

THE EXECUTIVE

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REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT

EAST LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY ANNUAL REVIEW 2004	FOR INFORMATION			
<p><i>This report is presented to the Executive as it concerns issues of a strategic nature.</i></p> <p>Summary</p> <p>The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham is one of four boroughs which make up the East London Waste Authority (ELWA). This report therefore formally presents the Annual Review 2004 of ELWA to one of its constituent boroughs.</p> <p>This report also provides an update with regard to the provision of Reuse and Recycling Centres in the ELWA area and the effect that that is having with regard to recycling within the ELWA area.</p> <p>Wards Affected - None specifically.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>The Executive is asked to note this report.</p> <p>Reason</p> <p>To assist the Council in its responsibility as a constituent part of ELWA and assist the Council in achieving its Community Priority of <i>“Making Barking and Dagenham Cleaner, Greener and Safer”</i>.</p>				
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1. Background

- 1.1. The East London Waste Authority (ELWA) was established in the mid-1980s as a Statutory Waste Disposal Authority for the four London boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Newham, Havering and Redbridge.
- 1.2. Until 2003 ELWA made its own arrangements for the disposal of waste in these areas and most of the 550,000 tonnes of waste produced by the area each year was sent to landfill.

1.3. However, ELWA understood in the late 1990s that reliance on landfill could not go on indefinitely and so entered into a long-term Integrated Waste Management Service (IWMS) Contract with Shanks Waste Services Ltd in December 2002 to deliver the ELWA waste strategy, the principle aims of which were to increase recycling and divert more waste from landfill.

2. Waste Disposal in ELWA

2.1. Since December 2002 ELWA and Shanks have continued to dispose effectively with the household waste of the almost one million people in the area. The waste is either delivered to ELWA / Shanks sites by the boroughs' collection vehicles or taken to the four Reuse and Recycling Centre sites by the public. Recycling materials are also collected from over 600 'bring' sites across the four boroughs.

2.2. The synopsis of the work of ELWA during 2004 is attached as Appendix A.

3. Increased Recycling Performance

3.1. During 2004 the amount sent for recycling has significantly increased; thanks also to the efforts of the four boroughs. The graphs attached as Appendix B show how recycling across this Borough has quadrupled and how the recycling at the Frizlands Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre has more than doubled. The additional recycling has been achieved through the new 'Orange Bag' collection arrangements run by the Council and by the reconstruction of the Frizlands Lane Civic Amenity Site into the new Reuse and Recycling Centre. Similar Reuse and Recycling Centre sites have been completed by Shanks in 2004 in each of the other three boroughs within the ELWA. As a result higher recycling performances have been achieved across the whole ELWA area.

4. New Waste Treatment Facilities

4.1. Major construction work is also underway at Frog Island in the London Borough of Havering and Jenkins Lane in the London Borough of Newham to provide major new processing facilities for East London's residual waste. These facilities will, by 2007, provide further material recycling facilities (MRFs) and mechanical biological treatment facilities (BioMRFs) to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and provide a 'stabilate' that could be used for energy production.

5. Waste Strategy Review

5.1. Also during 2004 ELWA secured funds to embark on a waste management strategy review. This independent appraisal is intended to place ELWA's existing IWMS Contract in the context of national and regional strategies. At the time of writing this report this review is scheduled to be completed by end of March 2005.

6. Concerns

6.1. ELWA's main concerns for the future relate to:-

- new legislation (including the new limits on landfill) and
- the growth of population and waste in ELWA area

7. Finance

7.1. Financially ELWA is in a stable position having established reserves to cope with uncertainties of waste disposal and uncertainties concerning the implementation of recent legislation (Waste and Emissions Trading (WET) Act 2003 and Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Act 2003) and having succeeded in capping future cost increases by awarding a long-term contract. The implementation of ELWA's strategy attracted £5 million per year Public Finance Initiative (PFI) support from the Government.

8. Conclusion

8.1. The ELWA waste partnership and its IWMS Contract with Shanks has attracted much national interest. The 25-year contract is in its second full year and is performing well. The new mechanical biological treatment (MBT) facilities currently under construction, added to the new Reuse and Recycling Centres, and the integrated recycling and collection arrangements with the four boroughs, will identify ELWA as a flagship project for strategic waste management.

Background Papers

- Landfill Tax 1996
- EU Landfill Directive 1999
- Waste Minimisation Act 1999
- Waste Strategy 2000
- Household Waste Recycling Act 2003
- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act (WEEE) 2003
- Waste & Emissions Trading Act (WET) 2003
- The Mayor of London's Municipal Strategy 2003

- Executive Minute 303, 15 January 2002.
Re: Redevelopment for Frizlands Civic Amenity Site

- Minute 382, of the former Technical Services Committee, 27 September 1999
Re: Management of the Civic Amenities Sites

APPENDIX A

EAST LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

THE WORK OF ELWA DURING 2004

AUTHORITY MEETINGS	MAJOR STRATEGY ITEMS	MAJOR PERFORMANCE ITEMS	MAJOR PRUDENTIAL ITEMS
Dates	Strategies approved in 2004	Performance considered in 2004	Proper arrangements agreed
9/2/2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A way ahead regarding Closed Landfill Sites • Revenue and Capital Estimates for 2004/05 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IWMS Contract Performance • Frizlands Lane RRC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Auditor's Report 2002/03 • Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators
29/3/2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implication of the Waste and Emissions Trading Act • Approved draft Waste Minimisation strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IWMS Contract Performance • Consultation on Performance Reward Grant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bids for resources from London Recycling Fund
21/06/2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Waste Management Strategy • Shanks Group – Restructuring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Value Performance Plan • IWMS Contract Performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal Audit Report • Annual Investment Strategy
19/7/2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed Landfill Sites Insurance • Shanks Group – Restructuring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IWMS Contract Performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Accounts 2003/04 • Budgetary Control
18/10/2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landfill Allowances • Review of Waste Management Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IWMS Contract Performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract Management Audit Report • Budgetary Control
29/11/2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Municipal Waste Strategies • Annual Budget and Service Delivery Plan 2005/6 • Financial Projections 2005/6 to 2007/08 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IWMS Contract Performance • Access to Information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budgetary Control

