

## **APPENDIX 15: CONSULTATION**

Public consultation is an important part of the decision making process when decisions are being made by public bodies in respect the areas of waste management over which they have a degree of control. This applies particularly to the management of municipal wastes. It also applies to decisions made by the planning authority over where new facilities for all wastes should be located.

There are various legal requirements for consultation which include:

- Best Value (consultation is one of the 4 C's expected to be demonstrated during
- Best Value Reviews);
- During the production of Unitary Development Plans;
- During processing of individual planning applications;
- During preparation of Community Strategies.

The Council has already consulted extensively on the Unitary Development Plan.

Consultation is also an important part of the process in developing the Municipal Waste Management Strategy. The Council has already consulted on the potential options to be developed as part of the development of the Municipal Waste Strategy. A number of organizations attended a workshop held in January 2004 at which views were sought on the proposed waste management options:

Consultees were asked to rank and score a range of indicators which would be used in the BPEO/SWMO assessment process in order of importance.

The Council recognises that consultation is a key component of developing and implementing the Municipal Waste Management Strategy. Additional consultation will be carried out on this draft waste strategy amongst all stakeholders.