

SUMMARY OF THE ELWA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Vision:

“To provide an effective and efficient waste management service that is environmentally acceptable and delivers services that local people value”

Objectives:

- a) Provide reliable and achievable services in terms of managing and disposing of the waste.
- b) Provide services that are environmentally and economically sustainable in terms of:
 - Encouraging waste minimisation initiatives.
 - Seeking to maximise waste recycling and composting opportunities potentially supported by energy recovery.
 - Meeting national recycling and recovery targets whilst recognising regional waste strategies.
 - Complying with legislation on waste management.
 - Contributing to local economic development.
- c) Help promote the most cost effective delivery of services.
- d) Ensure that the services shall be sufficiently diverse and flexible and not dependent upon a single method of waste treatment.
- e) Reduce biodegradable waste landfilled in order to meet the requirements of the Waste and Emissions Trading Act.

Targets:

- a) Stabilise or reduce the level of waste generated to below 515 kg per year per head of population.
- b) Achieve and where possible exceed, statutory recycling and composting standards (See box 1).
- c) Recycle or compost 25% of our waste from April 2005, 30% from April 2010 and 33% from April 2015.
- d) Divert from landfill 40% of waste from April 2007, 45% from April 2010 and 67% from April 2015.
- e) Reduce biodegradable municipal waste sent to landfill to below 210,000 tonnes per year from April 2009, 140,000 tonnes per year from April 2012 and 100,000 tonnes per year from April 2019.
- f) Find the best methods to serve all households with a recycling collection of at least four materials by 2008.