

WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek a nomination of a Member to attend the meetings of the Waste Management Advisory Board on 15 July and 29 July 2002. At these meetings the nominated Member will be required to agree to the Council meeting its share of the Consultancy costs in producing the draft Essex Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Waste Management Advisory Board (WMAB) comprises of Members from each of the Essex Districts including Southend and Thurrock and also Essex County Council. Attendance of the WMAB is considered to be an approved duty.
- 2.2 The Board will discuss and progress a number of waste management issues that are of County wide significance with the principal issues currently being the impending Essex Municipal Waste Management Strategy, Essex's new long term Waste Management Contract and the appointment of Communication Consultants for the Strategy.
- 2.3 Both the meetings of 15 and 29 July will be held at Shire Hall in Chelmsford, commencing at 2.30pm. (with refreshments available from 2pm.) The main issue on 15 July is the appointment of Communication Consultants in relation to the Essex Municipal Waste Management Strategy. The purpose of the meeting on 29 July is to receive the draft Essex Municipal Waste Management Strategy from the E.R.M. Consultancy.
- 2.4 Whilst the Board is comprised only of Members "at the table" each District's appropriate Officer also attends the meeting to provide their nominated Member with relevant information and advice during the meeting.
- 2.5 The funding of the Consultants will be split between all Districts and the County Council on a pro rata basis in relation to population figures. This Council's share for the Technical Consultants, E.R.M. is £1,579.
- 2.6 Tenders are currently being sought for the Communications Consultants where an estimate of this Council's share is between £1,600 and £4,500 (calculated on the same pro rata basis). Exact details will be presented at the 15 July meeting of the WMAB.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Any payments made for attendance at these meetings as an approved duty can be met out of existing budgets.
- 3.2 The Council in previous years made financial provision in order to ensure that, at all stages of this process, the Council would be involved in the final decision making process. The amounts set out in section 2.5 and 2.6 of this report can therefore be met from this provision.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That this committee nominates a Member to attend as an approved duty the meetings of the Waste Management Advisory Board on 15 and 29 July 2002 and to agree at these meetings this Council's share of the consultancy costs in producing and implementing the Essex Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

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Background Papers:

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