



Waste Strategy Public Consultation - Closes 2nd July 2018

The Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) sets out how the organisations which form the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership (LWP) will work together to deliver waste management services which protect the environment and provide value for money.

The aim of this survey is to invite feedback from anyone with an interest in our waste services, and will be considered in finalising the JMWMS before it is adopted by each LWP council.

In completing this survey, please note that the JMWMS provides a strategic overview rather than making proposals for specific changes to services. Any comments you wish to make regarding specific services, such as bin collections, should be made directly to your local council through their normal means of communication.

Please read the strategy before completing the survey or look at the summary document, which will help you to answer the questions. You can find this online at:

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/recycle-for-lincolnshire/waste-strategy-for-lincolnshire/

Alternatively, you can request a paper copy:

- Email: wastestrategy@lincolnshire.gov.uk
- Phone: 01522 782070

Some of the questions refer to the Environmental Report which has been prepared to accompany the Strategy. You can access this document in any of the same ways as the JMWMS itself.

If you are completing this form by hand rather than online, please feel free to use a separate piece of paper if your comments won't fit in the space provided. Indicate clearly to which question you are referring.

1. In what capacity are you responding to this survey?

- Lincolnshire Resident
- County Councillor
- District Councillor
- Parish/Town Councillor
- Waste business employee/owner
- Neighbouring authority representative
- Other

If "other", please state:

Portfolio Holder City of Lincoln Council, representing the views of City of Lincoln Council, Policy Scrutiny Committee

2. In which area do you live or are you/your organisation based?

- Boston
- City of Lincoln
- East Lindsey
- North Kesteven
- South Holland
- South Kesteven
- West Lindsey
- Don't know/prefer not to say
- Outside Lincolnshire

If "Outside Lincolnshire ", please state where:

3. Do you agree or disagree with the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership's vision for this Strategy?

“To seek the best environmental option to provide innovative, customer-friendly waste management solutions that give value for money to Lincolnshire.”

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree

Why have you answered this way?

It is vital that waste and recycling management services work closely together to ensure maximising recycling and composting percentages, using modern techniques to ensure that the overall environmental impact of each disposal/treatment method is fully considered.

However, whatever methods are employed the public must be able to have confidence that the disposal/treatment methods chosen for their ‘waste’ give the best possible value for money.

It is noted that there are likely to be conflicts between costs of disposal and amounts recycled/reused. Against a background of changing markets for materials it is critical that the disposal/treatment methods chosen are flexible so they can respond to environmental and market demands.

4. Are there any key issues, other than those we have identified, which should be driving our Waste Strategy?

You can find information about this here:

- Summary – Section 1.3
- Full Document – Chapters 3 and 5

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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If you answered "no", then what else should we include?

Given the increasing complexity of the recycling market, the anticipation of

increasing bureaucracy around target setting, and the prolonged period of austerity being encountered, containing costs (or potentially maximising income?) must feature. There are references in various places in the full document but it isn't listed in 1.3 of the summary document, suggesting it is not a leading concern.

Our vision is "to seek the best environmental option to provide innovative, customer-friendly waste management solutions that give value for money to Lincolnshire".

5. Do you agree or disagree that the objectives we have set out will enable us to meet the challenges we face and therefore achieve our vision?

You can find information about this here:

- Summary – Section 1.4
- Full Document – Chapter 6

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
X Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree

Why have you answered this way?

It is not possible to Strongly Agree as the objectives are not always agreements to actually change anything. Many are action to “consider”, “review” or “explore”.

Although the objectives are a list of the right areas to look at, and are acceptable as guidance/steer in a consultation document, subject to the findings of the consultation they need to be firmed up into actions within a new Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy that sets out a clear plan of actions that is resourced and has a clear timetable to measure success against. It is noted that the intent to develop an action plan is referenced on page 6.

It is also noted that key issues for authorities to meet their responsibilities may be different from key issues for our service users, which is something that must always be kept at the forefront of any system changes. The emphasis on ‘customer friendly’ is therefore welcome. Central to the final outcomes must be simplicity of use, ease of understanding, and transparency of operations for the full waste stream, end to end.

6. Do you agree or disagree that our Forward Plan, as described in Chapter 7, contains all the actions we need to achieve our objectives?

You can find information about this here:

- Summary – Section 1.5
- Full Document – Chapter 7

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	X Disagree
<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree

Why have you answered this way?

It is suggested that the omission in this section is any reference to the future. Perhaps *“seeing the wider picture”* be changed to *“seeing the wider picture so as to forecast the future”*. Understanding what others have done, and are doing, is important, but only if you are going to use that knowledge to make decisions about our own services in the future. This may be implicit, but it isn’t stated, and strategies should include clear statements.

“Balancing the economic and environmental benefits” is given two lines, stating the two key issues. It doesn’t however go as far as to say which has priority. It is understood that there will be a sliding scale of costs vs benefits usually, and it is felt that at any one time in the strategies life all signatories will need to be clear which has priority. The alternative will be to build on this statement to include an express clause on affordability. For example the signatories to the strategy will *“always make decisions that aim to minimise environmental impact, subject to these being realistically affordable”*.

Finally, this question asks if the draft contains all the actions necessary to achieve the objectives. It is not possible to know if all the actions required have been made clear until a copy of the action plan has been developed. See below.

7. Do you have any specific concerns about the strategy?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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If you answered "yes", please tell us what concerns you have.

As it stands this is not a finished strategy, but an outline on which to consult so as to develop a strategy.
The City Council supports the premise of consultation before decision making, and so understands that it is only possible to develop a meaningful strategy once the outcomes of the consultation are known. The City Council could not be a signatory to this document as it stands, as it does not constitute a clear strategy that will deliver, but it is happy with the issues this document highlights for consideration in a strategy.
In light of the above it is happy to engage fully with the development of the strategy.
The City Council hopes to be remain an active and supportive member of the

Lincolnshire Waste Partnership, subject to a strategy being developed that is supported by all partners, that will address the key issues of increasing recycling and composting rates while addressing the need for appropriate disposal capacity. It expects the new strategy to have clear actions that can be resourced on a reasonable timescale.

8. Do you think the draft strategy could have a positive or negative impact on you (or someone you care for or support) due to any of the following? Tick all that apply

	Positive impact	Negative impact	No impact	Don't know
Age				X
Sex (male/female)				X
Disability				X
Sexual orientation				X
Pregnancy and maternity				X
Marriage and civil partnership				X
Race (ethnicity)				X
Religion or belief				X
Gender reassignment				X

If you have identified a potential impact, how would the proposed strategy impact you (or someone you care for or support) and how could any negative impacts be reduced?

As the strategy, as it stands, contains few actions that impact the public in Lincoln directly due to system changes it is not possible at this stage to be clear as to the impacts. Once the detailed action plan is developed, then assessment can be made for each change in respect of each of the categories above. Clearly any changes to waste/recycling collection services have huge potential to impact individuals lives, so the fact that this question seems to recognise this is most welcome.

The remaining questions relate to the Environmental Report which accompanies the JMWMS. This has been prepared as part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment, a process which we are required to undertake alongside the development of the JMWMS itself.

9. Does the Environmental Report correctly identify the likely significant effects of the draft Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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If you answered "no", please tell us what else you think should be included.

See previous answers. The SEA cannot fully assess impacts until an action plan has been developed. It represents a good start, but it will need to be reviewed alongside any revision of the strategy.
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10. Do you agree or disagree that the draft JMWMS has sufficiently taken account of the information provided in the Environmental Report?

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree

If you disagree, please tell us what else you think should be taken into account.

See previous answers. In so far as it is able, the report and draft strategy do correlate. However, both need to be developed and updated in parallel once an action plan, and stands of an action plan, are developed.

Thank you for completing this survey.

Once the consultation period has ended, on 2nd July 2018, the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership will review the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy and Environmental Report in light of all responses received.