

<b>Board/Committee:</b>	COMMUNITY BOARD
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	WEDNESDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022
<b>Title:</b>	JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
<b>Author:</b>	HEAD OF STREETSCENE
<b>Status:</b>	FOR DECISION

### **Purpose**

To seek approval for the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS), appended to this report, produced by Project Integra (PI) of which the council is a member

### **Recommendation**

**That the Board approves the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS).**

## **1.0 Background**

**1.1** The Project Integra JMWMS was last revised in November 2012, since when there have been a number of changes both nationally and locally which require an updated Strategy, as well as the recognised plateau of performance across the Project Integra partnership. However, since 2015/16 Gosport's recycling rate has improved year on year. Supporting the JMWMS will result in higher recycling rates whilst complying with new legislation.

**1.2** In 2018 the Government released their Resources and Waste Strategy which was followed by two rounds of consultations (2019 and 2021) looking at the introduction of a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS), Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), and Consistency of Collections across England. The requirements as a result of the consultations are legislated for through the Environment Act which recently became law. Although at this time exactly what will be required of Local Authorities is unknown until Defra release their response to their consultation last year, we know that it will require significant changes for all authorities in Hampshire with food waste collections likely to be mandated for, the requirement to collect a wider range of dry mixed recyclables (DMR), as well as the Government's preference for kerbside sort DMR collections. A revised JMWMS is required to reflect the changing landscape of waste and recycling in England, and how the Project Integra partnership will ensure it is working to comply with the new legislation.

## **2.0 Report**

**2.1** The JMWMS has been produced following engagement with both Project Integra officers and Members.

As PI is not a decision-making body, the principles of the JMWMS will need to be agreed by the Community Board. Approving the JMWMS through individual authorities will enable a revised Action Plan to be drafted and approved by PI Strategic Board. This will give an updated set of actions for the Partnership to be working towards, which will enable improved performance and partnership working. The JMWMS includes twin stream recycling collections whereby recycling collections will consist of paper and card in one container and containers (glass bottles, and jars, plastic bottles, plastic pots, tubs and trays, metal tins and cans) in another. Approval will signal that this is the dry mixed recycling DMR collection service that Waste Collection Authorities wish to implement and will enable Hampshire County Council to start making the plans needed to update infrastructure to accommodate this change across the County.

All PI members are currently seeking approval for the JMWMS.

The Environmental Act 2021 received Royal Assent in November 2021 and increases our responsibilities with regard to collecting resident's waste as described above. The Act holds public authorities to account for not complying with Environmental Law and regulation.

### **3.0 Risk Assessment**

**3.1** Not approving the JMWMS will mean that it is unlikely that Gosport/the Partnership will see much in the way of increases in performance or carbon emission reductions and Gosport will not meet the requirements of the Environment Act 2021 described in this report.

### **4.0 Conclusion**

The JMWMS takes into account the changing legislative landscape, and specifically the potential impacts from future progress of the Environmental Act and policy consultation in 2021. There is a keen focus on the identification of an optimal solution for waste management which results in meeting legislative requirements and delivers best value financially for all of the partner authorities.

<b>Financial Services comments:</b>	No comment
<b>Legal Services comments:</b>	Contained within the report
<b>Equality and Diversity:</b>	All households within the borough will be subject to the implications of this strategy.
<b>Climate Change implications:</b>	Approval of the JMWMS will enable changes to

	waste collection that will increase recycling rates; this reduces emissions of greenhouse gases from incineration and indirectly reduces emissions from producing virgin materials.
<b>Crime and Disorder:</b>	
<b>Service Improvement Plan implications:</b>	
<b>Corporate Plan:</b>	This delivers against three key areas within the corporate plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise Aspirations</li> <li>• Empower Residents</li> </ul> Deliver Effective Services
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	Shown in paragraph 3.1
<b>Background Papers:</b>	Draft Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy
<b>Appendices:</b>	IIA
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