

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 07 April 2014

Portfolio: Streetscene
Subject: Project Integra Action Plan 2014-17
Report of: Director of Environmental Services
Strategy/Policy:

Corporate Objective: Protecting and Enhancing the Environment

Purpose:
To consider the Project Integra (PI) action plan for 2014-17.

Executive summary:
Following a fundamental review of PI that was concluded in 2012, the partnership's Strategic board approved the following at its meeting on 21st March 2013:

- (a) a revised constitution that removed references to the partnership Scrutiny Board, which had been disbanded;
- (b) revisions to the Joint Municipal Waste Management strategy; and
- (c) the partnership action plan for 2013-16

The strategic board considered and approved the 2014-17 plan at a meeting on 27th February 2014. In line with the constitution of the partnership, individual member authorities are now required to consider the plan.

Recommendation:
That the Executive approves the 2014-17 PI partnership action plan as detailed in the briefing paper and appendices.

Reason:
Fareham is a member of Project Integra and has been an active participant in the development of the action plan.

Cost of proposals:
The costs of being a partner within Project Integra are contained within existing Streetscene budgets.

Appendices: **A:** Project Integra Strategic board Decision Notice
 B: Project Integra Action Plan 2014-17

Background papers: None

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Executive Briefing Paper

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Briefing by: Director of Environmental Services

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INTRODUCTION

1. The fundamental review of Project Integra that was concluded in 2012 provided the opportunity to revise the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) for all partner authorities. The refreshed strategy then formed the basis of a three –year rolling action plan, commencing 2013-14.
2. A number of the actions in this initial plan have been completed during the year and some have been carried forward into the 2014-17 plan due to their nature and complexity. Some new actions have also been added.
3. At the PI Strategic board meeting on 27th February 2014, the plan was considered and approved. A record of this decision is attached to the report at appendix (A). In accordance with the constitution of the partnership, individual partner authorities are now required to consider the plan

PARTNERSHIP OBJECTIVES

4. The PI Strategic Board is constituted as a Joint Committee of the 14 local authorities with responsibility for waste management in Hampshire, including the unitary authorities of Portsmouth and Southampton. The long term waste disposal contractor, Veolia Environmental Services (VES) is a non – voting member of the partnership.
5. The overarching objective of the partnership is to provide a sustainable solution for dealing with Hampshire’s municipal waste in an environmentally sound, cost effective and reliable way. Success in achieving this depends on joint working between all parties in the best interests of the communities in which they operate.
6. The operational focus for the partnership’s activities has been agreed through a number of generic workstreams that are detailed in the plan and reflect a common aim of working to reduce costs across the whole system through:
 - i. Communication and behaviour change

- ii. Waste prevention, including reuse
- iii. Recycling and general performance improvements, for instance through reducing contamination, increasing capture of materials, generating income and changing management arrangements
- iv. Reducing the quantities of waste sent to landfill
- v. Joint working arrangements and activities
- vi. Improving efficiency and effectiveness of services through collaboration with neighbouring authorities, including the South East seven (SE7) counties in England.

2014-17 ACTION PLAN

7. The plan sets out the key actions for the PI partnership in 2014-15, with longer term actions through to 2016-17, along with the budget for the proposed activities and the required contributions of each partner.
8. It covers the collective actions of PI partners to deliver the JMWMS. Actions involving two or more partners are included; actions by individual authorities are not.
9. The action plan is a three year rolling plan in recognition that some actions will take longer than a year to complete. However, most of the detail is for 2014-15. It is prepared annually by strategy Officers and presented for approval by the PI Strategic Board and subsequent approval by each authority.
10. Each action has a lead officer or authority assigned, a prescribed timescale for delivery and where possible, an indication of the cost or resource required to deliver the action. Details of the plan can be found at appendix (B) to the report.
11. A budget for the partnership for 2014-15 is included in the plan, with the details of each partnership authority's contribution. The contribution proposed from Fareham Borough Council can be met from within existing revenue budgets.

RISK ASSESSMENT

12. There are no significant risks associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. There are no additional costs associated with approving the 2014-17 action plan, budget and partner contribution.

CONCLUSION

14. The Project Integra action plan as outlined in this report and attached appendices have been approved by the PI Strategic Board and the council's Executive is recommended to approve the plan.

Reference Papers: None