

Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Suffolk 2003 – 2020 - Addendum 2013

This minor periodic review has been undertaken to ensure the Suffolk Waste Partnership's policies remain in step with Central Government policy and legislation whilst also taking account of Suffolk's current waste management challenges and opportunities.

Policy	Revised Policy
1	<p>We will enhance joint working between authorities to improve waste management services in Suffolk. Joint working will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) sharing information; B) responding jointly to outside bodies; C) participating on joint educational/promotional initiatives; D) co-operating to deliver funding for initiatives; <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E) jointly awarding contracts where advantageous to improve performance and minimise costs by providing economies of scale.
2	<p>We will involve the public, community groups, waste management industry and governmental bodies in all aspects of waste management and enable these stakeholders to engage with and influence the provision of waste services in Suffolk.</p>
3	<p>We will fund and promote education programmes and awareness campaigns to increase knowledge of waste issues and participation in waste management initiatives throughout Suffolk. We will participate in similar schemes at the regional level and ensure that a consistent message is given to promote sustainable waste management practice.</p>
4	<p>We will promote and encourage waste reduction wherever possible to minimise the amount of waste that is produced and ultimately requires disposal.</p>
5	<p>We will promote and encourage the re-use of all waste materials. This will be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Developing schemes which maximise the full potential and usable lifespan of materials and products. This will include the re-use of organic wastes through home and community composting schemes. B) Supporting the development of a circular economy which seeks to design waste out of products at source.
6	<p>We will seek to maximise the proportion of household waste that is recycled or composted, and aim to achieve at least 60% recycling and composting by 2015.</p>
7	<p>We will ensure there is an appropriate bring site network in Suffolk that best complements kerbside recycling schemes and maximises the cost effective diversion of waste.</p>
8	<p>We will provide a network of Household Waste and Recycling Centres which complements the other recycling options available to residents, and supports the SWP's other policies (i.e. supports reuse; maximises diversion of materials from landfill; seeks to support SME recycling etc).</p>

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9	We will recover energy from all Suffolk's residual waste which can be treated through the Energy from Waste facility which SCC has contracted.
10	<p>Where landfill disposal is still required, we will seek to minimise its environmental impacts by:</p> <p>A) requiring best practice at landfill sites;</p> <p>B) landfilling waste near to where it is generated;</p> <p>and</p> <p>C) maximising the recovery of energy from landfilled waste.</p>
11	<p>We recognise the increasing need for all SWP member authorities to work together to ensure best value services are provided for our residents. This will be achieved by:</p> <p>A) Ensuring we consider the whole system waste costs that bind together collection and disposal services.</p> <p>B) Creating a legally binding waste framework agreement between the County Council, in its capacity as the Waste Disposal Authority and the District and Borough Councils, in their capacity as the Waste Collection Authorities. Any agreement will be regularly reviewed to ensure it remains to the positive benefit of all members of the Suffolk Waste Partnership.</p>
12	We will reduce, re-use and recycle the waste from our premises, support the use of recycled materials and encourage partner organisation and suppliers to do likewise.
13	We will publish and regularly update our strategy work plan to ensure residents can clearly monitor the work we undertake on their behalf.
14	<p>We will seek to maximise the proportion of municipal trade waste that is recycled or composted by:</p> <p>A) Advising and supporting business on how best to improve the amount of their waste that is either recycled or composted.</p> <p>B) Improving the levels of joint working on trade waste services between SWP authorities.</p> <p>C) Aiming to achieve at least 30% recycling and composting by 2015.</p>
15	<p>We recognise that Suffolk's waste significantly contributes to the release of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. We will therefore seek to minimise the levels of these gases associated with the management of waste by:</p> <p>A) Ensuring services are designed to minimise greenhouse gas emissions whenever practicable.</p> <p>B) Choosing reprocessing or disposal methods that minimise the formation and release of greenhouse gases.</p> <p>C) Encourage partner organisations and suppliers to ensure their processes and services reduce levels of embedded carbon.</p>