

## Briefing Note

**Forward Plan Select Committee**

**Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009**

**Addendum to the WLWA Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.**

**Executive 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

The purpose of this briefing note is to inform the Forward Plan Select Committee of additions to the West London Waste Authority (WLWA) Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS).

**In two tier waste authority areas, the Waste and Emissions Trading Act 2003 s.32 (WET Act) places a statutory duty on waste collection and disposal authorities to produce a joint municipal waste strategy (JMWMS) for their area.**

**The Partnership of West London Waste Authority (WLWA) and the 6 constituent boroughs of Brent, Ealing, Hounslow, Harrow, Hillingdon and Richmond produced and adopted a Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) in 2006.**

**Defra's Guidance for Municipal Waste Management Strategies recommends a periodic review of strategies as good practice. West London's JMWMS indicated that a review of the Strategy should occur every three years. The Addendum has been produced as part of the review of the JMWMS.**

At the WLWA meeting on 10 December 2009, consultants, ERM, were appointed to update the existing JMWMS. This work has now been completed.

The updates, including waste modelling, a national and regional strategy update and a gap analysis were presented to a 6 borough workshop away day on 31 March 2009 and informed the discussions on the day.

The Addendum document is attached as Appendix One to the Executive Report.

In detail, the Addendum notes:

- 1. The improvements made in recycling with a new WLWA-wide figure of 27%.**
- 2. The growth of municipal waste arising has reversed since 2002/03.**
- 3. The level of household waste has also declined, but not at the same rate, indeed in 2008/09 it actually rose to a comparable level from 2002/03.**
- 4. WLWA still remain at risk of exceeding their Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS) allocation, although accounting for new treatment procurement and increased recycling the first problem year will be 2010/11 and this could be mitigated by further improvements in recycling by the boroughs to meet their 2010/11 Local Area agreements.**
- 5. The existing JMWMS is broadly in accordance with Waste Strategy 2007 (WS2007); however a significant omission is the failure to address the carbon impact of the JWMS.**

It was recommended that the Addendum be adopted by WLWA and the 6 constituent boroughs in the short term whilst a new vision is developed and agreed.

## **New Joint Vision for West Waste**

At its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June the WLWA agreed and adopted the Addendum to the Waste strategy which essentially updates the existing strategy in line with changes of national policy.

Each of the Constituent Boroughs has been asked to similarly adopt the addendum. It will also allow the boroughs to begin planning their approach to a new more challenging vision that has been adopted in principle by the WLWA. The final vision for adoption will require a detailed timeline and costing. The key principles of the new vision are:

- 1. To establish a better partnership with the constituent boroughs**
- 2. To take a lead role in delivering on the boroughs' Climate Change and Carbon Management agendas for waste management**
- 3. To become a resource management authority rather than a waste disposal authority**
- 4. To champion waste reduction and minimisation in West London**
- 5. To re-use, recycle, compost or recover 70% of our waste stream**
- 6. To send zero waste to landfill**



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