

## Appendix 1 – Excerpt from a Briefing Paper on North London Joint Waste Strategy, March 2008

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### Strategy Implementation Actions with Proposed Changes

Note that it is not proposed to make any changes to the other implementation actions in the strategy.

#### Action Number & Chapter

1.C. It has been agreed that this North London Joint Waste Strategy will:

- *Have regard to the Government's Waste Strategy for England 2007 and be in general conformity with the Mayor of London's Municipal Waste Management Strategy (2003).*

**Reason for change:** The Government has published a more recent waste strategy that sets more ambitious recycling and composting targets and the GLA Act now requires London strategies to be 'in general conformity with' rather than 'have regard to' the Mayor of London's Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

#### Action Number & Chapter

2.B. *This Strategy employs the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit recommended growth rate for municipal waste when planning for the new waste management facilities that will be needed in North London, but during its implementation the most recent data available will be used.*

**Reason for change:** This change allows for the results of revised modelling work to be used in implementing the strategy.

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2.C. *The North London household waste composition analysis will be used to inform the development of this Strategy, but during its implementation the most recent data available will be used.*

**Reason for change:** This change allows for the results of revised modelling work to be used in implementing the strategy.

### Action Number & Chapter

3A. *This North London Joint Waste Strategy is prepared in line with the Government Guidance on Municipal Waste Management Strategies (2001) and the Waste Strategy for England 2007, and indicates how the North London Partner Authorities will implement the relevant policies and proposals within the Mayor's Municipal Waste Management Strategy.*

**Reason for change:** This policy has been updated to reflect the publication of the new Waste Strategy for England, 2007.

### Action Number & Chapter

Policy numbers 3C and 3D

3C. *The North London Partner Authorities will continue to seek to co-operate with the Mayor of London in relation to Best Value reviews of Waste Services.*

3D. *The North London Partner Authorities will continue to seek to co-operate with the Mayor of London through providing waste information where required and by using useful waste information where this is provided by the Mayor of London to plan waste services.*

**Reason for change:** These two policies have been altered to add the words 'of London' to references to 'the Mayor' to make the references more accurate.

### Action Number & Chapter

3E. *The North London Boroughs will develop and approve a joint Waste Development Plan Document.*

**Reason for change:** This change reflects that it is only the North London Boroughs that are local planning authorities, and it reflects the intention of boroughs as planning authorities to complete the Development Plan Document through to approval. The original wording of this policy also stated that the joint waste development plan document would be prepared for consultation by December 2005. The timetable for this process has now changed. Full details are available on the North London Waste Plan website at [www.nlwp.net](http://www.nlwp.net).

## Action Number & Chapter

*4.C2. The Partner Authorities will continue to support bids for external funding of reuse services and will seek to develop a means of rewarding effective reuse services directly through a reuse “credit”, to reflect the avoided or deferred cost of disposal.*

**Reason for change:** The words ‘equivalent to the avoided or deferred cost of disposal’ have been altered to ‘to reflect the avoided or deferred cost of disposal’. This change has been made to reflect new government guidance as increases in reuse credits are now capped at 3% per annum and therefore do not fully reflect increases in landfill tax, so reuse and recycling credits are not longer equivalent to the avoided or deferred cost of disposal, inclusive of landfill tax.

## Action Number & Chapter

*4.G1. The Partner Authorities will provide continuously improving Reuse and Recycling Centres in excess of the minimum statutory provision throughout the period of this strategy, which shall be freely available for the deposit of household waste by all Londoners on a reciprocal basis.*

**Reason for change:** This change has been made to reflect the Mayor of London’s comments on the Mayor’s Draft, North London Joint Waste Strategy in relation to reuse and recycling centres being made available to residents from outside of the borough in which the facilities are located on a reciprocal basis.

## Action Number & Chapter

*4.H2. The Partner Authorities will offer door-to-door collections of biodegradable waste for all relevant households where home or community composting services are not provided in the period of this Strategy.*

**Reason for change:** The word ‘biodegradable’ has been used in place of the previous word ‘organic’. It is felt that the term ‘organic’ can imply kitchen waste only and this policy refers to both kitchen and garden waste.

## Action Number & Chapter

*4.K2 The Partner Authorities will work to increasingly recycle and compost more non-household biodegradable waste to ensure that the need to purchase Landfill Allowances is minimised.*

**Reason for change:** This policy has been expanded to include recycling and to clarify that this policy refers to non-household waste, which is the scope of the paragraph to which it refers.

#### **Action Number & Chapter**

*4.L2. The Partners will work to achieve 35% recycling and composting standards by 2010, 45% by 2015 and 50% by 2020 in line with the Government's Waste Strategy for England 2007.*

**Reason for change:** This implementation action has been altered to reflect new national waste strategy targets.

#### **Action Number & Chapter**

*4.N. The Partner Authorities will seek to minimise disposal to landfill throughout the period of this Strategy and undertake to seek the recovery of energy from landfill gas wherever practicable.*

**Reason for change:** This change has been made to reflect the fact that the Partner Authorities are and will be contracting for landfill services through the use of third parties. They will therefore seek the recovery of energy from landfill gas through the third party contractor(s) rather than carrying out the recovery themselves, which was the implication of the previous wording: 'undertake to recover energy from landfill gas wherever practicable'.

#### **Action Number & Chapter**

*5.A3 The Partner Authorities will encourage the introduction of Authorised Treatment Facilities in appropriate locations in North London, will ensure that the general public are encouraged to use them appropriately and will seek to secure sufficient facilities within the proposed North London Waste Development Plan Document.*

**Reason for change:** The words 'Development' and 'Document' have been added to this policy as 'development plan document' is the formal title of the publication.

### Action Number & Chapter

*5.D2 The Partner Authorities undertake to maximise the potential of reusing and recycling materials from the bulky waste stream with the aim of providing a more sustainable service in partnership with community sector or commercial organisations.*

**Reason for change:** Changed to include reuse and to mention both the 'for profit' and 'not-for-profit' sectors, taking account of the Mayor of London's comments on the North London Joint Waste Strategy, Mayor's Draft, September 2004.

### Action Number & Chapter

*5.F1 The Partner Authorities will implement the new method of assessing non-household charges from the 2008/09 financial year based on the volume of waste each North London Borough collects from contracted customers and agreed volume:weight ratios.*

**Reason for change:** Updated to reflect the fact that a new method of calculating the household:non-household split of material collected and associated charging mechanism has been agreed and implemented since the draft North London Joint Waste Strategy was produced in 2004.

### Action Number & Chapter

*5.G1 The Partner Authorities will continue to support the provision of sufficient construction and demolition reprocessing facilities in the North London region.*

**Reason for change:** Previously this policy read: 'The Partner Authorities will continue to support the provision of sufficient construction and demolition reprocessing facilities in the North London regions and will seek to protect existing sites within the North London Waste Local Plan.' The North London Joint Waste Strategy cannot set policy for planning documents so the last part of this policy has been removed.

### Action Number & Chapter

*5.J3 The Partner Authorities will continue to collect the maximum range of household hazardous waste and waste electrical and electronic equipment at their Reuse and Recycling Centres.*

**Reason for change:** Updated to include waste electrical and electronic equipment, some of which is now deemed to be hazardous and to change the wording of this policy which previously said that the Partner Authorities

would review the best approach for collection household hazardous waste at Reuse and Recycling centres to include the words 'continue to collect', as the work has now started following the review.

#### **Action Number & Chapter**

*5.K The Partner Authorities undertake to support appropriate projects promoting the reuse of fridges, and will ensure that the remaining fridges are reprocessed and ozone depleting substances and metals recovered throughout the period of this Strategy.*

**Reason for change:** This minor change has been to reflect the fact that metals are also recovered in the process.

#### **Action Number & Chapter**

*5.O The Partner Authorities undertake to continue working with relevant stakeholders to meet any statutory requirements imposed on local authorities under the regulations that implement the European Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive.*

**Reason for change:** This minor change has been made because work has now commenced on implementing the requirements of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive.

#### **Action Number & Chapter**

*6.B The Best option for North London will involve achievement of 50% recycling and composting rates by 2020, with treatment of the residual waste not being landfilled provided initially through the existing Energy from Waste incineration facility, and later through processing capacity, giving preference to advanced conversion technologies, especially where the products of waste treatment could be used as fuels, that are the best overall option taking account of net environmental impact, deliverability, reliability and affordability, looking at implied collection services too.*

**Reason for change:** Revisions to this statement remain the subject of on-going discussion between the Partner Authorities and the Greater London Authority, and will be resolved before the public consultation.

### **Action Number & Chapter**

*8.C1 The Partner Authorities will provide commercial waste services in accordance with statutory requirements or beyond and will seek external support to establish sustainable commercial recycling and composting services, where this offers improved value for money to council tax payers.*

**Reason for change:** This implementation action has been changed in line with the Mayor of London's comments on the Draft North London Joint Waste Strategy, Mayor's Draft, September 2004.

### **Action Number & Chapter**

*8.C.2 The Partner Authorities will seek to ensure that sufficient household, commercial and industrial waste management sites are provided in North London through development of the North London Joint Waste Development Plan Document.*

**Reason for change:** The North London Joint Waste Strategy cannot set policy for planning documents so the words 'seek to' have been added to this policy statement. The Partner Authorities could for example seek to ensure that sufficient land for household waste management sites are provided in North London by responding as waste authorities to the formal consultation process which is part of the development of the North London Joint Waste Development Plan Document.