

Waste Strategy Forward Consultation Plan, 2008/09

Phase 1 – Residual Waste Treatment Solution Evaluation Criteria

The subject matter of programmed consultation on the Waste Strategy can be grouped into four broad areas:

1. How should we deal with the waste we don't recycle? - residual waste solution evaluation criteria
2. How will any proposed facility affect the area local to it? - engagement of residents close to the proposed sites
3. How can we help you to reduce, reuse and recycle more? - barriers to reuse, reduce, recycle
4. How should we collect waste from you in future? - kitchen waste, glass, etc.

This paper focuses on the consultation on the criteria to be used to evaluate the residual waste treatment solution for Leeds.

Consultation 1 – How should we deal with the waste we don't recycle?

1. Background and Reasons for Consultation

This consultation is to engage the public in a debate about what are the most important factors to take account of when we are deciding how to deal with the waste that we do not recycle. The results of this consultation will be used to inform the criteria by which we choose the technology or method by which we manage residual waste in the future.

2. Consultation Questions

The potential criteria proposed for inclusion in the March 2008 'About Leeds' Council newspaper are set out below. These are presented as statements which the public are asked to score in terms of importance when evaluating proposed solutions.

1. We should bury the minimum amount of this waste in landfill sites
2. We should get as much extra material for recycling as possible from this waste
3. We should keep carbon emissions from dealing with waste to a minimum
4. We should ensure value for money in how we deal with this waste
5. We should have the lowest impact on the local environment (i.e. emissions, smells, noise, health impacts, etc.)
6. We should choose a waste treatment method that is flexible to future changes in how much and what kind of waste we produce
7. We should ensure that the environmental impact of transporting waste is kept to a minimum

It is expected that these criteria will require further refinement for the purposes of the planned focus groups, for example, and will allow an opportunity to identify any other criteria not identified on the list.

3. Description of Methods to be used

a) About Leeds supplement and web-based survey

- Nine quantitative questions in return slip on About Leeds.
- Web-based survey duplicating About Leeds questions.
- Respondents asked for postcode to aid analysis.
- Data managed, input and analysed by commissioned market research company.
- Results will not be random, or statistically valid unless weighted.

b) Focus Groups

- Ten across inner and outer wards, chosen on the basis of Multiple Deprivation Indices 2007.
- Each group to have a 'reasonable' split of demographic inc ethnicity, gender, disability of the area in which it is taking place.
- Results are qualitative but will give a 'feel' for the most important issues to take account of.
- Allows a more informed discussion about the issue and more complexity in results.

c) Consultation Letters

- Letters with background information and consultation questions to be sent to groups that represent particular stakeholders.
- Gives the consensus view of the group of people.

5. Detailed Consultation Plan

a) Internal Council Stakeholders

	How	When	Relevance
Directors	Report to CLT – consultation questions	Mar 08	High
LMT	Report to LMT – consultation questions and discussion	Not Yet Known	High
'Interested' Chief Officers	Letter to identified Chief Officers Team Talk Intranet News Item	Mar 08	Medium
Trade Unions	No targeted consultation	-	Low
LCC Environmental Services Staff	Team Talk Intranet News Item	Mar 08	Medium
LCC general staff	Team Talk Intranet News Item Equality staff groups: Disability, BME, Women, LGB	Mar 08	Medium
Planning Officers	Internal dialogue	Apr 08	Medium
Procurement Unit	Internal dialogue	Apr 08	Medium
Area Management	Report to Area Committees – presentation and consultation questions	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	High

b) Elected Members and political representatives

	How	When	Relevance
Executive Board	Report to Executive Board – evaluation strategy	July 2008	High
Scrutiny Board	Scrutiny Board meetings/Scrutiny Inquiry working group	Meetings tbc	High
Political Groups	Group Briefings	Meetings tbc	High
Ward Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservative Group • Liberal Democrat Group • Labour Group • Green Group • Morley Borough I's • BNP/Other 	Letter to ward councillors – briefing and consultation questions	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	High
Town and Parish Councils	Letter to Town and Parish Councillors Possible distribution through meetings.	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	Medium
Members of Parliament for Leeds	Letter to MPs	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	Medium

c) Leeds Residents

	How	When	Relevance
General Population	Press Release promoting the consultation in About Leeds	25/02/08	High
	About Leeds supplement consultation supported by web-based consultation.	26/02/08 to 15/04/08	
	Focus Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten across the demographic (see specific groups below), spread through inner/outer wedges 	01/03/08 to 30/04/08	

	How	When	Relevance
	Results available at 30 th April 08		
Young people	Information pack and consultation questions to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeds Youth Council (youthserviceinfo@leeds.gov.uk) • Leeds Learning Network (http://www.leedslearning.net) • Infobase Schools (Internal EL Schools site) 	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	High
Students	Letter to University Liaison groups Use of University newsletters.	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	Medium
Older People	Letters to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeds Older People's Forum – Jenny Friday (2760999) Take account of in Focus Group recruitment Possibly through new 'Hubs' – to be confirmed	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	Medium
People with disabilities	Letters to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeds Access Advisory Group • Leeds Voluntary Sector Learning Disability Forum • Leeds Voluntary Sector Mental Health Forum Take account of in Focus Group recruitment Possibly through new 'Hubs' – to be confirmed	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	Medium
BME groups	Letters to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeds Voice • Leeds Race Equality Advisory Forum (REAF) Take account of in Focus Group recruitment Possibly through new 'Hubs' – to be confirmed	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	Medium
Faith Groups/Religious Organisations	Groups to be determined Possibly through new 'Hubs' – to be confirmed	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	Medium

	How	When	Relevance
Gay, Lesbian and Trans-gendered groups	Groups to be determined Possibly through new 'Hubs' – to be confirmed	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	Low
Economically disadvantaged groups	Letters to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Tenants Groups – Tenant Involvement Committee Other housing providers? Take account of in Focus Group recruitment Possibly through new 'Hubs' – to be confirmed	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	Medium

d) Statutory Organisations – Under Statement of Community Involvement

	How	When	Relevance
Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber	Consultation Letter		Medium
Yorkshire and Humber Assembly – Regional Planning Body	Consultation Letter		Medium
Yorkshire Forward	Consultation Letter		Medium
Adjoining Local Authorities	Consultation Letter		Low
Highways Agency	No targeted consultation	-	Low
Countryside Agency	No targeted consultation	-	Low
Natural England	No targeted consultation	-	Low
Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (English Heritage)	No targeted consultation	-	Low
Relevant sewerage and water undertakers	No targeted consultation	-	Low

	How	When	Relevance
Relevant telecommunications companies	No targeted consultation	-	None
Strategic Health Authority	No targeted consultation	-	Low
Leeds Businesses	Leeds Initiative Letter to Leeds Chamber of Commerce (Leeds Chamber - business@leeds.gov.uk) Aire Valley Action Plan newsletter	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	High

e) Environmental Groups

	How	When	Relevance
Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)	Letter – John Denham (West Yorkshire Branch, john@denham4.wanadoo.co.uk) http://www.cpre.org.uk/contact/local_groups/yorkshire	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	Low
Friends of the Earth	Letter to Leeds Friends of the Earth Possible attendance at local meeting – First Tuesday of Month James McKay (leedsfoe@hotmail.co.uk)? http://www.foe.co.uk/	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	Medium
Wildlife Trusts	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust - Info@ywt.org.uk	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	Low
Groundwork	Not Yet Known	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	Low
BTCV	Not Yet Known	03/03/08 to 11/04/08	Low