

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP – 26 JANUARY 2007

LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

Introduction

1. A Local Area Agreement (LAA) has been agreed between the Public Service Board (PSB) and the Government Office of the South East (GOSE). The County Council and all the District Councils are represented on the PSB and are partners in this agreement.
2. The LAA is similar to the Public Service Agreement that ended in 2005/6 and covers the period 2006/7 to 2008/9. The LAA has a similar system of pump-priming and performance reward grants.
3. The LAA covers a number of targets, three are waste related:
 - (a) Municipal Waste Recycling
 - (b) Commercial Waste Target
 - (c) Clean Green
4. This report details the municipal and commercial waste targets and recommended governance arrangements. The Clean Green target will be dealt with in a separate report.

Local Area Agreement: Municipal Waste Recycling

5. The LAA target for municipal waste recycling is:

‘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.’

A Project initiation Document (PID) for the delivery of this target is attached as Annex A and has already been circulated to Oxfordshire Waste Management Strategy Steering Group (OWMSSG). The suggestions given at OWMSSG (on 10/1/07) have been taken into account and the PID has been altered accordingly.

6. This LAA includes a stretch target to divert additional non-biodegradable waste and therefore has attracted a pump-priming grant of £78K. It is suggested that this grant is spent over the next two financial years (£43K in 2007/8 and £35K in 2008/9).
7. The financial split over two years recognises that none of the pump-priming money has been claimed in 2006/7 (the first year of the LAA target). A concerted effort is needed to make good use of funding in the second and third years of the LAA.

8. It is recognised that this LAA project will run simultaneously with the WRAP 'Recycle for Oxfordshire' campaign in 2007/8. The two projects have been designed to compliment each other rather than create duplication.

Local Area Agreement: Commercial Waste Target.

9. The LAA target for commercial waste is:

'By 2008/9, 60 businesses take part in a programme of awareness raising and support to achieve 60% recycling rate.'

A Project Initiation Document for this target is attached as Annex B. It has already been circulated and approved by OWMSSG, ready to be taken forward to the OWP.

10. This target is not a stretch target and therefore does not have a pump-priming grant or a performance reward grant. The work detailed in the PID already forms the core areas of work undertaken by the County Council's Commercial Waste Reduction Officer.

Governance Arrangements

11. Whilst the PSB has overall responsibility for the delivery of the LAA, individual targets need to be governed by an appropriate body. It is proposed that the OWP assumes responsibility for the three waste targets.
12. This will require the OWP to monitor and manage progress towards the targets and regularly report to the PSB. Appropriate Officers and Officer Groups will support this work, as set out in the Project Initiation Documents.

Recommendations

13. **The OWP is asked to:**
 - (a) ***Agree to become the governing body for the three waste LAA targets;***
 - (b) ***Agree with any amendments required to the Project Initiation Documents for the Municipal and Commercial Waste LAA targets.***

Supporting information

14. **Background papers:**

Annex A – Municipal Waste Recycling PID
Annex B – Commercial Waste Target PID

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