

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>13 March 2003</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>WASTE STRATEGY 2003-2013</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, REGENERATION AND AMENITIES</b>
<b>Ward(s):</b>	All
<b>Purpose:</b>	To consider a Waste Strategy 2003-2013
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<b>Recommendations:</b>	Cabinet is recommended to endorse this Waste Strategy 2003-2013 for consultation

<b>1.0</b>	<b><u>Background</u></b>
<b>1.1</b>	On Wednesday 13 November 2002 the Borough Council resolved to request that the Director of Planning Regeneration and Amenities prepare a 10-year waste strategy for the Council to be submitted to Cabinet for consideration no later than March 2003. The 10-year waste strategy should be designed so as to enable the Council to achieve a raising of its performance both as a steward of the environment and against the government's statutory indicators.
<b>2.0</b>	<b><u>WASTE STRATEGY 2003-2013</u></b>

2.1	The attached document attends to the Council's role as a Waste Collection Authority, the current position with regard to the Council's achievement of statutory performance targets, how this achievement might be affected by the introduction of a new waste contract, and makes observations and recommendations for future action.
2.2	Eastbourne produces around 30,000 tonnes of household waste every year, most of which is disposed of to land at two sites, Beddingham near Lewes and Pebsham near Hastings which are managed by East Sussex County Council, and which will be filled by 2005/07. At present we only recycle some 7.2% of household waste whilst the government's statutory target for 2003/04 is 12%, increasing to 18% by 2005/06.
2.3	In December 2001 the Council embarked upon a negotiated tender process for the Street Cleansing and Refuse Collection Contract which, it had been agreed in August 2002 and ratified in October 2002, should provide a borough-wide wheeled bin service for the collection of waste and recycling box for the fortnightly collection of recyclables from households.
2.4	The Council anticipates it will achieve a 40% recycling participation rate by March 2004 rising to 60% in subsequent years which should enable the Council to achieve its statutory combined recycling and composting target of 12% for 2003/04 in the final quarter of that year.
2.5	Statutory performance targets are more stringent for subsequent years and the Council may have to consider expanding the recycling service to increase the tonnage of recycle in ratio to the total household arisings. The strategy considers the Council's options for this.
3.0	<b><u>Consultations</u></b>
3.1	The strategy will be the subject of extensive consultation with community groups, stakeholder organisations and Eastbourne Strategic Partnership, following which the report will come back to committee

3.2	The strategy has been informed by previous consultation through the Eastbourne Citizens Research Survey 1999, Eastbourne Residents Survey 2000, Eastbourne Environmental Community Forum 2002, and Eastbourne Community Strategy Focus Groups 2002/03
4.0	<b><u>Human Resource Implications</u></b>
4.1	Any additional staffing implications will be brought before Committee for consideration at the appropriate time.
5.0	<b><u>Environmental implications</u></b>
5.1	Landfill produces heat-trapping greenhouse gases, a major cause of global warming. Methane gas which has a global warming potential 31 times greater than carbon dioxide. Reduction, Re-use and Recycling our household waste helps to reduce these emissions and help slow down global climate change.
6.0	<b><u>Financial implications</u></b>
6.1	The strategy provides a range of recommendations and if any are adopted the associated financial implications will be brought before Committee for consideration at the appropriate time.
7.0	<b><u>Conclusion</u></b>
7.1	Cabinet is recommended to endorse this Waste Strategy 2003-2013 for consultation
<b>Elliott Cairnes</b>  <b>Environmental Co-ordinator</b>	
<b>Background Papers:</b>  The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) DEFRA Waste Strategy 2000 for England and Wales</li> <li>ii) DETR A Way with Waste 1999</li> <li>iii) DETR Guidance for Municipal Waste Strategies 2001</li> <li>iv) DETR Waste Policy Guidance</li> <li>v) DETR Limiting Landfill 1999</li> </ul>	

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