

REPORT TO: Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 13 January 2016

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Community and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Physical Environment

SUBJECT: Joint Waste Local Plan – Monitoring Report 2014/15

WARDS: Borough-wide

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. The Waste Local Plan (WLP) Monitoring Report (Appendix A) for 2014/15, is the second annual report prepared by the Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS) on behalf of the six Liverpool City Region councils. The attached report is also published online at: <http://www.meas.org.uk/>
- 1.2. The Joint Waste Local Plan for Merseyside and Halton (WLP) was adopted by Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, St Helens, Sefton and Wirral Councils (together the six partner councils), with effect from 18 July 2013. The WLP Plan Period is from 2013 to 2027 and forms part of Halton's adopted development plan.
- 1.3. Production of a Monitoring Report is a statutory requirement under Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, which requires Local Authorities to publish a Monitoring Report on an at least annual basis.

2. RECOMMENDATION: That the accompanying report be noted.

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1. The second Monitoring Report covers the 12 month period from 1st April 2014 to the end of the financial year 31st March 2015. In some cases, data from the Merseyside districts is only available for the previous reporting period (2013-14). Due to some of the Merseyside local authorities' monitoring information not being available, it is difficult to take a City Region-wide judgement on overall performance, however, from a Halton

perspective, Halton has performed well and continues to improve its waste management procedures.

- 3.2. The content of the Monitoring Report is guided by statutory requirements set out in the Local Planning Regulations 2012; National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), National Planning Policy for Waste (NPPW) (October 2014); the Waste Framework Directive¹ (WFD); the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (Regulation 17) and national Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The following points summarise developments over the 2014/15 period:

LCR headlines (for detail see Table 16 (page 57) in Appendix A)

- 9 waste planning applications (covering the full range of waste related operations/facilities) were received;
- 3 waste management facilities were consented yielding 264,072 tonnes per annum (tpa) capacity (Johnsons Lane (Widnes); Jackson St (St Helens); Wheatland Lane, Seacombe(Wirral));
- These 3 consented waste management facilities have potential to create 10 new jobs;
- Waste hierarchy – 1 new consented facility was for preparation for re-use (86% of new capacity -Johnsons Lane, Widnes); 2 were for recycling and other recovery Jackson St (St Helens); Wheatland Lane, Seacombe(Wirral);
- No applications for disposal facilities were received;
- 1 waste planning application received for anaerobic digestion (Knowsley) was on a site allocated for waste management use in the WLP. The remaining applications were on unallocated sites although 44% of these were within Areas of Search identified in the Plan.
- In terms of Net self-sufficiency, overall waste movements to and from Merseyside and Halton demonstrate a steady increase in the amount of waste received into the Plan area between 2012 -2014.

4.2. Halton Headlines

- Halton's residual collected waste (waste sent to treatment methods which generate recyclate outputs) continues to decline. There has been a 33.4% reduction since March 2013.
- Planning consent was given for a bottom ash (IBA) recycling plant in Halton in 2014 (Johnsons Lane, Widnes). The site is currently being developed.

¹ DCLG (2012) Guidance for local planning authorities on implementing planning requirements of the European Union Waste : Framework Directive (2008/98/EC
http://observgo.quebec.ca/observgo/fichiers/39418_GLR-1.pdf

- There has been an increase in fly tipping in Halton since 2013 (601 in 2012/13 to 702 in 2014/15) (see paragraph 77, page 32, Appendix A). The reasons for this increase are unknown and require investigation. The report just reproduces data on waste arisings from the 'WasteDataFlow' system (WasteDataFlow is the web based system for municipal waste data reporting by UK local authorities to government).
 - Both of Halton's recycling centres maintained 2013 recycling levels (Johnsons Lane 75%, Picow Farm 72%) (see paragraph 77, page 33, Appendix A).
- 4.3. In Halton, the data shows an increase in the amount of LA collected waste (LACW) (domestic waste collections) that was sent to energy recovery, of almost 21,500 tonnes, resulting in a decrease in LACW to landfill of almost 15,000 tonnes.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. None. This report fulfils a statutory duty to provide information on the progress of the implementation of the Waste Local Plan.

6. IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

The implementation of the Waste Local Plan is important in supporting many aspects of the Core Strategy, Corporate Plan and Sustainable Community Strategy.

6.1. Children & Young People in Halton

No specific implications identified.

6.2. Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

No specific implications identified.

6.3. A Healthy Halton

No specific implications identified.

6.4. A Safer Halton

No specific implications identified.

6.5. Halton's Urban Renewal

The monitoring report is a statutory requirement. The Waste Local Plan guides the development of the necessary waste management infrastructure in Merseyside and Halton.

7. RISK ANALYSIS

- 7.1. There are no risks associated with the Waste Local Plan Monitoring Report.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1. There are no equality and diversity issues associated with the Monitoring Report.
- 8.2. The strategic implications of growth, and the positive and negative impacts that could arise, were considered in an equalities impact assessment (EIA) attached to both the Core Strategy and Waste Local Plan, as these documents contain the relevant adopted planning policies for waste management.

9. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St.Helens and Wirral (Joint) Waste Local Plan (adopted 2013)	2 nd floor. Municipal Building	Alasdair Cross
Joint Waste Local Plan Monitoring Report 2014/15	2 nd floor. Municipal Building	Alasdair Cross
Joint Waste Local Plan Monitoring Report 2013/14	2 nd floor. Municipal Building	Alasdair Cross