

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date:	18 Dec 2008
Subject:	Draft Waste Strategy
Key Decision:	Yes
Responsible Officer:	John Edwards, Divisional Director Environment Services
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Susan Hall, Portfolio holder for Environment Services and Community Safety
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix A – Draft Waste Strategy

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the background to and the reasons why a new Waste Strategy is required and sets out the proposed methods of public consultation

Recommendation:

Cabinet is requested to authorise officers to submit the draft Waste Management Strategy to public consultation

Reason:

A new Waste Strategy will help to inform the development of the LDF and the WLWA joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

Section 2 – Report

Introductory paragraph

The council's previous waste management strategy was adopted in 1999. Since then the service has undergone substantial change with the introduction of separate collections for recyclable waste and separate collections of compostable waste. The frequency of collection of the residual waste bin was changed in July 2006 when compulsory recycling of paper glass, cans and plastic bottles was also introduced. As a result, its recycling performance has

increased to over 40% - making it one of the best performing boroughs in London.

Harrow's proposed Waste Strategy will help the council deliver its corporate priorities: -

- Better streets
- Improve support for vulnerable people
- Build stronger communities

As part of its Local Area Agreement (LAA) the council has agreed a target to recycle or compost 50% of its household waste by 2010/11

Options considered

The draft strategy will be subjected to public consultation for a period of eight weeks (From Monday 5th January 2009 to Sunday 1st March 2009.)

Proposed consultees:

- Citizens Panel
- Greener Harrow
- HA21
- Members
- Planning list of residents associations etc.

Background

A fundamental service review of Public Realm Services was carried out in 2007/8 and the following policies in relation to waste management were adopted: -

<i>Policy</i>	<i>By</i>	<i>Progress to date</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extend recycling to all flats	March 2010	Being progressed but subject to funding by LWaRB for completion
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide recycling bins to all schools	March 2010	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce compulsory recycling to schools	Sept 2008	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recycle 20% of trade waste	March 2010	Being progressed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recycle 70% of waste at the CA Site	2012	Subject to revenue funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renew the waste management fleet	April 2009	First vehicles delivered in Nov 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigate the provision of new technology	Sept 2008	FBC being developed by Capita

These have been carried forward into the draft strategy.

Waste disposal is the responsibility of the West London Waste Authority, which is responsible for dealing with the waste from six boroughs – Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Richmond. The seven authorities have developed a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS). This sets targets for each borough (e.g. recycle or compost 40% of municipal waste by 2010) and sets out a framework for dealing with residual waste.

A review of the JMWMS is currently being carried out. Harrow's revised strategy will help to inform the JMWMS.

Harrow's draft strategy does not deal with the treatment options for residual waste as this is covered by the JMWMS..

Why a change is needed

The previous Strategy was published nine years ago and needs to be reviewed. A revised strategy will feed in to the revised WLWA joint waste strategy and the council's Local Development Framework.

Financial Implications

The Fundamental Service Review identified the likely growth that would be required in the waste management budget to meet the challenges of rising costs for waste disposal (i.e. landfill tax and LATS) and the improvements to recycling and composting. These estimates have been used in the preparation of the budget and the MTFS plan but this will need to be reviewed each year to take account of changing circumstances.

Legal Implications

The Draft Waste Management Strategy takes account of the need to comply with UK and EU legislation, Directives and Regulations. The legal requirements are set out in section 2 of the Draft Strategy.

Performance Issues

In 2007/8 Harrow recycled and composted 39.55% of its household waste. It was the best council in London for composting and the second best London council overall. It was also the ninth most improved council performance in England.

The predicted performance for 2008/9 is 42%

As part of the LAA the council has agreed to achieve a recycling rate of 50% by 2011 (NI 192: Percentage of household waste recycled and composted). The draft strategy sets out how it is proposed to achieve the target.

The draft strategy also predicts the change in NI 191: Residual household waste per head is expected to proceed with the national target of 225 kg per head per year being reached in 2012.

Risk Management Implications

Adoption of a new strategy will enable the council to demonstrate that it has a strategy for the future direction of its waste management service. This will feed into the evidence base for its Local Development Framework and the joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy covering the WLWA area.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

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Background Papers- None

