

Date: **15<sup>th</sup> July, 2016**

Subject: **Resource Greater Manchester – MoU with WRAP**

Report of: **John Bland, Treasurer GMWDA**

## PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to inform the Board of a new partnership arrangement between the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority (GMWDA) and the Waste, Resources and Action Programme (WRAP).

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board approve that the Resource Greater Manchester Partnership Board becomes a Task Group/Sub-committee of the Low Carbon Hub Board and endorses the proposal the Ian McAulay, Chief Executive of Viridor, represent the Board on the group.

## CONTACT OFFICERS:

Sarah Mellor, Head of Corporate Services, GMWDA

## BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Memorandum of Understanding between GMWDA and WRAP.

<b>TRACKING/PROCESS</b>		
Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution (paragraph 14.2) or in the process (paragraph 13.1 AGMA Constitution) agreed by the AGMA Executive Board:	No	
<b>EXEMPTION FROM CALL IN</b>		
Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the AGMA Scrutiny Pool on the grounds of urgency?	Yes, the decision to enter into a partnership agreement is a decision of the GMWDA and therefore does not currently fall under the Combined Authority's governance arrangements.	
AGMA Commission	TfGMC	Scrutiny Pool
15 <sup>th</sup> July 16	n/a	n/a

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 On the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016, GMWDA agreed to enter into a Partnership (through a memorandum of understanding) with WRAP.
- 1.2 Resource Greater Manchester is a 50/50 funded Partnership which forms a wider Partnership Steering Group to develop and achieve the following:
  - a) delivering common objectives associated with the Zero Waste Agenda;
  - b) capture efficiencies from both joint working, and in wider delivery gain greater value for money;
  - c) draw on expertise and knowledge from all parties;
  - d) seize opportunities arising from devolution; and
  - e) bring in new stakeholders and funding to help deliver the programme.
- 1.3 The objectives of the Partnership are as follows:
  - a) increase household recycling to 60% by 2025 by driving more consistent household collections; and
  - b) reduce to 400kg household residual waste by 2025 (a 50% reduction on the 2008/09 baseline).
- 1.5 Under these objectives, the Partnership will test out innovative approaches to improve collection of food waste, initially in flats and apartments through delivery of a pilot scheme.
- 1.6 During its first year, the Partnership will consider additional objectives to develop a circular economy model designed to create jobs and growth and the region.
- 1.7 To kick start the Partnership, £200k of funds in total (£100k from both the GMWDA and WRAP), have been committed for the 2016/17 financial year. WRAP has identified up to a further £100k of match funding for proposed flats pilots (see para 1.5), which it is envisaged could be matched by district contribution (in cash and kind).

## **2. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

- 2.1 As part of the Partnership Agreement, new governance arrangements have been established through a Partnership Board. It is proposed that the Board sits as a Task Group/sub-committee of the GM Low Carbon Hub Board.

- 2.2 It is recommended that the Partnership Board meets quarterly and that the membership comprises:
- a) Ian McAuley, Chief Executive of Viridor;
  - b) Cllr Cheryl Brock (GMWDA Member, appointed at the Authority's Annual General Meeting); and
  - c) WRAP Representative.
- 2.3 Sitting beneath the Partnership Board will be an Operational Steering Group. That Group comprises:
- a) Head of Programme (Head of Corporate Services, GMWDA);
  - b) Two District Representatives;
  - c) Chief Executive Officer, Viridor Laing (Greater Manchester) Ltd;
  - d) Director of Contract Services (GMWDA);
  - e) WRAP Representative; and
  - f) Low Carbon Hub Steering Group Representative.
- 2.4 The above Steering Group will oversee the delivery of the programme on an operational level and provide guidance to the Head of Programme.