

CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP – 26 JANUARY 2007

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

1 Background

- 1.1 The new Waste Strategy sets out policies and targets for Waste Management in Oxfordshire covering the next 20 years. Effective delivery of this strategy requires more accountable governance for the OWP and new financial arrangements which incentivise all 6 Councils in Oxfordshire to work together to achieve these targets.
- 1.2 At the last meeting of the OWP on the 12th October 2006, a new draft constitution for OWP and draft proposals for new financial arrangements were considered and certain principles were agreed which could be worked up into a formal Legal Agreement. These were also considered by the Oxfordshire Leaders Group on 24th October 2006 who unanimously agreed that the OWP should become a formal Joint Committee from 1st April 2007.

2 Progress Made

- 2.1 A lot of detailed work has now been carried out both on the new governance and the new financial arrangements. A new partnership agreement has been drawn up and this has already been approved by Oxfordshire County Council at their Cabinet on the 16th January 2007.
- 2.2 It is now proposed to submit this for approval to all the Executives/Cabinets of the District and City Councils during February and early March, in order that arrangements can be made to constitute the OWP as a formal Joint Committee from 1st April 2007. The latest version of this document will be available at the meeting and Richard Dudding will update Members on any outstanding issues.
- 2.3 In relation to the new financial arrangements which will commence in 2009 and replace the existing recycling credits, a small task group led by Michael Jaques from South Oxfordshire District Council has been working on the detail of this. It is hoped this work will be completed around the end of February and a verbal update will be given at the meeting on progress to date.

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