

HERTFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP
MEMBERS GROUP
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Item 5i: Intermediate Inter-Authority Agreement
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1. Purpose of report

To seek the endorsement by the HWP Members Group to the draft Intermediate Inter-Authority Agreement and the Group's support for formal approval, signing and sealing of the Agreement by each of the eleven authorities.

2. Summary

- 2.1 At their meeting on 13th October 2008 the Members Group agreed to the drafting of an Intermediate Inter-Authority Agreement (IIAA) and asked the HWP Directors Group to take this forward.
- 2.2 Working with legal officers, the Directors and Heads of Waste have through three workshops and other exchanges reached agreement upon a final draft IIAA, attached as Appendix A. Members have attended two briefing sessions during this time and, on 19th January, signalled their willingness for the Agreement to be considered formally with a view to its endorsement and completion before the start of procurement.
- 2.3 The IIAA seeks to convey, to prospective investors and suppliers – especially HM Treasury – the robustness of the HWP i.e. collection and disposal authorities working together, with a clear specification and commitment to specific targets and outputs. Waste treatment suppliers coming forward during the procurement process will look for certainty over volumes and types of waste material and will carry out their own assessments of present and future performance with minimisation, recycling, composting etc. The IIAA will be scrutinised for evidence that all HWP partners will do everything in their power to maintain a consistency of supply and have in place processes for dealing with changes.
- 2.4 All HWP partners agree that winning PFI credits and attracting the most competitive offers are critical to success. Further, it is agreed that to achieve collective waste strategy targets relies upon every partner being willing to discuss local service performance. Given this, the IIAA is framed in a way which confirms unity of purpose and caters for local determination.

2.5 The intention is that each council will ratify the IIAA through their own political process whereupon the formal document will be circulated by the County Council to each council for execution prior to the sealing and completion of the Agreement by the County Council. It is intended that the Agreement be circulated in eleven parts in order that each council can retain an original copy for their records.

3. Recommendations

3.1 That the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership Members Group endorses the draft Intermediate Inter-Authority Agreement attached to this report and commends the draft to each of the constituent HWP authorities for formal approval.

3.2 That the Directors Group ensures the draft Agreement with any supporting documentation is taken through the relevant approval processes of each council and is signed and sealed as appropriate.