



Agenda item:

Summary

Report for:	SPAЕ Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting:	13th October 2015
Part:	1
If Part II, reason:	

Title of report:	Hertfordshire Waste Partnership (HWP) Update
Contact:	Cllr Janice Marshall, Portfolio Holder for Environmental and Regulatory Services David Austin – Assistant Director Neighbourhood Delivery Craig Thorpe – Group Manager Environmental Services
Purpose of report:	To update this Committee on progress and future plans on the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership. The Hertfordshire Waste Partnership Development Manager Duncan Jones will be attending Committee to give a presentation on the key issues.
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That this Committee note the update on the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership. 2. That any comments from this Committee are passed to the Portfolio Holder for her consideration.
Corporate objectives:	Clean and Safe Environment.
Implications:	<u>Financial</u>
'Value for money' implications	There are no financial implications to this report although being an integral partner of the HWP does bring financial efficiencies to this Council. <u>Value for money</u> NA
Risk implications	Report for information only.
Community Impact Assessment	Report for information only.

Health and safety Implications	Not applicable.
Consultees:	Not applicable.
Background papers:	None
Historical background <i>(please give a brief background to this report to enable it to be considered in the right context).</i>	As per the background below, the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership consists of all ten district Waste Collection Authorities and the Waste Disposal Authority Hertfordshire County Council. The ongoing successful operation of this partnership is of key strategic importance to this Council.
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	Not Applicable

1. Background

- 1.1 The Hertfordshire Waste Partnership, (HWP) was formed in 1992 between the ten borough and district councils in their capacity as waste collection authorities and the county council as the waste disposal authority and is one of approximately 50 such partnerships throughout the UK. Collectively, the HWP is responsible for dealing with approximately 522,000 tonnes of municipal waste generated in Hertfordshire each year at a cost of approximately £81.5 million per annum with £45 million spent on waste disposal and organics processing with the remainder spent on collection services.
- 1.2 The partnership is overseen by the HWP Member group which is made up of elected councillors from each of the partner authorities who hold the relevant portfolio for waste management. The Member group is supported by two senior officer groups - the Directors group and the Heads of Waste group.
- 1.3 The HWP has no authority over individual services and instead considers matters of strategic importance and opportunities for joint working. It makes recommendations about the long-term development of waste services in pursuit of targets detailed in the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, objectives and principles detailed in the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership Agreement signed in January 2012 and in response to legislative changes. The HWP unit is jointly funded by all 11 authorities and employs a Partnership Development Manager and a WasteAware Co-ordinator.
- 1.4 WasteAware is the public face of the HWP and concentrates on changing 'waste behaviour' by focusing on the 4Rs including reduction, re-use, recycling and recovery. With particular emphasis on actions before waste is generated the HWP hopes to reduce the amount of waste that needs to be recycled or disposed of.