
Report to: Regeneration and Environmental Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee**Date of Meeting:** 20th January 2015**Subject:** Review of progress against the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy**Report of:** Director of Built Environment
Is this a Key Decision? No**Wards Affected:** All
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No**Exempt/Confidential** No

Purpose: To review the progress of the Merseyside Waste Partnership against the delivery of the objectives of the Joint municipal Waste Management Strategy.**Recommendation(s)**

To note the 2013/14 annual Waste Partnership report and consider the adequacy of collective Merseyside Waste Partnership progress against the objectives of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
3	Environmental Sustainability	√		
4	Health and Well-Being	√		
5	Children and Young People		√	
6	Creating Safe Communities		√	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy		√	

Reasons for the Recommendation:

Annual progress report requested by the Committee

What will it cost and how will it be financed?**(A) Revenue Costs**

None

(B) Capital Costs

None

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Legal: Sefton Council has a statutory obligation to have a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy under Section 32 of the Waste and Emissions Trading Act 2003		
Human Resources: none		
Equality		
1.	No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.	Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact on Service Delivery:

None.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD 2654/14/) has been consulted and has no comments to add.

The Head of Finance and ICT has been consulted (FD 3362/14) and notes the report indicates no direct financial implications for the Council.

Are there any other options available for consideration?

N/A

Implementation Date for the Decision

20th January 2015

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Background Papers:

Merseyside Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy "Resources Merseyside"

<http://www.merseysidewda.gov.uk/waste-strategy/resources-merseyside-2011-2041/>

Background

1. Sefton Council is obliged to have a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy with the other Merseyside District Councils and Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority under the Waste and Emissions Trading Act 2003 and its related statutory guidance.

2. All Merseyside Authorities have ratified the 30 year Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy "Resources Merseyside" that was developed following comprehensive resident and industry consultation. The strategy is designed to meet and support relevant European and national statutory drivers for resource (waste) management, climate change and low carbon economy aspirations.

3. The aim of RESOURCES MERSEYSIDE is to deliver sustainable waste management within the context of wider resource management and climate change by:

- Recognising waste as a valuable resource
- Minimising the environmental impact of waste management
- Preventing the creation of waste on Merseyside in the first place
- Increasing re-use, recycling, composting and the recovery of energy from waste
- Reducing the amount of waste land filled
- Raising awareness and promoting education in resource efficiency making it easier for everyone to contribute to sustainable waste management activities
- Consuming less but producing more
- Tackling climate change by the reduction of carbon emissions from waste management and support for our Low Carbon economy
- Protecting and enhancing our environment
- Using and generating renewable energy and fuels

The full Strategy can be seen at

<http://www.merseysidewda.gov.uk/wastestrategy/resources-merseyside-2011-2041/>

4. The Regeneration and Environmental Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee have requested an annual update on progress against the strategy. Sefton Council is unable to deliver the objectives of the strategy on its own and collective action is required by all Merseyside Waste partners if the objectives of the strategy are to be met in the most economic manner and future direct financial and environmental liabilities are to be minimised. All partners have signed a memorandum of understanding to work together for the best mutual interest and this bolsters the statutory based joint working relationships. A Waste Directors Group, Senior Officer Group and operational task and finish groups meet periodically to progress work streams and projects to deliver the strategy.

5. A review of the performance of the Merseyside Waste Partnership in 2013/14 has been undertaken by the Merseyside Waste and Recycling Authority. The review forms the basis for Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider joint progress against the joint waste strategy objectives. The annual review will be presented at the meeting.