

**TO: EXECUTIVE
18 JULY 2016**

**RE3 WASTE STRATEGY
Director: Environment, Culture and Communities**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Council along with Wokingham and Reading Councils have joined together to form re3 for the purposes of our waste disposal needs. The Partnership has through the Joint Waste Disposal Board (JWDB) agreed the draft Strategy as attached (Annex 1).
- 1.2 All three Councils are being asked to endorse the Strategy so as to maximise the potential of the Partnership to reach its own targets and help the Councils achieve theirs.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Executive endorses the draft Strategy as set out in Annex 1.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The PFI Contract binds the Partnership to achieve a 50% overall recycling rate for the facilities by the end of its term (31 October 2031). The Strategy seeks to help ensure that the target is met.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The Executive could resolve not to endorse the Strategy as proposed by the JWDB.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The proposed Strategy has been endorsed by the JWDB as a draft. The Strategy has been informed by the product of a number of workshops, local and national experience, mindful of the constraints, issues and opportunities.
- 5.2 The Strategy provides the direction for the Partnership over the coming years against which performance can be measured and reported. Whilst the ownership of the Strategy rests with the JWDB, each of the partner councils has a responsibility to deliver. The Strategy incorporates our local collection recycling targets as incorporated in the Council Plan 2015-2019. The local targets will only be achieved with the contribution of re3 and vice versa.
- 5.3 All partner councils are taking the draft through their respective process. Any comments made will be fed back to a future meeting of the JWDB when the draft will be finalised.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 No significant legal issues arise from the matters discussed in this report.

Borough Treasurer

Unrestricted

- 6.2 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report which is for information and discussion. Given the current financial challenges the objectives within Annex 1 should be contained within existing budgets, any additional financial implications arising out of the implementation of this strategy will need to be dealt with at the appropriate time.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Not applicable at this stage.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 The strategy seeks to minimise the loss of PFI credits should the facilities not meet the targets set. The strategy will also help this Council achieve its recycling targets.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 Not applicable at this stage.

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 Not applicable at this stage

Representations Received

- 7.3 Not applicable at this stage

Background Papers

re3 Strategy - 2016/17

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