

ITEM 14 Project Integra - Action Plan 2018 to 2021

Report of the Environmental Portfolio Holder

Recommended:

That the Project Integra Action Plan 2018 to 2021 be approved.

SUMMARY:

- This report provides an overview and seeks approval for the Project Integra Action Plan 2018 to 2021.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Council has been a member of the Project Integra (PI) partnership since it was formed in 1995. The partnership consists of Hampshire County Council, the borough and district Councils and the two unitary Councils of Portsmouth and Southampton.
- 1.2 The purpose of PI is to provide a countywide approach to the management of waste in Hampshire.
- 1.3 This report outlines and seeks approval of the Action Plan 2018 to 2021.

2 Background

- 2.1 PI was established as a waste management partnership by the then district councils and County Council in 1995 and in 2001 was constituted as a formal Joint Committee. It has a membership of the County Council as waste disposal authority, the 11 district councils which are solely waste collection authorities and the two unitary authorities which have both responsibilities. The waste disposal contractor, Veolia, is a non-voting member of the partnership in recognition of its long term contractual relationship.
- 2.2 Recognising that some actions are not deliverable within a one year period the partnership produces an action plan every three years.

Action Plan 2018 - 2021

- 2.3 This Action Plan covers the collective actions of Project Integra partners to deliver the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS). Actions involving two or more partner authorities are included – actions by individual authorities are not. This means that not all actions contained within the Action Plan are universally applicable to all partners.
- 2.4 The Action Plan is prepared by strategy officers and presented for agreement by the Project Integra Strategic Board (PISB) and then for approval by each authority.

2.5 The key actions of the Action Plan cover the following areas:

- Communication and behaviour change.
- Waste prevention including reuse.
- Recycling and performance improvements - for instance through reducing contamination, increasing capture of materials, improving income for materials, changing management arrangements.
- Reducing landfill.
- Joint working arrangements and activities.
- Improve efficiency and effectiveness of services through collaboration with neighbouring authorities including the South East 7 (SE7) group of local authorities.

2.6 The full Action Plan is annexed to this report. In summary there are ten separate actions contained within the plan, as follows:

a) Communications and Behaviour Change

Increasing capture of and reducing contamination of materials collected for recycling by PI will have a significant impact upon whole system costs.

This action in the plan chimes well with our own, recently approved, waste strategy where we are focusing on behaviour change across the whole spectrum – residents and waste collection staff alike.

b) Impact of New Developments

An estimated 64,000 homes are expected to be built in Hampshire by 2023. This will put a significant strain on both the waste collection and disposal infrastructure.

Test Valley is seeing one of the highest build rates in Hampshire. The waste collection service has, over recent years, adapted and changed rounds to accommodate this. From 2018 onwards there is incremental budget growth provision to manage the increase in demand for this service.

c) Waste Prevention Plan (WPP)

Implementation of separate PI WPP 2017-19, approved by PISB in June 2017. Key activity to include:

- Annual report on progress (June)
- Bulky waste – improving diversion of bulky waste, via a mix of system changes and partnership working.
- Organics – programme of activity around food waste reduction and home composting
- Waste collection policies – reviewing and developing new waste collection policies that may reduce waste – collection frequencies, size and number of waste containers etc.

d) Hampshire Waste Partnership Project

The Hampshire Waste Partnership Project will shape the medium to long term future for recycling services. There are two strongly linked work streams:

- Development of a final business case for changes to input specification and configuration of MRF infrastructure – and implement recommendations as appropriate
- Identify best way of reducing whole system costs via relationships between PI partners, and the tools to do so (constitution, MoU, JMWMS etc.)

e) Joint Working outside of PI

Ensure engagement with:

- Waste partnerships (especially in the south east region)
- Other networks including National Association of Waste Disposal Officers
- Central Government, to influence future policy development – particularly important in 2018 with increased focus on plastics and Defra's development of a new waste and resources strategy

f) Health and Safety

The health and safety work of PI is discharged through a group referred to as CASH (Common Approach to Safety and Health). They ensure best practice is shared across partners.

g) Glass Processing Contract

PI authorities have a joint contract for processing of glass collected at kerbside or via bring sites. The original contract, due to end in 2016, had an option for a 2-year extension.

The contract is due to come to an end in June 2018. The process to re-let a contract is drawing to a close and it will be in place to follow the existing arrangements.

h) Training

To continue with the existing joint training programme for front-line drivers (Certificates of Professional Competence) currently provided to EBC, FBC and NFDC.

i) Waste Composition Analysis

At the October 2017 PISB, it was agreed that a county-wide waste composition analysis would be undertaken during 2018. This analysis will require planning and a procurement process, as well as analysis and a final report to inform various work streams. This piece of work will be led by HCC with support from all partners.

j) Hampshire Fly Tipping Strategy

In February 2017 the PISB agreed that the Hampshire Fly Tipping Strategy would be supported by PI via the governance systems already in place. Fly tipping was an area of growing concern within the county. The strategy has the following vision: *“A future for Hampshire where we work together to ensure that all parties take responsibility for their waste, so as to bring about a significant reduction in the unacceptable social, economic and environmental harm caused by fly tipping.”*

As a council we are proactive in this area of work and welcome any assistance that is available.

- 2.7 Not all aspects of the Action Plan apply to Test Valley. However, it is recommended that Cabinet approve the Action Plan in its entirety accepting that not all elements of it apply.

3 Corporate Objectives and Priorities

- 3.1 Project Integra is a county-wide partnership that enables all local authorities in Hampshire to deal with their waste in a coordinated fashion. Dealing with waste in a cost effective manner that provides a sustainable and high recycling rate is a high priority for the Council. The management of waste is also a key theme within our environmental corporate priority *‘Enhancing and preserving our natural and built environment’*.

4 Consultations/Communications

- 4.1 Councillor Graham Stallard is the Council’s PI Strategic Board Member and has had the opportunity to have an input into the development of the Action Plan 2018 to 2021.

5 Options

- 5.1 Cabinet are being requested to approve the Action Plan 2018 to 2021. The plan has been developed by all PI partners and has been agreed by the PI Strategic Board.
- 5.2 Cabinet have the choice to approve all, part or none of the different actions contained in the Action Plan 2018 to 2021.

6 Option Appraisal

- 6.1 Not approving the Action Plan, or only approving parts of it, would require it to be referred back to the PI Strategic Board for further consideration.
- 6.2 Approve the PI Action Plan (recommended). The Action Plan is supportable. The PI Strategic Board have agreed the plan but the final decision rests with each partner.

- 6.3 There is no risk associated with this Council being a partner within Project Integra and benefit is gained from learning from others in the County. Although there is strength in working together and Project Integra may advise on best practice, or be able to influence decision making, all decisions in this area of the Council's work remains with Cabinet.

7 Risk Management

- 7.1 A risk assessment has been completed in accordance with the Council's Risk management process and the existing risk controls in place mean that no significant risks (Red or Amber) have been identified.

8 Resource Implications

- 8.1 The subscription for 2018/19 totals £12,248 (PI Executive - £5,463; Materials Analysis Facility - £6,785).
- 8.2 The projected level of subscriptions for 2019/20 and 2020/21 are £12,691 and £13,190 respectively. The subscriptions are budgeted for in the waste and recycling budget.
- 8.3 The Council receives an income from the sale of recyclable material that totalled £392,755 during that last year (Sale of recycling - £239,199; sale of glass - £129,600; and sale of textiles - £23,956).
- 8.4 The sale of recyclable material provides the Council with much needed income that is used to offset the overall cost of providing waste collection.

9 Legal Implications

- 9.1 There are no legal implications of the chosen option.

10 Equality Issues

- 10.1 An EQIA screening has been completed in accordance with the Council's EQIA methodology and no potential for unlawful discrimination and/or low level or minor negative impact have been identified, therefore a full EQIA has not been carried out.

11 Other Issues

- 11.1 Community Safety - None
- 11.2 Environmental Health Issues - None
- 11.3 Sustainability and Addressing a Changing Climate - this area of work directly contributes to the Council's environment priority.
- 11.4 Property Issues - None
- 11.5 Wards/Communities Affected - The provision of waste services affects all residents.

12 Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 12.1 The Action Plan is integral to the way that the Project Integra Partnership operates. It sets a basis for which its performance and successes are judged. The action plan is supportable and already approved by the PI Strategic Board

<u>Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)</u>			
None			
<u>Confidentiality</u>			
It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and can be made public.			
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