

**REPORT TO:** Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 23 January 2007

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director - Environment

**SUBJECT:** Joint Merseyside Waste Development Plan Document – Presentation by Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service.

**WARDS:** Borough Wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform to those on the Safer Halton board of the up coming issues and options consultation stage for the Joint Merseyside Waste Development Plan Document. This report simply provides platform for a presentation by the Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service who will further introduce the topic.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION:**

- (1) The presentation be received;**
- (2) Members of the PPB comment and question the Advisory Service as a result of the presentation and put forward any recommendations arising from the debate.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 In 2004 the government introduced the new Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act. This Act placed a statutory duty on all local planning authorities to produce Local Development Frameworks (LDF's) as part of an open and more transparent way of plan making. LDF's consist of a number of tiers of planning documents from the strategic level Core Strategy, Development Plan Documents (DPD's) which allocate land for uses such as housing and employment and Supplementary Planning Documents which provide additional detailed planning guidance to policies within DPD's and the Core Strategy.
- 3.2 One element of the LDF which may not have been specifically identified in the past, is the Joint Merseyside Waste Development Plan Document.
- 3.3 In Merseyside agreement has been reached to implement the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) through the Merseyside Waste Partnership whilst the relevant waste planning authorities have formally embarked on the process of preparing a joint statutory planning framework, the Waste DPD.

- 3.4 The Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service supported by consultants has been charged with the task of developing the Waste DPD on behalf of the five Merseyside Districts and Halton. This work is progressing in close co-operation with the Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority's own Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.
- 3.5 The Waste DPD is aiming to provide a statutory policy framework within which planning decisions can be taken by each of the Merseyside Districts for waste management proposals for all waste streams. In taking a long-term approach the Waste DPD will have substantial benefits for the private sector in reducing planning risk and uncertainty. It will facilitate the delivery of sustainable waste management across Merseyside thereby helping to reduce the financial costs and penalties of non-compliance with European and Government targets. It will also ensure that waste facilities are located in the most appropriate places by taking full account of the social, human, environmental and economic constraints during the plan preparation process. The Waste DPD deals with all waste streams within Merseyside. All these waste streams require facilities for treatment, storage, transfer, bulking and final disposal. Current estimates of Merseyside's waste are as follows:

- Municipal solid waste – 18.5%.
- Commercial and Industrial waste – 29.9%.
- Construction, demolition and excavation waste – 48.2%.
- Hazardous waste – 3.4%.
- Agricultural waste - as yet unquantified.
- Radioactive waste - <0.1%.
- Other waste streams – as yet unquantified.

- 3.6 The Waste DPD will be a joint statutory development plan document of the five Merseyside Waste Planning Authorities namely Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St. Helens and Wirral and also Halton. It will set the planning framework and site-specific allocations for waste management facilities for the next 10 to 15 years from adoption in 2010 to 2020 or 2025.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The new Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act is very demanding in terms of consultation and public participation and requires substantial investment in early stakeholder engagement.
- 4.2 During its production there will be extensive consultation throughout the individual district councils, in accordance with the Statements of Community Involvement, and the Merseyside people and other relevant interested parties (stakeholders). This will ensure that the outcome of the Waste DPD is endorsed by the public and the Councils.

#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
The Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004	DCLG Website / Environmental Health & Planning Department	Perran Baragwanath
Planning Policy Statement 1: Delivering Sustainable Communities	DCLG Website / Environmental Health & Planning Department	Perran Baragwanath
Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management	DCLG Website / Environmental Health & Planning Department	Perran Baragwanath
Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Development Frameworks (and companion guide)	DCLG Website / Environmental Health & Planning Department	Perran Baragwanath