

Committee: Full Council

Agenda Item

Date: 29 June 2010

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Title: **ESSEX WASTE PARTNERSHIP'S FUTURE
GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

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Item for decision

Summary

1. The purpose of the report is to consider the recommendation of the West Area Waste Management Joint Committee made on 24 March 2010.

Recommendations / Decisions Required

- 2 To agree to the dissolution of the West Area Waste Management Joint Committee;
- 3 To agree to the proposal to create a Waste Member Partnership Board and IAA Member Working Group;
- 4 That the Council's representative on the new Member Partnership Board and IAA Member Working Group be Cllr. Barker
- 5 That Cllr Cheetham is appointed Deputy Member.

Background Papers

- 6 attached

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	All Essex Partner Authorities are making this change.
Community Safety	Not Applicable
Equalities	No effect
Finance	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	None

Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

- 8 The West Area Waste Management Joint Committee was established in 2005 with a remit of overseeing the Essex Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) and the procurement of waste management facilities. It was one of three such committees in Essex, the others being the East Area and Thames Gateway Joint Committees. The Committee is fully constituted and is able to take executive decisions on behalf of partner authorities, subject to their internal scrutiny processes.
- 9 Since their inception the JMWMS has been successfully adopted and a successful bid for PFI credits has been made to government. However, the nature of the procurement exercise has changed significantly, with there no longer being any reference to waste collection arrangements nor the treatment of organic waste. It has therefore been concluded by the Joint Committees themselves that they have served their purpose and should be replaced by alternative structures which are fit for the current circumstances.
- 10 The Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) between the Council and Essex County Council was adopted by this Council in June 2009 and is a legally binding document which commits all parties who have signed to the process for the life of the PFI project. In return for funding from Essex County Council the Council has set out in advance the scope and nature of the waste services it will deliver in a detailed Service Delivery Plan.
- 11 However, under the new procurement arrangements and the IAA the need for sound and effective member relations between Essex County Council and the WCAs remains as important as ever.
- 12 The matter was discussed at the Waste Management Advisory Board (comprising Members of the three Area Joint Committees) in January 2010 and subsequently by the Essex and Southend Member Project Board, both Boards concurred with the approach to dissolve the Area Joint Committees and replace them with two Member advisory groups: the IAA Member Working Group and the Member Partnership Board. Details of these new Groups are detailed at Appendix 1 and 2.
- 13 The West Area Waste Management Joint Committee met on 24th March 2010 and recommended to its constituent Partner Authorities that the West Area Waste Management Joint Committee be dissolved. Similar recommendations were made by both the East and Thames Gateway Area Joint Committees.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Failure to accept the recommendations of this report.	0	3, The council will not be able to influence decisions on waste related issues.	Accept the recommendations of this report

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.