

## OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

25 MAY 2007

## LAA TARGETS

**1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To update on performance in line with the LAA Clean & Green and Recycling Targets.

**2 Background**

- 2.1 A Local Area Agreement (LAA) has been agreed between the Public Service Board (PSB) and the Government Office of the South East (GOSE). OWP has now taken on the democratic control of the two environment targets; Clean & Green and Recycling.

Clean & Green

- 2.2 The Clean and Green stretch target is for an improvement on the BVPIs which measure cleanliness covering litter standards, graffiti, fly posting and an increase in enforcement actions.
- 2.3 One of the specific targets is to reduce by 9 per cent the proportion of relevant land and highways assessed as having combined deposits of litter and detritus falling below acceptable standards (BVPI 199a). From 2004/05 data the Oxfordshire average was 20 per cent. Therefore, the Oxfordshire councils collectively wish to achieve a figure of no more than 11 per cent against BVPI 199a by the end of the financial year 2008/09. Performance for 2006/07 is detailed below.

BVPI 199a 2006/07

Oxford City Council - BV199a 14%

South Oxfordshire District Council - BV199a 5%

Vale of White Horse - BV199a 15%

Cherwell District Council - BV199a 15%

West Oxfordshire District Council - BV199a 12%

This gives an average of 12.2 per cent across the county.

- 2.4 BVPI 89 measures the percentage of people satisfied with cleanliness standards in their area and a target has been set to increase from the 2003/04 average across the county of 62.6 per cent to 69.58 per cent in 2008/09.
- 2.5 The BVPI 89 Survey is carried out every 3 years. The results from the 2006/07 survey were as follows:

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### BVPI 89 2006/07

Oxford City Council – BV89 66%

South Oxfordshire District Council – BV89 73%

Vale of White Horse – BV89 71%

Cherwell District Council – BV89 72%

West Oxfordshire District Council – BV89 75%

This gives an average of 71.4 per cent across the county.

### Recycling

- 2.6 Two recycling stretch targets have been agreed. These are detailed below, together with a summary of performance for 2006/07.
- 2.7 **Target : To increase recycling and composting county wide to 38% in 2008/9 and to recycle 4,875 extra tonnes of non biodegradable waste accumulatively from 2006/7 to 2008/9 inclusive.**
- 2.8 Draft performance figures for 2006/7 show that a county wide recycling and composting rate of 38.5% has been achieved. We will now drive this figure up towards our longer term goal of 55% county wide.
- 2.9 Performance in recycling non-biodegradable waste is also strong with draft figures showing that over 6,000 extra tonnes of non-biodegradable waste has already been recycled. It is important that this performance is maintained or increased to ensure or LAA target is achieved.
- 2.10 **Target : 60 businesses achieve 60% recycling rate by employers and businesses taking part in a programme of awareness-raising and support directed at those organisations and businesses we have identified as willing to be engaged in resource efficiency**
- 2.11 300 Oxfordshire businesses received waste audits in 2006/7. The audit reports indicate that businesses can recycle 53% of waste that they are not recycling already.
- 2.12 Audits will continue in 07/08 with 400 planned and a contractor has been reappointed to continue this programme of work. The evaluation phase will also begin in 07/08. Some initial evaluation has already been undertaken. This shows that of the businesses audited, 33% had begun or completed their recommendations within 1 month, with a further 33% intending to implement their recommendations.
- 2.13 The Commercial Waste Reduction Programme (CWRP) was covered by BBC South East. They received their own waste audit, which we discussed on TV giving the programme a high media profile. The CWRP has been reported in the Oxford Times and Mail, BBC Radio Oxford, Fox FM, the Guardian and Radio 5 Live.
- 2.14 Businesses have received advice that can help them save a combined total of £613,687, and will help them divert a combined total of 4,037 tonnes of waste from landfill – potentially reducing CO2 emissions by over 10,000 tonnes.
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### 3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 There is still a balance of £24,363 from the Clean and Green Budget, following expenditure on the ENCAMS Audit and The Marketing Works focus group project.
- 3.2 A total of £78K pump-priming grant has been awarded to enable the household waste recycling stretch target to be met. It is envisaged that £44K will be spent in 2007/8 and the final £34K in 2008/9.
- 3.3 The commercial waste target does not have a pump-priming grant or a performance reward grant. This work is being delivered within existing Oxfordshire County Council budgets.

### 4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 The LAA Targets are county wide.

### 5 Effect on Strategic Policies

- 5.1 The LAA Initiatives support policy 14 which states that "The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership 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 performance against the targets be noted.

### 8 Reasons for Recommendations

- 8.1 OWP has agreed to adopt the over-arching governance role for delivery of both the Clean & Green and recycling stretch targets.

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