

# Appendix 1

## KEY PRINCIPLES

**These key principles have been agreed by the Joint Members Waste Forum for Herefordshire and Worcestershire**

### **Principle One – Commitment to the Waste Hierarchy of which Waste Minimisation is the top**

The key principle upon which the Strategy is built is that of waste minimisation, the top of the waste hierarchy. Through making opportunities available and through awareness raising, everyone has a critical role to play in ensuring that the amount of waste is reduced before it enters the waste stream.

Local Authorities within Herefordshire and Worcestershire will continue to promote waste minimisation through a variety of campaigns and initiatives such as the 'Waste Challenge' (see chapter 5, paragraph 5.2 for further details).

### **Principle Two – Affordability, Mix of Method and External Funding**

Options for dealing with waste must be affordable. The Local Authorities will seek to use a mix of collection and waste processing techniques as they become available to ensure that the targets can be achieved, balancing cost against environmental impact. We will also seek to obtain external funding wherever possible in order to implement the Strategy, carrying out research to support the applications where necessary and ensuring that they are economically sustainable.

### **Principle Three – Partnership**

The Local Authorities cannot carry out the Strategy alone. Partnerships with commerce and industry, Parish Councils, the voluntary and community sectors and the public will continue to be developed. As part of the development of this Strategy, best value and service improvement, we will continue to consult with local people and other partners about the way in which waste is managed in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

### **Principle Four – Promote Sustainable Waste Management**

Through the Strategy the Local Authorities will encourage the efficient use of resources, cut down on the amount of waste we produce, and where waste is generated, deal with it in a way which reduces its impact on the environment. Waste will be treated by adopting the Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO) and by using the Proximity Principle – i.e. waste will be managed as close to where it is produced as is practicable.

### **Principle Five – Active Management in a Changing World**

The Local Authorities will ensure that they keep up-to-date and ahead in implementing the best possible management systems that are needed to deliver this Strategy, using a flexible and integrated approach to the waste treatment methods used.

### **Principle Six – Review**

The Strategy will be subject to a minimum of a three yearly review to determine progress and update it in the light of new legislation, new technology or other significant developments. Regular communication with partners and the public will take place to ensure that all stakeholders are aware of progress and changes made.

## **KEY POLICIES**

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### **POLICY 1**

Local Authorities in Herefordshire and Worcestershire will adopt the Waste Hierarchy (shown in 2.0.3) i.e. reduce, reuse, retain, recycle and compost, recovery, landfill with energy recovery and finally safe disposal to landfill.

### **POLICY 2**

Beginning in 2003/4, the Authorities will implement a co-ordinated waste reduction/minimisation initiative – “Waste Challenge” – across the counties. By March 2006 the Authorities will aim to have reduced the amount of waste collected and disposed of, back to 2001/2 levels.

### **POLICY 3**

The Local Authorities will ensure that waste management in Herefordshire and Worcestershire offers Best Value to local people.

### **POLICY 4**

Waste management methods will support the Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO) which is based on a minimum 33% recycling and a maximum of 22% landfilling, with any balance required being managed through a form of thermal treatment. Emerging technologies which support the BPEO will be considered to enable a flexible approach to the waste treatment methods which will be adopted.

### **POLICY 5**

The Local Authorities will adopt a comprehensive and cohesive approach to publicity, promotion, awareness raising and enforcement.

### **POLICY 6**

The Local Authorities will aim to achieve the Statutory Performance Standards for recycling and composting for 2005/6 and the national standard of 33% recycling and composting by 2015 as a minimum, and aim to exceed them if affordable.

### **POLICY 7**

In addition to national targets set out in Waste Strategy 2000, the Local Authorities are committed to aim to achieve the local targets contained in this Strategy.

### **POLICY 8**

The Waste Disposal Authorities, in conjunction with their partners, will examine the role of Household Waste sites to make sure that they provide a quality service and enable maximum recycling/re-use wherever possible.

### **POLICY 9**

The Waste Collection Authorities will continue to provide and enhance Bring Recycling Sites where considered beneficial to supplement kerbside collection schemes. The effect of household recycling collections on Bring Recycling Sites will be monitored to ensure that together they continue to provide a cost effective and practical way of recycling.

**POLICY 10**

The Local Authorities will continue to develop and implement the most sustainable ways of facilitating the retention of green and kitchen waste within the household and only collecting and treating green and kitchen waste where household processing is impractical.

**POLICY 11**

The Local Authorities will continue to work together to ensure that this Strategy is implemented.

**POLICY 12**

The Local Authorities will consider the merits of a common approach across the counties in areas of waste policy that could potentially encourage waste reduction/waste minimisation.

**POLICY 13**

Wherever possible, partnerships with the voluntary and community sector will be developed to ensure that waste is re-used and recycled, such as re-use of old furniture and household appliances.

**POLICY 14**

Opportunities for more sustainable waste management will be sought in new developments wherever possible as part of the planning process – such as provision of home composters and recycling centres. Where necessary representations to Government will be made through the appropriate channels to seek amendments to legislation to support this and the other aims of this Strategy.

**POLICY 15**

Individual policies will be prepared for all Specific Waste Streams such as abandoned vehicles.

**POLICY 16**

Planning Policy Guidance Notes 10 and 11 (PPG10 and PPG11) set out guidance by which each region must prepare a Regional Waste Management Strategy (RWMS) to inform Regional Planning Guidance (RPG). The West Midlands Regional Strategy has been produced and this Joint Municipal Waste Strategy must be compliant with the Regional Waste Strategy and RPG.

**POLICY 17**

The Local Authorities will seek to adopt and implement a Green Procurement and Waste Management Policy within four years of the date this Strategy is published.

**POLICY 18**

The Local Authorities will aim to have a consistent approach in developing and monitoring performance through Best Value and local performance indicators.

## PROPOSED TARGETS

### Target 1

Government Targets for recycling and composting of domestic waste by the end of 2003/4, 2005/6 and 2010/11 and 2015/16 to be achieved (as per paragraph 2.1.2).

### Target 2

To reduce the Kg/head collected/disposed to 2001/02 levels by March 2006.

### Target 3

By 31 March 2005 Local Authorities will provide a household or kerbside recycling collection to % of their properties as shown in the table below

Bromsgrove DC	100%
Malvern Hills DC	100%
Redditch BC	92%
Worcester City	96%
Wychavon DC	94%
Wyre Forest DC	84%
Herefordshire Council	50%

### Target 4

The Local Authorities within Herefordshire and Worcestershire will continue to promote and encourage participation in the household collection of recyclables to achieve 75% active participation by 2006 .

### Target 5

A minimum of 50% of all waste deposited at Household Waste Sites will be recycled/composted by 2005/6 and 55% by 2010/11.

### Target 6

By 2015 or earlier if practicable, a minimum of 33% of waste to be recycled and/or composted with a maximum of 22% to be landfilled as per the Best Practicable Environmental Option for Herefordshire and Worcestershire.