

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET		
SUBJECT:	PROJECT INTEGRA: ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2010 - 2015		
DATE OF DECISION:	15 MARCH 2010		
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None

SUMMARY

The Project Integra constitution requires that each individual partner authority approves the Annual Action Plan. This report seeks the Cabinet's endorsement / approval for the Project Integra Partnership: Draft Annual Action Plan 2010 – 2015

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To approve the Project Integra Draft Annual Action Plan 2010-2015.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Project Integra Strategic Board is restricted to operating within the role of the Annual Action Plan. All decisions taken by the Strategic Board that have financial implications beyond those included in the Action Plan would need the council's individual approval.
2. The Project Integra Constitution does not permit the partnership to make any decisions that could give rise to financial or contractual implications for any partner authority without the support of the Board member from that authority.

CONSULTATION

3. External: None
4. Internal: Executive Member for Environment and Transport; Head of Waste and Fleet Transport; Legal, Democratic, Organisational Development, Financial and Property Services

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

5. The alternative would be not to adopt the Draft Action Plan. The result would be to withdraw from the Project Integra partnership. Approval of the Action Plan is a key element of the constitution.

DETAIL

6. Project Integra is the adopted brand name for the waste management partnership for Hampshire. Its members comprise all eleven District Councils, the two Unitary Authorities, Hampshire County Council and Veolia Environment (formally Onyx Hampshire). It is controlled by a Management

Board constituted under S101(5) and S102(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

7. This draft Annual Action Plan is the 9th such document produced by the partnership and covers the years 2010-2015. The Action Plan concentrates on the delivery of operational priorities, projects and programmes and the funding of the Project Integra Executive. The draft Action Plan is available in the Members Rooms or on request from the author of the report or from the project Integra website.

8. The Project Integra Strategic Board will consider the draft P.I Annual Action Plan at its meeting of the 6 February 2010. Following this meeting minor amendments and updates will be added to the draft document and it will be re-circulated as a final version a few days later.

The program calls for the Annual Action Plan to be formally approved at each individual partner's Cabinet in time for the next Project Integra Strategic Board meeting on 1 April 2010.

9. **Draft Action Plan**

The Annual Action Plan is the mechanism by which the Board receives its mandate to work on behalf of the partnership. It also sets out the costs of running the Board and associated joint activities of the partnership.

Authorities may approve the Draft Action plan unreservedly or may approve it subject to a reservation in respect of any particular matter that it has concerns with. Where approval is given subject to such reservation, the Partner Authority's voting Member is not entitled to vote on the matter in question when it is subsequently considered by the Board, and any resolution of the Board on the matter in question does not bind the partner Authority.

10. The purpose of this Action Plan is to:

- Set out the strategic context in which Project Integra is working, at local, regional, national and international level and the links to the partnership's own strategic objectives,
- Provide a framework to assist in the delivery of Project Integra's key strategic objectives over the next 5 years, to March 2015

Outline the resources and performance management arrangements available to ensure delivery of those key work streams.

11. The Annual Action Plan identifies 5 strategic outcomes which will guide and focus the partnerships activities over the next 5 years. These are:

1. Sustainable and Ethical Recycling

Project Integra aims to deliver high level performance at an acceptable level of cost and environmental impact whilst maintaining public support and participation

2. Eliminating Landfill

Project Integra is committed to the eventual elimination of landfill in the context of the sustainable resource management agenda, scarce local capacity and steeply rising costs

3. Commercial Materials Management

Establish working group of authorities with trade waste collections

4. Efficiencies/Value for Money

There is scope for joint working particularly in waste collection to achieve economies of scale such as optimising rounds and pooling resources

5. Leadership and Influence

Project Integra has been successful in influencing the national agenda, securing external funding and delivering behavioural change locally. The partnership must continue to invest time and resources in this key strategic outcome in support of the other elements of the Action Plan.

12. More for Less objectives figure significantly in the document, the Council endorses the objectives in More for Less, particularly in the wider development of sustainable and energy efficient policies. Climate change priority targets can be addressed through the Material Resources Strategy (MRS), Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) and Project Integra processes.
13. Two areas where Project Integra has been influential in 2008/09 are in the areas of glass income and lobbying for increasing Hampshire's recycling performance.
14. The Project Integra Executive Officer recently led a county wide re-negotiation of the glass processing contract with Recresco: this has increased the cities income from the sale of glass from just over £10,000 in 2008/09 to an estimated £24,000 in 2009/10.
15. Project Integra is co-ordinating the procurement of a new county wide glass processing contract due to start in February 2011; a significant increase in income from the sale of glass is expected based on the results of recent market testing. Portsmouth City Council has agreed to be the procuring authority.
16. The Project Integra Chairman has written to Hilary Benn, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, underlying inequalities in the calculation of recycling performance, namely that incinerator bottom ash and metals which are recycled in Hampshire cannot count towards individual authorities recycling performance.
17. This is at odds with other European countries and the European Waste Framework Directive which clearly defines recycling as "*any recovery operation by which waste materials are reprocessed into products, materials or substance whether for the original or other purposes*". This is a key issue and one where Project Integra, due to its reputation and standing, is able to provide a voice of reason to influence decision makers. The counting of these materials would add nearly 15% to the cities 27% recycling rate.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

18. There are no capital implications.

Revenue

19. The Draft Annual Action Plan proposes that the subscription for the City Council in 2010/11 will be £45,843; this being £370 less than the 2009/10 subscription.

There will also be a £14,317 contribution to the operation of the material analysis facility (MAF) in 2010/11; this being £165 less than in 2009/10. These costs are population based and these sums are provided for within Waste Budgets.

Property

20. None.

Other

21. Not Applicable

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

22. The councils waste disposal functions are carried out in accordance with the Environmental Protection act 1990 and associated secondary legislation.

Other Legal Implications:

23. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

24. The proposals are not contrary to the Councils policy framework

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1.	None
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	Project Integra – Draft Action Plan 2010-2015
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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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1.	None	
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Background documents available for inspection at: N/A

KEY DECISION? NO

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	ALL
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