



## Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee

Date of Meeting	27 October 2015
Officer	Head of Strategy of the Dorset Waste Partnership
<b>Subject of Report</b>	<b>Strategy Review - Report of Task and Finish Group</b>
Executive Summary	<p>A task and finish group, led by the Interim Director (WYG) of the Dorset Waste Partnership and chaired by the Chair of the Joint committee, met on 10th August 2015. The purpose of the group was to consider progress against the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy and establish the strategic priorities of the Dorset Waste Partnership, for recommendation to Joint Committee.</p> <p>The recommendations of the task and finish group are replicated as the recommendations of this report and the notes of the meeting, shown in the appendix, provide the narrative to support these recommendations.</p> <p>The recommendations are intended to inform changes to the strategic documents and plans of the Dorset Waste Partnership.</p>
Impact Assessment:	<p>Equalities Impact Assessment: This report does not require an EQIA</p>
	<p>Use of Evidence: The Interim Director (WYG) provided national and local statistics in a presentation to inform the discussion of the task and finish group.</p>
	<p>Budget / VAT / Risk Assessment: No direct impact on Budget.</p>

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	<p>Having considered the risks associated with this decision using the County Council's approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as:            Current Risk: LOW            Residual Risk LOW</p>
	<p>Other Implications:            None</p>
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>That the Joint Committee be asked to consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That investment in education and marketing resources to help reduce waste arisings be continued.</li> <li>2. That sufficient resources be provided to education and marketing teams to enable DWP to participate in an effective Litter Free Dorset Campaign and that support to volunteers groups be continued.</li> <li>3. That the number of enforcement officers to support the litter prevention campaign and the control of fly-tipping be increased.</li> <li>4. That the newly rolled out system and the target for household waste reuse be maintained and that recycling and composting remained at 60%.</li> <li>5. That detailed modelling implications, possible savings and improved performance of collection frequencies, greater than fortnightly, be carried out.</li> <li>6. That additional education and marketing resource be made available to Tranche 1 and 2 areas to improve performance.</li> <li>7. That a business case be developed for the replacement of the tri-stream vehicles to allow for more flexible and optimised service.</li> <li>8. That the reduction of the dependency on landfill be continued and that officers identify suitable treatment solutions that would provide the most economic solution.</li> <li>9. That in order for DWP to not be constrained by any particular treatment technology solution, approval be given for DWP to re-test the market with further report(s) to the Joint Committee at the appropriate time(s).</li> </ol>
<p>Reason for Recommendation</p>	<p>To inform a review of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Plan and business plan objectives and targets in order to address market changes and increasing budget pressures.</p>
<p>Appendices</p>	<p>Task and Finish Group on Review of the Dorset Municipal Waste Strategy- Notes of 10 August 2015 meeting</p>
<p>Background Papers</p>	<p>Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Dorset            Dorset Waste partnership Business Plan 2014-19</p>

Task and Finish Group- Strategy Review

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# Task and Finish Group on Review of the Dorset Municipal Waste Strategy

Notes of a meeting held at County Hall, Colliton Park,  
Dorchester on Monday 10 August 2015

## **Present:**

### Members

Peter Finney (Dorset County Council), Anthony Alford (West Dorset District Council), Steve Butler (East Dorset District Council) and Michael Roake (North Dorset District Council).

### Officers:

Mike Harries, Director for Environment and the Economy, Dorset County Council), Nigel Mattravers (Interim Director, DWP), Bill Davidson (Head of Strategy and Commissioning, DWP), Robert Firth (Legal and Commissioned Services Manager, North Dorset District Council) and Fiona King (Senior Democratic Services Officer, Dorset County Council)

### Also present:

Cllr Ian Roebuck, Weymouth and Portland Borough Council

## **Election of Chairman**

### Resolved

1. That Anthony Alford (West Dorset District Council) be elected Chairman of the Task and Finish Group.

## **Apology for absence**

2. An apology for absence was received from David Walsh (North Dorset District Council).

## **Confidentiality**

3. The Panel considered whether agendas and notes from meetings should be open to the public or be confidential. They agreed that agendas and minutes of meetings should be treated as confidential until they had been received by the Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee.

### Resolved

4. That the agendas and notes of the Task and Finish Group be regarded as confidential until such time as they had been received by the DWP Joint Committee.

## **Terms of Reference**

5. Members noted the Terms of Reference for the Task and Finish Group.

## **Review of Dorset Municipal Waste Strategy**

- 6.1 The Group considered a report by the Interim Director which advised members that the Joint Municipal Waste Strategy (JMWS) was being reviewed in the light of achievements to date against targets, legislative requirements and budgetary constraints. This was a light touch review intended to establish the strategic priorities to inform the MTFP in Autumn 2015, not a full formal review of the whole strategy.

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6.2 The Interim Director also gave members a presentation which focussed on the following areas in the Strategy:-

- The performance to date
- Drivers for the Strategy
- Waste reduction
- Litter
- Recycling targets and collection
- Disposal options

6.3 The Chairman noted the importance of reflecting on two elements of the data, experience and service, and it was agreed that the slides be circulated to all members of the Joint Committee. One member felt it would be helpful if the performance data that had been highlighted to them was publicised more widely to assure members of the public that DWP was a good performing service.

6.4 Members were advised that comparative data was difficult to benchmark as different authorities collated their information in different ways.

6.5 In relation to education and marketing the Chairman felt that some thought in relation to the terminology used would be helpful along with the need to have targets associated with it and be able to measure their effectiveness.

6.6 The Interim Director advised members that officers were looking to optimise services in order to enable vehicles to collect both commercial and household waste. He also highlighted the constantly changing markets and noted that there might be a need to consider the collection of other materials but was aware that there was more sensitivity around food waste collection. The Chairman felt it would be helpful to publicise that landfill was the least desirable outcome.

6.7 Following a comment from the Chairman about the various options for disposal of recyclable waste, the Interim Director noted that with hindsight this should possibly have been included within his report. One member highlighted that it might be helpful for members of the Joint Committee to know what happened to certain materials and that the information that was available on the website should be kept up to date.

6.8 In relation to litter, the Director for Environment and the Economy asked whether the contractors had been asked to do some work around the source of litter and if there was any reliable data to this effect. The Chairman felt that a strategic objective around litter would be helpful. The Interim Director suggested that National standards in this regard could be adopted, but regrettably the contractor had not been asked to provide any source data.

6.9 One member noted that more co-ordination with the grass cutting crews would be helpful in order to reduce the litter following cutting and to get information out in the public domain to alert members of the public to this.

6.10 Following a question from a member regarding road sweepings, the Head of Strategy and Commissioning advised that DWP did effectively recycle most of them but were not allowed to count them in the volumes. Further to a member's comment about chewing gum on pavements, members were advised that testing was ongoing on a modern solution to this problem.

6.11 With regards to the next steps, the Interim Director advised members that the refreshed report, incorporating the direction given by members, would go forward to the next meeting of the Joint Committee and principally would start to feed into the Medium Term Financial Plan. Members felt it would be helpful to receive a paper summarising the elements that had been discussed.

6.12 In summary the Chairman noted that in strategic terms the overriding element was that DWP had to work within their financial constraints whilst still providing a good service. He felt that overall the quality of the service was good but highlighted that there was still more work needed in certain areas. He also noted that a proper monitoring system to ensure all these elements were delivered was essential.

**Recommendations:**

- 7.1 That the Joint Committee be asked to approve the following:
- 7.2 That investment in education and marketing resources to help reduce waste arisings be continued.
- 7.3 That sufficient resources be provided to education and marketing teams to enable DWP to participate in an effective Litter Free Dorset Campaign and that support to volunteers groups be continued.
- 7.4 That the number of enforcement officers to support the litter prevention campaign and the control of fly-tipping be increased.
- 7.5 That the newly rolled out system and the target for household waste reuse be maintained and that recycling and composting remained at 60%.
- 7.6 That detailed modelling implications, possible savings and improved performance of collection frequencies, greater than fortnightly, be carried out.
- 7.7 That additional education and marketing resource be made available to Tranche 1 and 2 areas to improve performance.
- 7.8 That a business case be developed for the replacement of the tri-stream vehicles to allow for more flexible and optimised service.
- 7.9 That the reduction on the dependency on landfill be continued and that officers identify suitable treatment solutions that would provide the most economic solution.
- 7.10 That in order for DWP to not be constrained by any particular treatment technology solution approval be given for DWP to re-test the market with a further report to the Joint Committee at the appropriate time.

**Reason for Recommendations:**

8. To review the JMWS and business plan objectives and targets in order to address market changes and increasing budget pressures.

**Dates of Future Meetings**

9. The Panel agreed that the dates for future meetings would be identified outside of the meeting should they be deemed necessary.

**Resolved**

10. That dates for future meetings be identified outside of the meeting, if necessary.

Meeting Duration: 10.00am – 12 noon