

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Deputy Leader Councillor George Clements
Portfolio Holder Councillor Geoff Blackwell

LEAD OFFICER: Keith Parker, Head of Leisure and Environmental
Services

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Summary and Recommendation:

This report represents an opportunity for members to consider the draft Cumbria Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) prior to its finalisation. It is recommended that Executive note the draft strategy as a high level waste management strategy for the county and that any detailed comments are taken forward by the portfolio holder and Waste Services Manager into the next suitable Waste Partnership meeting

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members with an opportunity to respond as part of the consultation process in adopting the draft Cumbria Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. The strategy has been developed by the Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership, a partnership between the six district Council Waste Collection Authorities and the Waste Disposal Authority, Cumbria County Council. Copeland has been represented on the partnership since its inception by the relevant portfolio holder, until recently Councillor Allan Holliday, and the Council's Waste Services Manager, the officer representative both of whom have had an input in developing the strategy.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 In 2003 Cumbria's local authorities, published "Talking Rubbish" - a waste strategy which outlined proposals for dealing with Cumbria's waste up to 2028. Significant change has occurred since 2003 and with all districts offering some recycling collections, the majority of homes in Cumbria now have easy access to recycling. With the participation and support of Cumbria's residents the overall amount of household waste recycled in the county has increased to 35% by March 2007. This impressive progress has meant that the county has been able to exceed the targets set by Central Government. However the partnership is committed to continuing to improve on achievements to date by increasing the amount recycled and reducing the amount of material sent to landfill sites.

- 2.2 To meet these aspirations the partnership has been listening to ideas from a range of stakeholders to find out how best to increase recycling levels and reduce reliance on landfill when disposing of the county's waste. The County Council is currently in the final stages of a long procurement exercise to select a private sector partner who will work with the waste collection and disposal authorities to collect, treat and dispose of Cumbria's waste.

3. THE STRATEGY

- 3.1.1 A copy of the full draft strategy has been deposited in the Members Room and section 4 of the report outlining the recommended options is appended to this report. Further copies (including electronic copies) are available from the Waste Services Manager. It reflects the partnerships commitment to protect and sustain the environment and provide Cumbria's residents with a first class waste management service. This strategy document, along with the Environmental Report that will accompany it, supersedes the previous Talking Rubbish strategy. The strategy being updated in recognition of the increasing impact that the production of waste has on climate change and resource depletion and the consequent legislative changes.

4. SUMMARY

- 4.1 Members are asked to endorse the principles outlined in the JMWMS and to work along side the other districts and county council in Cumbria to continue to drive forward the waste management agenda.

5. FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOURCES OF FINANCE)

- 5.1 There are no additional direct human or financial resource implications above those the council already dedicates to the partnership.

6. PROJECT AND RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 There are no project or risk management issues in relation to this report

7. IMPACT ON CORPORATE PLAN

- 7.1 This report directly supports Corporate Plan priority 3.3.4

List of Appendices

Section 4 of the draft Cumbria Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

List of Background Documents:

Draft Cumbria Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2007-2020
List of Consultees: Deputy Leader, Portfolio Holder, Corporate Team.

CHECKLIST FOR DEALING WITH KEY ISSUES

Please confirm against the issue if the key issues below have been addressed. This can be by either a short narrative or quoting the paragraph number in the report in which it has been covered.

Impact on Crime and Disorder	No issues
Impact on Sustainability	Has a positive impact on sustainability
Impact on Rural Proofing	The strategy recognises rurality issues
Health and Safety Implications	No issues
Impact on Equality and Diversity Issues	No issues
Children and Young Persons Implications	No issues
Human Rights Act Implications	No issues

Please say if this report will require the making of a Key Decision No.