

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

**DATE: 5 JULY 2010**

**REPORT OF: IAN BOAST, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND  
MINIMISATION MANAGER**



**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION OF A PLAN FOR WASTE  
MANAGEMENT (THE REVISED JMWMS)**

**KEY ISSUE/DECISION:**

The Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) is a statutory document, which was produced in 2006 and was adopted by all authorities in Surrey at the end of 2006 or early in 2007. Setting out a 20-year plan for the management of household waste in Surrey, it is currently about half-way through its first period leading up to a full review. An interim review was agreed by the Surrey Waste Partnership.

Changes have been made to the original Strategy because of new legislation (both English law and EU Directives), new national targets (such as the National Waste Strategy 2007), and new local targets (such as the agreed Surrey target of 70% recycling by 2013/14), and because of areas in the original JMWMS which have been achieved or are now out of date.

This report represents the proposed Waste Disposal Authority's (WDA) response to the consultation.

The Secretary of State for Environment has recently announced a review of National Waste Policy aimed at key strategic objectives. In the view of the WDA, the JMWMS is therefore consistent with the strategic objectives.

**DETAILS:**

1. The proposed response to the JMWMS consultation from the Waste Disposal Authority is attached as Annex 1.

**Consultation**

2. The Environment and Economy Select Committee has been consulted on the changes to the strategy and as a result supports the 2010 revision, A Plan for Waste Management.

**Financial and value for money implications**

3. There are no direct implications on the budget as a result of this report.

### **Equalities implications**

4. An equality impact assessment is being carried out for the revised strategy and will be completed following the conclusion of the consultation. This will form part of the final report as part of the adoption of the revised strategy.

### **Risk management implications**

5. There are no risks as a result of this report.

### **Implications for the Council's priorities or Community Strategy/Local Area Agreement targets**

6. If adopted, the revised strategy will have a positive effect on targets and LAA. The policies within the strategy represent an upgrade to the current targets.

### **Climate change/carbon emissions implications**

7. The County Council attaches great importance to being environmentally aware and wishes to show leadership in cutting carbon emissions and tackling climate change. The policies and the actions within the strategy have a positive effect on the carbon emissions, for example the reduction in vehicle movements and the production of energy from Surrey's food waste and residual waste.

### **Legal implications/legislative requirements**

8. None

### **Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children implications**

9. N/A

### **Section 151 Officer commentary**

10. The S151 Officer confirms that all material financial and business issues & risks have been considered in this report.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member approves the proposed response from the WDA to the consultation of the revised Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy attached at Annex 1.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) strongly supports and endorses the proposed amendments to the Surrey Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, which it sees as an essential document in the delivery of a modern infrastructure for dealing with municipal waste.

The WDA has a statutory responsibility for making arrangements for the disposal of municipal waste collected by district and borough councils and for providing civic

amenity sites where members of the public can bring household waste materials for recycling and disposal.

Since the adoption of the current JMWMS in 2006, the councils in Surrey have made significant progress in adopting the aims of that strategy.

Ultimately the success of both the JMWMS and the WDA Action Plan in achieving their objectives will depend on the ability to develop new recycling, anaerobic digestion, composting and treatment facilities within the county.

<b>WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:</b>
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The WDA will formally respond to the consultation.

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**Consulted:**

Waste Management Division  
Environment and Economy Select Committee

**Informed:**

The following have been informed that there is currently a consultation on the revised JMWMS:

All Local Committees  
All Members

**Sources/background papers:**

Officer Report to Cabinet (2 February 2010), World Class Waste Solutions, Surrey County Council

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