

Responses to Consultations Report

SUMMARY

This report provides the Authority's officer response to these consultations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Authority is asked to:-

- 1) *Note the Authority's response to the Defra consultation*
- 2) *Note the Authority's response to the Mayor of London's consultation*

1. Introduction – The Authority wishes to take an active role in influencing the development of waste management policy and regulation at national and regional level. Therefore, the Authority Officers should take the opportunity to respond to all appropriate consultation requests.

2. Defra Consultation on voluntary and economic incentives to reduce littering of drinks containers and increase recycling – This consultation was published on 2nd October 2017, was due to close on 30th October and was extended until 20th November 2017. The consultation questions focused around known schemes to incentivise consumers. The Authority's response sought to reframe the question around producers to have the greatest environmental impact. The response was replied to in text on the consultation website and a letter sent by email to the Minister. It can be found in appendix 1.

3. Consultation on the Mayor of London's draft Environment Strategy - This consultation opened in August 2017 and closed on 17 November 2017. For the first time, several environmental disciplines were brought into a single strategy. The Managing Director attended wider briefing and consultation events which brought together representatives of many interested parties including waste collection authority and waste disposal authority representatives from across London. The first was a briefing and consultation event presented by the Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy on 6th September and included a wide range of consultees from all sectors. The second was a London Councils consultation event which included several workshops, one was hosted by the GLA Policy and Strategy Manager – Waste and Green Economy and at the end there was an opportunity to ask questions of the Deputy Mayor.

4. WLWA Strategy Discussion - Discussion points raised by Authority members in the strategy presentation after the Authority meeting on 22nd September and follow up discussions with Boroughs were used to inform the Authority response to the draft London Environment Strategy. The Authority response, shown in appendix 2, gives general support for the ambition of the Environment Strategy and highlights some of the policy drivers and commercial issues which we will need collective solutions for to enable progress towards the waste targets. The Authority is

continuing to hold discussions with Boroughs, LWARB, GLA and supply chain partners to explore next steps.

5. Joint Waste Management Strategy Implications – Under Policy 1 of the Joint Waste Management Strategy the Authority and boroughs will seek to comply with national and regional strategies, policies and legislations, and it is therefore important that the Authority is pro-active in responding to consultations documents to help shape national and regional waste strategy.

Background papers	None
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