

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

16 January 2009

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUPS

ITEM 6

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the Community Action Group (CAG) project.

2 Background

- 2.1 The CAG project began in Oxfordshire in 2001 with the formation of the Charlbury Waste Action Group. There are now 26 groups active within the county, all helping to reduce, reuse and recycle waste. A diverse range of activities are undertaken from reuse "swap shops" to refill stations for household liquids and detergents.
- 2.2 The CAG project is funded by Oxfordshire County Council and delivered by Resource Futures, a not-for profit waste management consultancy based in Bristol. Resource Futures provide two members of staff to deliver the CAG project, who are based within the Waste Management Team at Oxfordshire County Council.
- 2.3 A presentation will be given by Resource Futures at today's meeting providing further information on the project and outlining future plans.

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the report.

4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 The CAG project operates countywide.

5 Effect on Strategic Policies

- 5.1 The CAG project supports a number of strategic policies within the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy including:
- Policy 3 - The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership will help householders and individuals to reduce and manage their wastes through the provision of advice and appropriate services.
 - Policy 4 - The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership will encourage the controlled reuse and reclamation of items through the provision of advice and appropriate services.
 - Policy 8 - The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership will encourage householders and businesses to separate waste for recycling collections by providing targeted information and awareness raising campaigns.
 - Policy 13 - The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership will assist the development of local markets for recovered materials.

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6 Options or Alternatives

6.1 n/a

7 Recommendations

7.1 The report is noted.

8 Reasons for Recommendations

8.1 To promote waste reduction, reuse and recycling initiatives to Oxfordshire communities to help everyone manage their own wastes.

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Background Papers: