

## CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**09 OCTOBER 2008**

**REPORT OF CORPORATE  
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

### **CABINET DECISION**

**Councillor Jennie Beaumont, Cabinet Member for the Environment**

#### **NEW JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2008 - 2020**

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2. Recommendations

1. Cabinet approve the Tees Valley Joint Waste Management Strategy at **Appendix 1**.
2. Cabinet approve the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Implementation Plan at **Appendix 2**.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

To agree the new Joint Waste Management Strategy and the implementation plan.

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (**paragraph 8**) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest (**paragraphs 10 and 11 of the code of conduct**).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting considering the business is being held -

- in a case where the Member is attending a meeting (including a meeting of a select committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under statutory right or otherwise, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence as the case may be;
- in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at the meeting;

and must not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (**paragraph 12 of the Code**).

**Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc; whether or not they are a Member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting (unless the interest arises solely from the Member's membership of, or position of control or management on any other body to which the Member was appointed or nominated by the Council, or on any other body exercising functions of a public nature, when the interest only needs to be declared if and when the Member speaks on the matter), and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room, subject to and in accordance with the provisions referred to above.**

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**DETAIL**

1. The four unitary authorities of Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees (the "partner authorities") are the successor Waste Disposal Authorities to Cleveland County Council and share a contract with SITA Ltd. for the disposal of municipal wastes based on the Energy from Waste (EfW) Plant at Haverton Hill. The contract terminates in July 2020.
2. The partner authorities agreed to manage their municipal waste streams jointly through a Waste Management Group of senior officers, one representing each authority. The joint arrangement includes for provision of a joint waste strategy and co-ordination of waste stream information as well as management of the waste disposal contract.
3. The existing Joint Waste Management Strategy was developed between the four former Cleveland County authorities and was intended for the period 1 October 2001 - 30 June 2020. However much has changed in waste management terms, and in 2007 following extensive consultation the government published a new Waste Strategy for England.
4. Additionally the scope of the new Joint Waste Management Strategy has also been expanded to include Darlington Borough Council, which reflects the greater joint working across the Tees Valley Area.

5. In November 2007 Cabinet agreed the following Joint Waste Management Strategy strategic objectives: -
  - To reduce waste generation.
  - Achievable and affordable.
  - To work towards zero landfill.
  - To minimise the impact on climate change.
  - To develop an effective and accountable delivery structure.
  - To contribute towards economic regeneration.
6. Prior to agreement of Cabinet the Joint Waste Management Strategy objectives were presented and agreed at the LSP Environment Partnership in March 2007 with a further update to the Environment Partnership in September. The strategic objectives were also presented to the Urban Environment Task Group (UETG) in March with further updates to UETG in June and September 2007.
7. To assist the delivery of the strategic objectives officers have produced an implementation plan (Appendix 1). The headline policies of the implementation plan are: -
  - We will continue to work together in partnership with other stakeholders to ensure sustainable waste management.
  - That the services we deliver implement methods of sustainable waste management in line with the Waste Hierarchy.
  - We will promote waste awareness and minimisation.
  - We will increase the amount of material collected for recycling and composting
  - We will maximise the amount of waste that is recycled, composted or recovered from the residual waste stream.
  - We will minimise the amount of waste landfilled.
  - We will regularly monitor and review the Waste Strategy.
8. In order to ensure delivery of the Stockton elements of the Joint Waste Management Strategy a Stockton Implementation Plan has been developed (See Appendix 2). This plan has been informed by the work of the Environment Select Committee, which recently reviewed the Council's Waste Management Policies. The plan follows the SBC standard and outlines timescales and success measures for each of the 6 strategic objectives together with a section for monitoring and review. The actions and measures will be incorporated into the Service Plan for Direct Services from April 2009, with monitoring and reporting in accordance with the Council's performance management framework.
9. Progress against the Joint implementation Plan will be monitored quarterly by the Waste Management Group and the plan will be reviewed and updated annually.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10. Action toward meeting the Joint Waste management Strategy will be met within existing budgets.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

11. No specific legal implications as a direct result of this project.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

12. The associated risks are against the council failing to meet its recycling and waste management obligations including diversion from Landfill.

## COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

13. The Joint Waste Management Strategy links into the following areas of the Community strategy ensuring a better quality of life for everyone in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, now and for future generations: -
- Liveability Theme – Improving the quality of life for local people, through developing long term strategies to reduce the boroughs waste increase recycling and reduce the effect of waste on Climate Change.
  - Children and Young People – By working with young people we will develop links regarding good citizenship which will promote health, well-being and achievement.

## CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

14. Cabinet Member for the Environment, LSP Environment Partnership, Stakeholder Consultation, Urban Environment Task Group, Residents of the Tees Valley.

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### Background Papers

Tees Valley Joint Waste Management Strategy 2008.  
Joint Waste Management Strategy Implementation Plan.

### Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

All

### Property

N/A