

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

11 JULY 2008

LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (LAA2)

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To report progress on OWP related targets included within LAA2.
2	Background
2.1	<p>On 30th November 2007 the OWP resolved to delegate authority to the Chairman of the Officer Strategy Group, in consultation with the Chairman of the OWP to draft the details of the (LAA2) targets and negotiate with the Public Service Board (PSB) on behalf of the Partnership. An update on the negotiations was provided on 29th February 2008. Negotiations drew to a close in May 2008, with the following targets agreed by Government Office for the South East (GOSE) and the PSB:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. To reduce the amount of residual waste collected to 715 kg per household or less by 2010/11.ii. To achieve a 45% recycling & composting rate by March 2011.iii. To ensure that the percentage of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of litter and detritus that falls below an acceptable standard (below grade B) by March 2011 are 4% and 7% respectively, or less.iv. To reduce the number of incidents of fly-tipping by 10% by March 2011. <p>These targets have now been included within Oxfordshire's LAA2 proposal that has been submitted to Government for approval. A decision is anticipated by Government during July.</p>
2.2	<p>Negotiations with GOSE subsequent to the OWP meeting of 29th February 2008 resulted in a number of changes to the target proposals outlined at the February meeting. The following changes were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The residual waste reduction target was changed from a "per person" target to a "per household" target in order to bring it in line with the new National Indicator (NI) 191. The OWP was also able to negotiate a slightly easier target in recognition of the pressures on waste growth, such as landfill tax increases potentially resulting in trade waste illicitly entering the household waste stream.• The litter and detritus targets were recalibrated and the litter and detritus targets expressed separately (they were previously a combined target) so that they match the new NI 195 definition (although in reality there has been no change to the cleanliness standards to be met). The graffiti and fly-posting components of this target were dropped. As standards in these areas are already high, there is limited scope for further improvement.• The fly-tipping target was reinstated in place of the commercial waste reduction target, when it became clear that no reward payment would be offered for achievement of the commercial waste target, as it does not form part of the NI set.
3	Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

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3.1	An outline action plan for attaining the LAA2 targets was prepared ahead of target submission. This will require some expenditure from 2009/10 from the OWP Development budget and possibly the New Initiatives Fund. A more detailed action plan will be prepared for consideration by the Public Services Board in September 2008. This will include a budget estimate, which will be reported to OWP and can be considered as part of next year's budget setting process.		
3.2	The achievement of the LAA2 targets for residual waste reduction, increased recycling, reducing litter and fly-tipping will attract reward payments, which have yet to be detailed.		
4	Areas Affected		
4.1	The LAA2 targets are countywide and therefore affect all partner councils.		
5	Effect on Strategic Policies		
5.1	The residual waste reduction target and the recycling stretch target build upon targets within the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. Each of the LAA2 targets relate to NIs that have to be reported by partner councils.		
6	Options or Alternatives		
6.1	The committee may choose not to proceed with one or more of the LAA2 targets, although these have now been agreed by the PSB and GOSE. In doing so, OWP would also forego the opportunity to access any available reward grant funding.		
7	Recommendations		
7.1	That the report be noted.		
8	Reasons for Recommendations		
8.1	To further the aims and objectives of the OWP and to improve performance against NIs.		
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	Background Papers:		