

# TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>Report to:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 January 2016
<b>Subject:</b>	Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee Action Plan
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<b>Number of Appendices:</b>	1

## **Executive Summary:**

Tewkesbury Borough Council joined the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee (GJWC) at the end of 2014. The Committee has a three year action plan, running from 2015-18. The plan replaces the individual plans of each of the member authorities and therefore supersedes the Tewkesbury Borough Annual Waste and Recycling Plan which has been monitored by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee since June 2012. Members are asked to consider the progress made in relation the GJWC Action Plan during 2015/16.

## **Recommendation:**

**To CONSIDER the progress made in relation to the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee Action Plan during 2015/16.**

## **Reasons for Recommendation:**

To inform Members of the progress being made against the GJWC Action Plan.

## **Resource Implications:**

None for this report.

## **Legal Implications:**

On 15 December 2014 the Council delegated certain services to the GJWC. The Joint Waste Team consists of Officers who report to the Committee and this report sets out progress against the agreed Action Plan during 2015/16.

## **Risk Management Implications:**

None for this report.

## **Performance Management Follow-up:**

Monitoring and update reports will be provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## **Environmental Implications:**

None for this report.

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

**1.1** The Joint Waste Team is comprised of the Officers who serve the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee (GJWC) and make sure that services delegated to the GJWC are working well from the point of view of customers, the various legal and financial aspects of dealing with waste and street cleaning and, of course, finding the most environmentally suitable way of dealing with many types of recycling and waste being collected and dealt with in the County. The Officers were previously working for one of the partners. As the GJWC is not an organisation in itself, the Joint Waste Team Officers are employed by Gloucestershire County Council (as administrating authority) on behalf of the GJWC.

**1.2** Five of Gloucestershire's local authorities are now members of the GJWC. Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Forest of Dean District Council and Gloucestershire County Council joined in April 2013, when the Committee was first formed; Tewkesbury Borough Council joined this partnership at the end of 2014.

## **2.0 GLOUCESTERSHIRE JOINT WASTE COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

**2.1** The GJWC has a three year action plan, running from 2015-18. The plan replaces the individual plans of each of the member authorities and therefore supersedes the Tewkesbury Borough Annual Waste and Recycling Plan which has been monitored by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee since June 2012.

**2.2** The GJWC Action Plan outlines the key priorities and actions for the next three years. The critical purpose of this plan is to provide a mandate for the GJWC to consider and make decisions, according to set governance and budgetary principles, without constant reference back to the partner authorities.

## **3.0 GLOUCESTERSHIRE JOINT WASTE COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2015/16**

**3.1** The GJWC Action Plan for 2015/16 is set out in full at Appendix 1 and the key achievements are as follows:

- Food waste collection volumes have been increased by 20% following the delivery of the food waste initiative.
- The bulking of recyclable materials for Cheltenham Borough Council has been successfully taken over by Ubico and the Joint Waste Team is now responsible for the marketing and sale of materials which has increased revenue.
- The contract for collection of waste and recyclables in the Forest of Dean was extended to 2024 with a commitment to move to weekly recycling and include the collection of plastics bottles, cardboard, small items of Waste, Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and textiles from the kerbside.
- The contract for the operation of the Household Recycling Centres has been extended until 2019.
- A service review has been carried out for Tewkesbury Borough Council in preparation for vehicle procurement in 2016/17.
- Agreement has been reached with Stroud District Council to support its service change in 2016.
- All partners were assessed and deemed to be compliant with the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2012.
- Support has been given to Cotswold District Council in the acquisition of a new depot site in South Cerney.
- Support has been provided to Gloucester City Council during the review of its recycling and refuse collection service.

#### **4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

**4.1** Not applicable for this report

#### **5.0 CONSULTATION**

**5.1** Not applicable for this report

#### **6.0 RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES/STRATEGIES**

**6.1** Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Action Plans

#### **7.0 RELEVANT GOVERNMENT POLICIES**

**7.1** Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2012  
Revised Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC)

#### **8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (Human/Property)**

**8.1** None in respect of this report

#### **9.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (Social/Community Safety/Cultural/ Economic/ Environment)**

**9.1** The Revised Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC) strengthens measures that must be taken in relation to waste prevention and consideration of the whole life cycle of products and materials. It aims to further reduce the environmental impact of waste and increase the economic value of waste materials, and encourages greater levels of waste recovery.

**10.0 IMPACT UPON (Value For Money/Equalities/E-Government/Human Rights/Health And Safety)**

**10.1** None

**11.0 RELATED DECISIONS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTS**

**11.1** None

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**Background Papers:** None

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**Appendices:** Appendix 1 – Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee Action Plan  
2015/16