

## The Environment

54. Concern for the environment has been a major feature in partnership discussions about the LAA and the future for Oxfordshire. The County enjoys a pleasant environment, which is a major asset and is critically important to the economy and the quality of life. We intend to give particular attention to two issues:

- **Street Scene** – The public expect their local communities to be clean, green and safe. We will take action to focus extra attention on these issues in the next 3 years, with improved co-operation and where appropriate integration of working between councils and with other partners.
- **Waste Management** – In Oxfordshire the minimisation and recycling of waste is at a high level, but fresh challenges requiring new measures and much deeper partnership are presented by the need to meet very demanding landfill diversion targets. We propose adopting an integrated approach to waste management which will increase recycling, reduce landfill and reduce public costs. In view of the existing contractual commitments it will not be feasible to implement full integration until 2009, and the proposals in this LAA are a stepping-stone to even more ambitious measures after that.

55. The **stretch targets** are listed below:

Outcomes	Indicators	Stretch Target	Funding streams contributing to outcomes
Improved local and global environment through the reduction of waste sent to landfill.	(Non stretch) The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership is committed to reduce all waste and increase recycling and composting, thereby reducing waste sent to landfill.  Stretch: Within the overall target the Stretch target element concentrates on increased recycling of non-biodegradable materials.	(Non-stretch) To increase the recycling rate from 33% to 38% by 31 March 2009  Stretch: Included in this will be 4,875 extra tonnes of non-biodegradable waste to be recycled between 2006/07 and 2008/09 inclusive	
An improvement in the overall cleanliness of Oxfordshire	An improvement of the following BVPIs  199(a) The proportion of relevant land and highways (expressed as a %) that is assessed as having combined deposits of litter and detritus that fall below an acceptable standard  % of people satisfied	Reduce by 9% (from 2004/05 Oxfordshire average of 20%) the proportion of relevant land and highways assessed as having combined deposits of litter and detritus falling below an acceptable standard  People who express satisfaction with	

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	with cleanliness standards in their area (BVPI 89)	cleanliness standards in their area increased to 69.58% by March 2009	

56. No **enabling measures** requested.

57. The respective lead officers for this block are Richard Dudding, Oxfordshire County Council and David Buckle, South Oxfordshire District Council.