

#### 4. ROLE OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

4.1 The role of each Committee Member will be to:

4.1.1 attend (where possible) all meetings of the OWP Joint Committee, vote on items of business and make a positive contribution to the Committee, and ensure that if unable to do so, a named Deputy attends (where possible);

4.1.2 demonstrate commitment to and act as champion for the OWP Vision and Objectives and OWP Key Principles as set out in Annexes 2 and 3 respectively;

4.1.3 act as ambassador for the Committee and ensure that his Authority supports the OWP and abides by the OWP Key Principles ;

4.1.4 act as advocate for the Committee in seeking any necessary approvals from his Authority in connection with the annual Action Plan;

4.1.5 keep up-to-date with changes in legislation and all relevant statutory and non-statutory guidance.

4.2 A Committee Member shall not represent himself as being any other Committee Member nor as an agent, partner, contractor or employee of any other Committee Member and shall not hold himself out as such nor as having any power or authority to incur any obligation of any nature express or implied on behalf of any other Committee Member.

## ANNEX 2

### VISION AND OBJECTIVES OF THE OWP

#### Vision and Objectives of the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership

##### **Vision**

We will work in partnership to reduce waste and to maximise reuse, recycling and composting. We will treat residual waste before disposal to recover further value and to minimise the environmental impact of disposal.

#### Objectives

The core objectives of the OWP are to:

- a) ensure waste is managed in accordance with the waste hierarchy: reduce waste first, then reuse, recycle and compost resources, recover value and, as a last resort, dispose of waste;
- b) promote waste reduction, reuse and recycling initiatives to Oxfordshire communities to help everyone manage their own wastes;
- c) seek the most appropriate and sustainable solution for waste that protects the environment, including minimising the transport of waste;
- d) meet or exceed performance required by statutory and locally agreed targets;
- e) work together through the provision of co-ordinated services and infrastructure for waste collection, treatment, transfer and disposal to maximise the efficient use of resources within Oxfordshire Ensure that waste facilities are suitably sized and distributed and that site identification is informed in accordance with the Minerals and Waste Development Framework and the Regional Spatial Strategy;

- f) assist the development of markets, especially those that are local, for recovered materials;
- g) enable customer satisfaction through delivery of effective and efficient services to Oxfordshire residents that minimise the overall tax burden at the best possible value;
- h) develop flexible and comprehensive waste management services that are robust and deliverable throughout Oxfordshire now and in the long term;
- i) lobby Central Government and work with local business to improve the efficient use of resources, reduce the impact of activities on resource consumption, which results in the production of municipal waste, and encourage them to take responsibility for the wastes they produce.

## **ANNEX 3**

### **OWP KEY PRINCIPLES**

#### **1. Key principles of the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership**

The six Partners of the OWP commit to:

- a) collaborate on the continuous development and delivery of an integrated waste strategy that achieves the Partnership's stated vision and objectives for sustainable waste management;
- b) maximise the opportunities for improved value for money for the benefit of council tax payers across Oxfordshire;
- c) development of the best overall waste management outcomes for Oxfordshire taxpayers and to development of incentivisation arrangements that help achieve this;
- d) monitor the effectiveness of the strategic policies in delivering the core objectives of the Partnership;
- e) periodically review the options for the future delivery of services to meet the aims and objectives of the strategy;
- f) work together in a spirit of mutual trust, support and respect, and ensure that when difficulties or differences of opinion arise they are addressed quickly, honestly and openly;
- g) a process of prior consultation and liaison through the OWP when an individual authority is to give consideration to significant changes of policy on waste management issues and to give due consideration to representations from the Partner Authorities on such issues;
- h) share in a fair and equitable manner the costs and work involved in achieving the key principles and objectives;
- i) developing the OWP brand ;
- j) ensure all Partners engage fully in the work of the OWP and that each Partner optimises the contributions they are able to make;