



**Report of the Cabinet Member for  
Environment Enhancement & Infrastructure Management**

**Council – 27 January 2022**

**Waste Strategy 2022-2025**

<b>Purpose:</b>	The report seeks the approval of Council for the adoption of the Waste Strategy 2022-2025
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Welsh Government's "Towards Zero Waste: our waste strategy" - 2010
<b>Consultation:</b>	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that:  1) Council approves the adoption of the Waste Strategy 2022-2025
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**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Any waste strategy must be aligned with the relevant, current UK and Welsh Government policies and legislation, and Swansea's Corporate Plan 2017-22.
- 1.2 The Corporate Plan clearly states its commitment to the environment through its Corporate Priority **Maintaining and enhancing Swansea's Natural Resources and Biodiversity**, also recognises the importance of supporting prosperity through Transforming our Economy & Infrastructure.

## **2. Overview of Swansea's Proposed Waste Strategy 2022-2025**

- 2.1 The proposed Strategy is attached as Appendix A and outlines Swansea's progression from 45% recycling in 2011/12, to currently exceeding the most recent Statutory 64% Recycling Target.
- 2.2 The Strategy details our current service provision and the Action Plan to achieve the next Statutory Recycling Target of 70% in 2024/25.
- 2.3 The document also highlights a range of potential future challenges and options which may need to be considered to meet those challenges.

## **3. Integrated Assessment Implications**

- 3.1 The Council is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:
  - Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.
  - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
  - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
  - Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage
  - Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language
  - Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
  - Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- 3.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'.
- 3.3 Our Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) process ensures we have paid due regard to the above. It also takes into account other key issues and priorities, such as poverty and social exclusion, community cohesion, carers, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Welsh language.
- 3.4 This is a low risk proposal as the improvements required within the Action Plan are a combination of contractual, operational, and reinvigoration of existing arrangements.

3.5 A copy of the IIA screening confirms that a full IIA is not required, and can be found as an appendix to this report.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

4.1 Section 7 of the Strategy details the broader budgetary conditions and pressures across the Service Area. It is understood that as part of the budget setting process for 22/23 an adjustment will be made to the core waste budget to reflect a variety of accumulated unbudgeted pressures and the move away from the current landfill process to the new disposal methodology. As such there are no additional financial implications arising out of the new strategy.

4.2 Any potential future challenges and options which may need to be considered, would have their financial implications assessed as part of that process.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

5.1 This strategy will ensure that the Council meets the 70% Statutory Recycling Target set by Welsh Government for 2024/25 under their Towards Zero Waste: our waste strategy.

#### **Background Papers:**

Welsh Governments Towards Zero Waste: our waste strategy – 2010

<https://gov.wales/towards-zero-waste-our-waste-strategy>

#### **Appendices:**

Appendix A Swansea's Waste Strategy 2022-2025

Appendix B Integrated Impact Assessment Screening