

Title of meeting:	Environment & Community Safety Decision Meeting
Date of meeting:	25th June 2018
Subject:	Project Integra Action plan
Report by:	Director of Property and Housing
Wards affected:	All
Key decision:	No
Full Council decision:	No

1. Purpose of report

1.1. To outline the Project Integra Action Plan as approved at the Project Integra Strategic Board on 15 February 2018

2. Recommendations

2.1. That the cabinet member for Environment and Community Safety agrees to adopt the principles included in the Project Integra action plan which covers the period 2018-2021

3. Background

3.1 Project Integra is a partnership of local authorities with responsibility for waste management in Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton. The long term waste disposal contractor Veolia Environmental Services (VES) is a non-voting member of the Partnership.

3.2 The Project Integra Strategic board is constituted as a Joint Committee of the 14 Local authorities and is the decision making body for the partnership.

3.3 The PI Action plan (appendix 1) needs to be agreed by each local authority through their own decision making process

3.4 The PI action plan is a three year plan and sits underneath the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (appendix 2) and sets out the medium to long term actions for the partnership

4. Project Integra Action Plan

4.1. The PI action plan sets out nine areas of focus with actions related to each of these areas. These are:

- Communications and Behaviour Change
- Impact of new developments
- Waste Prevention Plan
- Hampshire Waste Partnership Project
- Joint working outside of Project Integra
- Health and Safety

- Glass Procurement contract
- Training
- Waste Composition Analysis

4.2. Communications and Behaviour Change - This work complements PCC's work to reduce the amount waste produced by household. PCC is using communications to remind residents of their responsibilities and highlight benefits of behaviour change.

4.3. Impacts of New Developments - This will support the work PCC is doing to deliver a more sustainable waste management service that can cope with future housing and waste growth.

4.4. Waste Prevention Plan - PCC currently works to encourage re-use of bulky items. PCC is also developing a new waste management policy which will aim to change behaviours, and provide clarity to residents on their responsibilities for the waste that they produce. This should encourage waste reduction and improve recycling capture rates.

4.5. Hampshire Waste Partnership Project - PCC is taking part in the project to consider the medium and long term provision of recycling services in the County.

4.6. Joint working outside of Project Integra - PCC can contribute to the wider strategic discussion through PI and benefit from the learning and research carried out by PI partners

4.7. Health and Safety - PCC takes part in a partnership group who share information, learning and practices with regard to H&S.

4.8. Glass Procurement Contract - PCC has already taken a decision to take part in a shared glass processing contract.

4.9. Training - As PCC has a contracted service, it does not benefit from the driver training arrangements as these are arranged by the waste collection contractor. It could benefit from future training opportunities for staff.

4.10. Waste Composition Analysis - This gives us information about the composition of the waste collected - both refuse and recycling and indicates where we need to target education. This may also help with planning with future waste provision.

4.11. Overall the PI action plan complements the work and direction of PCC's waste management service; although it could be considered that the plan could be more ambitious. The waste and resources strategy due out later this year may influence the plan. PCC should continue to work on local initiatives to reduce waste and improve recycling. PCC may benefit from the joint approach to waste management across the county.

5. Options

5.1. Option 1 - To agree to the PI action plan for the period 2018-21

5.2. Option 2 - To agree the PI plan with noted exemptions - a partner Authority may approve the Draft Action Plan subject to a reservation in respect of any particular matter with which it has concerns

5.3. Option 3 - Not to agree the PI action plan

6. Reasons for recommendations

6.1. The action plan is in line with and supports the direction of waste management services in Portsmouth.

7. Equality impact assessment

7.1 This report does not require an equalities impact assessment as the recommendations proposed in the report will not have a disproportionately negative impact on any specific equality group.

7.2. The report largely focusses on issues which would not impact the point at which users access services - where it does eg 4.4 Portsmouth's proposed waste collection changes, impacts will be dealt with in a separate EIA.

7.3. Any new initiatives developed from the action plan will consider EIA requirements separately.

8. Legal implications

8.1. Should there be a commitment to the partnership then the Authority would accede to being within that group for the coming 3 year period. As paragraph 5 outlines there are other options to include reserving exemptions from the proposed agreement. It is recommended that the partnership be accepted without exemptions whilst PCC considers alternative options.

8.2. It is to be further noted that the constituent members will bind themselves within the context of the partnership to the extent that they contracting with each other to act behave and deliver in a common way the individual financial contributions being based upon the agreement.

9. Director of Finance's comments

9.1 There are no additional financial consequences of adopting the principles of the Project Integra action plan as recommended in this report. The costs as set out in the appendices of remaining within PI are already included within the Cash Limited budget.

9.2 The action plan sets out a number of initiatives and any support required from the Council to deliver these will be met from existing resources. Any initiatives that may require additional resources will be subject to a full financial appraisal when the exact nature of the resource requirement is known.

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Signed by:
Director of Property & Housing

Appendices:

- Appendix 1 - Project Integra action plan 2018-2021
- Appendix 2 - Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Environmental Protection Act 1990	http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/43/contents

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/
rejected by on

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Signed by:
Portfolio holder for Environment & Community Safety