies and approaches for managing recyclable and reusable waste in partnership with the 'charity' and voluntary sector where it is appropriate.

Objective 7: The councils will engage with the private sector, particularly those in the retail industry, to deliver improvements in waste minimisation and recycling performance.

#### Category 5: Government and Legislation

Objective 8: The councils will ensure that compliance with new and emerging legislation is achieved and that the implications (e.g. environmental and economic) are managed.

Objective 9: The councils will strive, in partnership with their PFI contractor, to exceed all relevant waste related performance targets.

#### Category 6: Environmental Commitment

Objective 10: The re3 councils will work with their contractors and other partners to ensure that sustainability and efficiency is considered, in all aspects of their waste management activities, and that they minimise the carbon footprint of waste operations.