

REPORT TO: Environment and Urban Renewal
Policy and Performance Board

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REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Policy and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Physical Environment

SUBJECT: Joint Waste Local Plan – Monitoring Report
2013/14

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The Joint Waste Local Plan for Merseyside and Halton (WLP) was formerly adopted by Halton alongside Liverpool, Knowsley, St Helens, Wirral, Sefton 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.
- 1.2 The first WLP Monitoring Report is for 2013/14. It covers the period from Adoption to 31st March 2014 and was prepared by Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS) on behalf of the six Liverpool City Region councils. The attached report can also be found online at: [http://www.meas.org.uk/media/5075/WLP MR 1314 v5 Final.pdf](http://www.meas.org.uk/media/5075/WLP_MR_1314_v5_Final.pdf)
- 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.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the accompanying report be received.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The first Monitoring Report shows progress with initial WLP implementation against several performance indicators and includes information on Duty to Cooperate, as required by the Localism Act 2011, enabling communities and interested parties to be aware of progress across the Plan Area (Merseyside and Halton). Since this is the first WLP Monitoring Report, and in order to satisfy legislative and policy requirements, evidence gathered during the WLP Preparation Period (set as 2008 to 2013) is also shown within the Monitoring Report.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 During the 2013 to 2014 monitoring period (nine month period from 18th July 2013 to 31st March 2014) in Merseyside and Halton:

- 14 waste applications were received across the whole Plan Area, 7 were consented and 5 yielded new capacity.
- 142,000 tonnes of new waste management capacity were consented.
- The consented waste applications will have the potential to provide 94 new jobs for Merseyside and Halton.
- In terms of the waste hierarchy, 86% of the consented waste management facilities were for “preparing for reuse” and/or for “recycling purposes”.
- No applications for new landfill facilities were received.
- No waste applications were received for developments on the sites allocated for waste management in the Plan although 30% of waste applications were for developments within the Areas of Search identified in the Plan and these were all consented.
- 36% of the applications received provided sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with Policy WM10, achieving a BREEAM-equivalent rating of ‘very good’.
- 14% of the waste applications received are now operational.
- 71% of consented waste facilities will recycle and/or recover value from Commercial & Industrial (C&I) waste;
- In terms of waste management capacity, 89% of capacity applied for in applications received has been for Energy from Waste (EfW). However, just 18% of the capacity consented was for EfW projects (the remainder being for recycling/processing facilities).
- 40.7% of LA Collected Waste was treated for recycling, composting and reuse and 53.3% was sent for landfill disposal.
- 14% of waste management consents have the potential to utilise sustainable transport.
- The Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan is progressing towards overall net self-sufficiency in terms of balancing waste imports and exports.

4.2 During the Plan Preparation Period (between 2008 and 2013):

- 3.85m tonnes of new waste management capacity were consented.
- Year-on-year reductions in carbon emissions related to Local Authority Collected Waste recycling operations were observed.
- 36% of waste applications received are now operational.
- 67% of waste management facilities consented were for recycling purposes.
- Only one application for a landfill facility was received. This was for an extension of operational time for the facility.
- Waste arisings across all waste streams continued to fall during this period. Local Authority Collected Waste reduced by 2.4% between 2011/12 and 2012/13.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The key non-policy implications of producing a CIL Charging Schedule relate to resources. The production of this document will be undertaken by officers in the Policy and Development Services Division.

6.0 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.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

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

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 The Council seeks to ensure that the benefits of growth are shared among all local communities, including those covered by the protected characteristics identified in the Equalities Act. Choices around community infrastructure can be expected to affect communities in different ways.

- 8.2 The strategic implications of growth, and the positive and negative impacts that could arise, are considered in an equalities impact assessment (EIA) attached to the Core Strategy and Waste Local Plan.

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Waste Local Plan Website http://www.meas.org.uk/1090	Online	Tim Gibbs
Adopted Waste Local Plan http://www.meas.org.uk/media/4981/ADP-001-WasteLocalPlan_Final_LoRes_opt.pdf	Municipal Building, Widnes	Tim Gibbs
Waste Local Plan Monitoring Report http://www.meas.org.uk/media/5075/WLP_MR_1314_v5_Final.pdf	Municipal Building, Widnes	Tim Gibbs