

Ensure reflection of SEA results in  
decision-making

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Case example: SEA for Cheshire  
Municipal Waste Management  
Strategy

Prague, 2009

# County Council Statement

- How have environmental considerations been integrated into the plan or programme?
  - The successful integration of environmental considerations within the Strategy is supported by the SEA findings. No significant impacts were identified which required modification of the Strategy. The need to consider mitigation measures for transport impacts associated with both recycling and waste treatment activities was recognised and the Strategy has been amended to reference this.
- How have the opinions expressed been considered?
  - A twelve week consultation exercise was conducted. Responses to the consultation were assessed and reported to Cheshire County Council and District Council members. The responses did not require any modifications to the Waste Management Strategy, however, proposals were suggested for improving the environmental impact monitoring framework proposed in the SEA Environmental Report. An action plan for improving the monitoring indicators has been agreed.

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- What measures are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan or programme?
  - The significant environmental impacts of the Strategy identified by the SEA will be monitored. A monitoring framework was proposed within the SEA Environmental Report. Responses to the consultation on the SEA, sought improvements to the monitoring framework. An action plan to develop an improved monitoring framework with improved indicators and 'triggers' for action has been agreed as a result of the consultation. The monitoring will form part of the annual monitoring and reporting process for the Strategy.