

# OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

16<sup>th</sup> January 2009

## NEW INITIATIVES FUND PROJECTS UPDATE

## ITEM 13

### 1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide a progress report on projects supported to date by the OWP New Initiatives Fund (NIF).

### 2 Background

- 2.1 The NIF forms part of the New Financial Arrangements agreed by the OWP. It currently contains the reward grant received by the partnership for meeting waste related Public Service Agreement (PSA) targets. Any reward grant payable to OWP for the achievement of Local Area Agreement targets will also be placed in the NIF.
- 2.2 The OWP Partnership Agreement states that the NIF would be created “to help meet the capital or one-off costs of waste management initiatives. These would be new initiatives designed to meet [joint waste strategy] objectives, and in particular minimise residual waste requiring landfill or further treatment”.
- 2.3 An application and approval process for NIF bids was developed and agreed by the partnership on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2007 and the fund opened on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2007 (minute 207, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2007). Authority to approve bids was subsequently delegated to the Chair (minute 240, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007).
- 2.4 Seven bids have been approved to date. These are listed in annex 1, together with a summary of progress to date. The food waste collection trial within Oxford City has not been progressed due to the absence of suitable outlet for the collected material. Consequently, Oxford City Council has returned the funding awarded to the NIF. Further information on each project can be provided by lead officers at the joint committee meeting.

### 3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 A regular budget report on the NIF is provided as part of the quarterly monitoring report to the Joint Committee. The fund currently holds unallocated funds of £444, 272 revenue and £521,160 capital.

### 4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 Each partner council has benefited from the NIF.

### 5 Effect on Strategic Policies

- 5.1 A range of strategic policies within the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) have been supported by the NIF. A contribution to these strategic policies is one

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of the key assessment criteria of NIF bids. The fund itself supports policy 14 of the JMWMS, which states that OWP “will develop methods of working together to improve the level of service through effective and efficient use of resources within Oxfordshire”.

### **6 Options or Alternatives**

6.1 N/a

### **7 Recommendations**

7.1 That the update report is noted.

### **8 Reasons for Recommendations**

8.1 To collaborate on the continuous development and delivery of an integrated waste strategy that achieves the Partnership’s stated vision and objectives for sustainable waste management.

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Background Papers: