

TO: JOINT WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD
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JOINT WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD – WASTE STRATEGY
(Report by the Project Director)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Joint Waste Disposal Board (JWDB) of progress in terms of the creation of a Waste Strategy for the re3 Partnership since the last meeting on 12th December 2013.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Members endorse the proposed approach to public consultation, as described, to be undertaken by officers from the re3 councils and the re3 Project Team.**

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

- 3.1 Following agreement of the Project Initiation Document for a Waste Strategy at the October 2012 JWDB meeting, a draft Strategy was developed by officers of the re3 Project Team and presented to the JWDB on 5th September 2013.
- 3.2 Members approved a programme which scheduled the presentation of a further draft and a proposal for further consultations for the JWDB meeting of December 2013.
- 3.3 It was proposed that each Council should consult (internally) on the Strategy document and that suggested amendments should be forwarded to the re3 Project Team.
- 3.4 The re3 Project Team held a briefing with officers from each of the councils on February 19th 2014.
- 3.5 Officers have agreed a format for consulting with stakeholders on key aspects of the joint re3 Waste Strategy.

Proposal for Consultation

- 3.6 Waste collection and management is a strategically important service delivered by the re3 councils both individually and collectively.
- 3.7 As discussed at the officer briefing on February 19th 2014, the councils will agree a common set of consultation questions. Each question will be pertinent to the waste strategy and/or the development of waste services within the re3 area.
- 3.8 Once the consultation is prepared, the re3 councils will then undertake a single consultation or three identical consultations (one in each area) depending on which approach is most efficient. In essence this should be a minor issue and one made necessary only by consideration, for example, of the potential differences in sign-off for consultations that exists between the three councils.
- 3.9 The councils have agreed to incorporate the findings of the consultation in a further draft of the re3 Waste Strategy and/or the relevant waste services.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

JWDB Report, 12th December 2013.

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