1. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

1.1 To inform Surrey Waste Partnership of Guildford Borough Council’s views on the revised Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) for Surrey.

1.2 This matter was considered by the Executive at its meeting on 15 July 2010 (see item 9 on the agenda). This can be viewed by clicking on the following link: [http://www.guildford.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=6174](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=6174)

1.3 The Executive authorised the Lead Member for the Environment and Transport to submit a formal response to the consultation.

1.4 The deadline for receipt of responses to the consultation is 12 August 2010.

1.5 Due to the consultation deadline, the Lead Member and the Chairman of the Customer & Community Scrutiny Committee are invited to determine that the call-in procedure under Procedure Rule 69(h) should not apply in relation to this decision.

2. **PROPOSED RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION**

2.1 The Lead Member’s proposed response to the consultation is attached as Annex 1.

3. **DECISION**

That the proposed response set out in Annex 1 be approved as this Council’s response to the consultation on the revised Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Surrey.

**Reasons for Decision:**
To ensure that Surrey Waste Partnership is aware of Guildford Borough Council’s views on the proposed revisions to the JMWMS
Background Papers:
JMWMS Consultation Draft, SWP, May 2010.
Schedule of Major Changes, SWP, April 2010.

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Draft Response to the Surrey Waste Partnership

Dear

Thank you for the opportunity of commenting on the review of the Plan for Waste Management in Surrey. Guildford Borough Council’s Executive met on 15 July 2010 and agreed that I be authorised to submit a formal response to this consultation exercise on behalf of Guildford Borough Council.

I can confirm that Guildford Borough Council welcomes the review and acknowledges and understands the reasons for the review. The following main issues within the consultation draft Strategy were discussed:

- **Addition of the comprehensive waste reduction programme** – Guildford Borough Council acknowledges that the waste reduction programme represents a significant change from the original strategy. We consider changing behaviours with a view to reducing the amount of waste produced to be very important and should be welcomed.

- **The recycling target of 70% by 2013/14** – Guildford Borough Council supports this challenging and positive target. Guildford Borough Council has invested in developing our own ‘Recycling Works’ collection service with weekly food waste collections and is heartened by the development of recycling collection schemes in the other Boroughs and Districts. The recent redevelopment and improvements to Surrey’s CRC sites have also been noted with performance rising to recycling rates at over 70%. It is also acknowledged that the redevelopment programme will be continuing with two further sites being developed in 2010/11. It is felt that increasing the target to 70% is realistic and should be seen as a very positive and confident approach. Guildford Borough Council does note, however, that this target will only be achieved subject to resources being available to all partners to implement the necessary measures to achieve the target.

- **The move from in-vessel composting to anaerobic digestion for food waste** - Guildford Borough Council has, for many years, expressed a desire for in-county facilities for dealing with food waste and garden. This Council welcomes the development of appropriate facilities for this waste in Surrey and accepts that Anaerobic Digestion is the most appropriate method for treating the 40,000 tonnes of food waste due to the co-location potential and the outputs gained from the process. It is also noted that in-vessel facilities are viewed as the appropriate and preferred approach for dealing with the 80,000 tonnes of garden waste in Surrey.

- **The move away from mass burn incineration as an option for the disposal of residual waste, and the preference for advanced thermal treatment (gasification)** - When Guildford Borough Council adopted the Strategy in 2006, our comments were that Guildford Borough Council did not support mass burn incineration. Whilst this view still remains, the move away from
this approach along with the ambitious target of 70% county-wide recycling by 2013/14 are seen as being very positive revisions to the Strategy.

Thank you again for this opportunity to respond to the consultation exercise. Guildford Borough Council is a committed member of the Surrey Waste Partnership and sees this review as being a very positive and important development in the management of waste in Surrey.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Jenny Wicks

Lead Member for the Environment and Transport.