

**TO: JOINT WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD**  
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**JOINT WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD - INFORMATION REPORT**  
**(Report by the Project Director)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Joint Waste Disposal Board of a joint authority project to produce a new Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS).

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **That the Board note the work on the new Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.**

**3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Background**

- 3.1 Section 44A of the Environmental Protection Act (1990) places a requirement on Local Authorities to produce a Waste Management Strategy.
- 3.2 During the Autumn of 2006, Janet Dowlman, Waste and Recycling Manager from Bracknell Forest Borough Council, was successful in bidding for some funding from DEFRA Waste Implementation Programme (WIP) to update the original JMWMS which the re3 councils published in 2002/03.
- 3.3 The funding was for £45K and required the councils to work with a DEFRA appointed consultancy in producing the new more detailed Strategy. In this case, DEFRA appointed Enviros as consultants working with waste managers from each of the re3 councils.

**Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for re3**

- 3.4 The intention at the outset of this project and the basis of the bid was that a new re3 JMWMS taking on board the new Waste Strategy for England would be published in September. To that end, a draft JMWMS will soon be issued for relevant Members at each of the re3 councils, and other stakeholders, for comment.

**Waste Strategy for England 2007**

- 3.4 The new re3 Strategy will aim to meet the requirements of the new Waste Strategy for England 2007, which was published on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2007. This new Strategy replaces the previous waste strategy for England (waste Strategy 2000).
- 3.5 Waste Strategy for England 2007 includes the following points:
- Targets of 40% recycling/composting by 2010 rising to 50% by 2020.
  - Incentives for individuals and businesses to recycle waste.

- Emphasis on waste prevention through activities such as home composting and better design of, and reductions in, packaging by businesses.
- Agreement between Government and the Direct Marketing Association to develop a service for people to opt out of unaddressed mail as well as addressed mail.
- Working with retailers to end free, single-use shopping bags, widening the use of re-usable bags and potential charging for bags.
- Drawing-up a voluntary code to increase the availability of recycling in areas like shopping malls, train stations and cinemas. The intention being to normalise recycling and increase the 'everyday' approach to it.
- Following further analysis and consultation, banning the landfilling of biodegradable and recyclable waste.
- Increasing the amount of energy produced from waste by a variety of energy from waste schemes.
- Exploring the use of data on home composting with regard to landfill diversion.
- Allowing the creation of joint waste authorities through the Local Government and Public Health Bill.
- By 2020, Government to reduce its waste arisings by 25%. Also to use it's procurement policies to stimulate the market for recycled products.

3.7 A copy of DEFRA's Executive Summary of the Waste Strategy for England 2007 is appended.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Waste Strategy for England 2007 - Executive Summary

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