

# TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>Report to:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	9 April 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee – Six Month Update
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Community Services
<b>Corporate Lead:</b>	Deputy Chief Executive
<b>Lead Member:</b>	Lead Member for Clean and Green Environment
<b>Number of Appendices:</b>	Two

## **Executive Summary:**

Tewkesbury Borough Council joined the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee in December 2014. The Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee produces a three-year rolling business plan and an annual action plan.

This report details the Business Plan and provides an update on the progress to date on the Joint Waste Action Plan for 2018/19 as adopted by the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee with a specific focus on Tewkesbury Borough.

## **Recommendation:**

**To CONSIDER the progress made in relation to the 2018/19 Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee Action Plan.**

## **Reasons for Recommendation:**

To inform Members of the progress being made against the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee Action Plan with specific focus on Tewkesbury Borough.

## **Resource Implications:**

None for this report.

## **Legal Implications:**

The Councils referred to in Paragraph 1.1 of the report established the current Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee on 1 December 2014 by entering into an Inter-Authority Agreement. The statutory authority for the Agreement is contained in sections w101(5) and 102 of the Local Government Act 1972, and the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012 made under Part 1A Chapter 2 Section 9E of the Local Government Act 2000.

The Agreement sets out the role of the Joint Waste Team and the process for agreeing the Business Plan.

The Agreement also establishes a Senior Management Group which has responsibility for reviewing each Business Plan and Annual Action Plan. The Senior Management Group comprises the Head of the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Team and a Head of Service from each of the partner Councils within the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee.

**Risk Management Implications:**

None for this report.

**Performance Management Follow-up:**

Progress in delivering the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee Action Plan will be reported to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on an annual basis.

**Environmental Implications:**

None for this report.

**1.0 INTRODUCTION/ BACKGROUND**

- 1.1** Five of Gloucestershire's local authorities are now members of the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee: Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Forest of Dean District Council, Gloucestershire County Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council.
- 1.2** The Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee is supported by officers from the Joint Waste Team. As the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee is not an organisation in its own right, the Joint Waste Team officers are employed by Gloucestershire County Council (as the administrating authority) on behalf of the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee.
- 1.3** The Joint Waste Team's principal role is to specify, plan, procure (where authorised by the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee and budget holding authority/authorities), monitor, coordinate and improve the delivery of waste and street cleaning services to households, delivered by a number of service providers and in-house teams. Across the partnership the aim is to divert waste from landfill through waste avoidance and reduction, material recovery (recycling), composting and anaerobic digestion.
- 1.4** Tewkesbury Borough Council is represented on the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee by the Lead and Support Members for Clean and Green Environment. The Head of Community Services is the Senior Management representative.

**2.0 GLOUCESTERSHIRE JOINT WASTE COMMITTEE BUSINESS AND ACTION PLAN**

- 2.1** The Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee Business and Action Plan cover a three year horizon and are updated on an annual basis. The Business and Action Plan is the Council's opportunity to set out clearly what it requires from the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee in the delivery of the services delegated to it. The delivery of the services by the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee, via the Joint Waste Team, must be within the agreed budget.
- 2.2** The process for agreeing the business plan is set out in the Inter Authority Agreement. An outline business plan is presented to the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee in October each year with a draft plan being produced and considered at the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee December meeting. Members of the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee are asked to provide feedback and input to the outline plan from their respective authorities. The final plan is approved at the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee meeting in February each year.
- 2.3** Appendix 1 contains the current Business Plan and Action Plan.

### **3.0 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS 2018/19 - TEWKESBURY BOROUGH FOCUS**

**3.1** Progress on the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee Action Plan with specific focus on Tewkesbury Borough activity for 2018/19 is set out in full at Appendix 2.

**3.2** This details the work in the action plan which has been undertaken, as well as unplanned work added in through the year.

### **4.0 FUTURE OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE JOINT WASTE COMMITTEE / JOINT WASTE TEAM**

**4.1** Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Forest of Dean District Council, and Gloucestershire County Council formed the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee in 2012, with Tewkesbury Borough Council joining in 2014. The Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee is governed by an Inter-Authority Agreement (IAA).

**4.2** Gloucester City Council and Stroud District Council are not part of this agreement but attend meetings in a non-voting/observer capacity.

**4.3** All Councils are signatories to the Gloucestershire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

**4.4** Cheltenham Borough Council wrote to its partners within the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee in December 2018 giving 12 months' notice of its intention to leave. This means that it will leave on 13 December 2019.

**4.5** The Exiting Notice issued by Cheltenham Borough Council triggers the Termination provisions within the IAA. If no further action is taken by the remaining partners, the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee will also come to an end on 13 December 2019.

**4.6** There are a number of options open to the Council including allowing the partnership to dissolve and all partner Councils work alone, remaining in the formal joint waste partnership with limited county partners or forming a new partnership with the aim of including all of the current Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee partners and non-partners.

**4.7** Work is currently underway to explore the best way forward to ensure that the Gloucestershire Waste Strategy is delivered in a coordinated way across the County.

**4.8** The outcome of the decision on the way forward may also have an impact on the Joint Waste Team and the staff therein.

### **5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

**5.1** None

### **6.0 CONSULTATION**

**6.1** None

### **7.0 RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES/STRATEGIES**

**7.1** Gloucestershire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2007-20

### **8.0 RELEVANT GOVERNMENT POLICIES**

**8.1** None

- 9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (Human/Property)**
- 9.1** None
- 10.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (Social/Community Safety/Cultural/ Economic/ Environment)**
- 10.1** Actions within the report will have the effect of reducing waste to landfill mitigating climate change and natural resource consumption.
- 11.0 IMPACT UPON (Value For Money/Equalities/E-Government/Human Rights/Health And Safety)**
- 11.1** The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) states that waste management remains among the most dangerous industries in which to work with the highest fatality at work rate of any industrial sector. It is imperative that waste management services and contracts are monitored with a strong safety focus to protect the work force and members of the public.
- 12.0 RELATED DECISIONS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTS**
- 12.1** None

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**Background Papers:** None

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**Appendices:** Appendix 1 - Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee Business Plan 2018-21  
Appendix 2 – Joint Waste Team Update – Tewkesbury Borough Council focus