

TEIGNBRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY 1

JANUARY 12TH 2020

Report Title	Consultation on the Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon and Torbay.
Purpose of Report	To approve the content of the draft Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon and Torbay for public consultation.
Recommendation(s)	The Committee RECOMMENDS to Executive that: (1) The content of the draft Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon and Torbay is approved for public consultation.

Financial Implications	Please see section 2.1 of this report for further detail Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services Tel: 01626 215246 Email: martin.flitcroft@teignbridge.gov.uk
Legal Implications	There are no significant legal implications associated with the proposed decision, namely to go out to consultation. Solicitor to the Council Email: karen.trickey@teignbridge.gov.uk
Risk Assessment	There are no significant risks associated with the proposed strategy and consultation for Teignbridge District Council. Waste & Cleansing Manager Tel: 01626 215841 Email: chris.braines@teignbridge.gov.uk
Environmental/ Climate Change Implications	Please see section 2.4 of this report for further detail Waste & Cleansing Manager Tel: 01626 215841 Email: chris.braines@teignbridge.gov.uk
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Executive Member	Cllr Alistair Dewhirst - Executive Member for Environmental Services
Appendices	None
Background Papers	Draft Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon and Torbay 2020 - 2030. https://democracy.devon.gov.uk/documents/s32889/HIW-20-34.pdf (please copy and paste into browser if auto link does not work). DCC Impact Assessment https://www.devon.gov.uk/impact/waste-management-strategy/

1. PURPOSE

The draft 'Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon and Torbay' describes how the Devon local authorities will manage Local Authority Collected Waste (household waste, litter, flytipped, street sweepings and some trade waste) from 2020-2030. The delivery of this Strategy will be overseen by the Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee.

The Review of the previous 2005 Strategy was published in 2013. Since then there have been many developments in waste management. The Government published its own Resource and Waste Strategy in 2018 and is currently planning further consultation on several aspects of this. The Environment Bill is progressing through Parliament although this has been delayed due to COVID19. Given the amount of change which has occurred it was concluded that a new Strategy for Devon and Torbay should be written to reflect the direction of travel and changes in national waste policy.

The draft Strategy will be consulted upon over the winter and the final Strategy will be presented to DASWC in 2021, following formal approval by the individual Authorities.

The aim is to provide a document which describes the way in which Devon and Torbay local authorities will manage resources and waste (under their control) from 2020 – 2030. It sets out waste policies and targets. The objectives are to:

- To manage Devon's & Torbay's waste in a sustainable and cost-efficient manner.
- To minimise the waste we create.
- To reduce the impact of resource and waste management in Devon on climate change by implementing the waste hierarchy and tailoring operations to reduce the waste carbon footprint.
- To maximise the value of the resources we use and preserve the stock of material resources i.e. Preserve natural capital and practice resource efficiency.

The draft Strategy is available at <https://democracy.devon.gov.uk/documents/s32889/HiW-20-34.pdf> (please copy and paste link into browser if auto link does not work)

Devon County Council will co-ordinate and lead the consultation exercise which is expected to begin in January 2021.

2. REPORT DETAIL

2.1 Financial

There are no significant financial implications associated with the proposed strategy and consultation for Teignbridge District Council.

2.2 Legal

There are no significant legal implications associated with the proposed strategy and consultation for Teignbridge District Council.

2.3 Risks

There are no significant risks associated with the proposed strategy and consultation for Teignbridge District Council.

2.4 Environmental/Climate Change Impact

The Strategy provides the basis for the management of Local Authority Collected Waste across Devon and Torbay to 2030. Its objectives are aimed at reducing waste, reducing the carbon impact of managing waste and conserving natural resources. By working together, the local authorities, their partners and the public will help to ensure a sustainable future for waste management in Devon and Torbay. The consultation exercise will enable interested parties to help shape the strategy.

3. OPTIONS

Public consultation will be undertaken during early 2021 pending approval from Teignbridge and other linked authorities. There would be an option to delay finalizing the Strategy until after the Government consults further on its own policies later this year. However, it is considered that with so much changing in the waste sector since 2013 that it would be unhelpful to delay further. It is anticipated that this Strategy will be in line with national policy as it develops.

4. CONCLUSION

The Strategy is focused on reducing, reusing and recycling waste all of which will lead to reduced environmental impact. There is also a focus on reducing the carbon impact of the waste management services with the aim of contributing to the net zero carbon targets.

There are no significant resource, risk or legal issues associated with the draft strategy or proposed consultation for Teignbridge District Council and that this Committee recommends to the Executive that the strategy be approved for public consultation.