

**ITEM REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES
- ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 18 NOVEMBER 2008**

E36 JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE STRATEGY

The Committee considered the Essex Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) that had been developed by the Districts, Boroughs, Southend-on-Sea and Essex County Council as the Essex Waste Partnership. It had been subject to an extensive consultation period earlier in the year. The outcome of this was to accept the strategy as set out, and it had been adopted by Southend-on-Sea and Essex County Council.

The Strategy would determine the way forward in terms of procuring the infrastructure for waste collection and disposal for the next 25 years as well as meeting the statutory requirement to join with the County Council in the production and adoption of a joint waste strategy.

Councillor A Dean said that there was no information about the likely costs to the Council as a result of this Strategy. He was advised that the Strategy was a statement of intent as a basis for getting to market and thereby procuring services and facilities. The question of financial input would be part of the inter authority agreements which would be brought to the next meeting.

There was some concern from members that signing up to the Strategy would be handing control to the County and would be less favourable to Uttlesford because it already had the highest recycling rate in the county. Councillor Wattebot commented that it was quite pessimistic about the likely amounts of residual waste.

Councillor Artus said that he could not vote in favour of this as signing the Strategy would imply support for the application for an MBT plant at Crumps Farm, which he felt would have a huge impact on rural roads. Other members pointed out that this Strategy was not looking at detailed schemes but asking the Council to adopt a principle.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Essex be adopted by Uttlesford Council.