

CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

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Decision Ref. No:

Responsible Officer:
Larry Austin

Subject:

Waste Strategy Review 2015

Decision taken:

Approve the review of the Bournemouth Borough Council Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2011-2026

Reasons for the decision:

Waste and recycling is an important public facing service provided by Bournemouth Borough Council, and something that affects every household and business we serve. The UK is striving to achieve higher levels of recycling and a more circular economy where more of the products we use can be recovered as raw materials. As a result, new legislation and changing economics mean that the way we manage waste locally needs to change to keep up.

In 2011 Bournemouth Borough Council agreed and published the Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2011-2026 ('Waste Strategy'). Since the Waste Strategy was developed there have been changes in the legislative and policy context in which the Waste Strategy operates. These changes prompt new considerations for the Council as it assesses options for the future of waste and recycling in the area.

The purpose of this Strategy Review document is to:

- Report on the progress we have made since our Waste Strategy was published.
- Outline the changes that have occurred that impact on the way we operate our services.
- Identify the key goals to be achieved by 2026.

The review provides an overview to ensure that the service we provide continues to keep up with legal requirements and to contribute to achieving national waste management objectives. It provides a formal review of our Headline Strategy, and related suite of documents in light of:

1. Legislative change;
2. Procurement of a new material recovery facility ('MRF') for sorting our dry recyclables; and
3. Recent work on collections options undertaken by Eunomia including considerations of:
 - Environmental impacts of collection systems;
 - Cost impacts of collection systems; and

- Assessment of the necessity and technical, environmental and economic practicability (TEEP) of considered recycling collection systems.

Call-in and Urgency:

The decision is subject to the Council's call in procedure

Background:

In 2011 Bournemouth Borough Council agreed and published the Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2011-2026 ('Waste Strategy'). The Waste Strategy provides a framework for how Bournemouth Borough Council manages the waste (including that from households, and some commercial waste that is collected by the Council) produced within the borough, the overall aim of which is to promote and implement sustainable waste management.

Whilst the Waste Strategy is intended to cover the period 2011 to 2026, it is subject to review at five year intervals, or if any of the following trigger events occur:

- Any chosen collection or treatment option cannot be executed
- Any change in Government policy that would have to be adhered to
- Any of the major targets that have been set are not delivered on time
- Any Progress Report or ongoing monitoring identifies that a review is necessary
- Any new or beneficial waste treatment facilities become available.

Since the development of the Waste Strategy there have been a number of events that are considered triggers, including changes in Government policy that affect the way we deal with our waste, notably, the introduction of the Waste Regulations 2011. In addition, the Council are currently procuring a new Material Reclamation Facility that sorts our dry recyclables.

Furthermore the Council commissioned Eunomia Research & Consulting ('Eunomia') to help enable an informed decision to be made regarding the scope and nature of future domestic waste collection services.

Given these changes, a review of the Waste Strategy is required.

Options - and reasons for rejection:

The option does exist not to approve the review but this would have a detrimental effect on the Council's current recycling and waste management performance and compromise the Council's ability to ensure cost effective compliance with all statutory obligations.

Consultations undertaken:

Consultation has been undertaken with a variety of stakeholders including:

- Director of Environment & Regeneration Services
- Elected Members
- Head of Operations
- Waste & Resource Projects Manager
- Dorset County Council
- Borough of Poole

Finance/Resource Implications:

The strategy review provides an overview to ensure that the services we provide continue to keep up with legal requirements, contribute to achieving national waste management objectives and provide cost effective waste and recycling services. Although the strategy review is not prescriptive in relation to future waste solutions, it ensures the Council's existing waste management arrangements are compliant with the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 and provides adequate scope for service change going forward until 2026. The review does not deviate from the original strategy which emphasises that the procurement of the most economically advantageous future waste contract(s) will contribute to the Council's annual efficiency savings and targets within the Medium Term Financial Plan.

None of the updates and revisions to the Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2011-2016 in the Review 2015 will have a direct effect on the resources currently budgeted in the authorities MTFP . The current MTFP envisages the review of the collection round service in preparation for the expiry of existing waste contracts together with the delivery of a new Material Reclamation Facility in partnership with Dorset County Council and DWP . These are the subject of separate project reporting and governance procedures and any changes to our waste resource requirements which are generated from these developments will be incorporated in the MTFP through their own individual project approval mechanisms .

Name: *Ian Milner*
Date: *21.7.15*


Signature: *(of Chief Finance Officer)*

Legal implications:

Since the Waste Strategy 2011-2026 was developed there have been changes in the legislative and policy context in which the Waste Strategy operates. This review ensures compliance with the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011, in particular the new definition of 'Local Authority Collected Waste' (LACW).

The Waste Strategy 2011-2026 refers to municipal solid waste (MSW). Previously the term MSW was used in the UK to refer to waste collected by local authorities. However from 2011 the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) introduced a new term to describe waste collected by local authorities to bring the definition in line with European Directives. Waste collected by the local authority is now referred to as 'Local Authority Collected Waste' (LACW). This can be defined as all waste that the Council or agents acting on their behalf are responsible for.

The Council or agents of the Council are responsible for:

- Household refuse (rubbish that you can't recycle)
- Household kerbside recycling
- Household food waste
- Household garden waste
- Millhams Community Recycling Centre (CRC)
- Waste delivered to neighbourhood recycling centres by the public (NRCs)
- Bulky household waste collections
- Commercial waste collections (shops and smaller trading estates where local authorities have waste collection agreements in place)
- Street litter (collected by street sweepers)
- Fly-tipped waste
- Municipal parks and gardens waste
- Council office waste

Name: *TANIA ANNE*  *Monitoring Officer*

Date: *21/07/15*

Risk assessment:

A project Initial Risk Assessment has been undertaken which indicates a medium risk

Name: *Larry Austin*

Signature: *(of Officer completing assessment)* 

Date: *1st April 2015*

Impact Assessments:

Environmental and Equality and Diversity Impact assessments have been completed

Information for/not for publication:

Decision contains no confidential information.

Background Papers:

- Waste Strategy Review 2015
- Collections Options Appraisal and TEEP Analysis

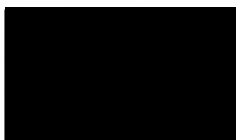
Any conflict of interest declared by a Cabinet Member who is consulted by the Member taking the decision	Name of Cabinet Member	Nature of interest	Details of any dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer
No			

Decision taken by:

Councillor Michael Filer (Print name)

Cabinet Portfolio : Environment & Transport

Signed:



Date of decision:

21/7/15

Date of publication of record of decision: (to be inserted by Democratic Services)

24 - July - 15

Date decision effective - that is 5 working days after the date of publication of the record of decision unless the decision is called-in for consideration by the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

31 - July - 15
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