

## Report of the Cabinet Member for Place

Council - 26 July 2012

### MUNICIPAL WASTE STRATEGY 2011-16

<b>Purpose:</b>	To adopt the Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2011-16.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Waste Management Strategy.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To adopt a service strategy for waste management which aligns to the new Welsh Government National Strategy "Towards Zero Waste".
<b>Consultation:</b>	Legal and Finance.
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	It is recommended that:  1) Council adopt the Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2011-16.
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#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This strategy sets out how the Authority intends to work towards meeting the 70% recycling targets set for 2025 in the Welsh Government national strategy and deliver a five year service improvement plan to achieve recycling, composting and landfill targets up to the year 2016.
- 1.2 A full copy of the strategy is attached.
- 1.3 In August 2011 Cabinet agreed that a public consultation exercise would be undertaken and the results brought back to Cabinet to prior to taking the final document to Council for approval.

#### 2.0 The Consultation

- 2.1 The internal and external consultation on the Draft Waste Strategy took place between 9<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

- 2.2 This consultation included consultation on the public web site, online consultation on Staffnet and emails to CMT, Heads of Service and all Members.

### **3.0 The Consultation Outcomes**

- 3.1 The consultation response to the draft Waste Management Plan was largely positive. The majority of respondents supported its content, objectives, principles and action plan.
- 3.2 The particular comments relevant to the Strategy will be considered and incorporated in the detailed service delivery plans where appropriate.
- 3.3 The consultation highlighted a contradiction in the document and consequently the Enforcement Strategy has been amended.
- 3.4 There have been no other changes to the remainder of the Strategy.
- 3.5 The amended version of the Strategy dated February 2012 was endorsed by Cabinet in March 2012.

### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The over-arching financial strategy is to increase the percentage of waste that is recycled and reduce the amount that is land-filled, in order to meet the statutory recycling targets and landfill allowances, and avoid the potential of fines. The aim is to achieve this at the lowest possible cost to the Council.
- 4.2 It is projected that the increases that can be achieved with the current arrangements and the recent changes will still fall short of these targets, and that further improvements and investment are required.
- 4.3 Whilst there are no immediate financial implications arising from this report, acceptance of this strategy could result in additional expenditure at a future time. Acceptance of the strategy does not mean that additional resources will be made available and it should be assumed that future spending needs will need to be contained within existing budget provision.
- 4.4 If the strategy is approved, a detailed three year financial plan will be produced showing what actions are required to meet the targets, how much these will cost and options for how they could be funded.

## **5.0 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 The purpose of the strategy is to align the Council's plans to meet the new Welsh Strategy "Towards Zero Waste" and associated targets and allowances, hence to meet all legal obligations.

**Background Papers:** None

**Appendices:** Strategy 2011-16