

29 FEBRUARY 2008

LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (LAA2)

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To report progress on OWP related targets to include in LAA2.
- 1.2 To consider endorsing the submissions made.

2. Background

- 2.1 This matter was considered at the last OWP meeting on 30 November 2007 when five potential targets were assessed. The Partnership resolved that:
 - The OWP approves the outline targets for submission to the Public Service Board.
 - The OWP delegates authority to Chairman of the Officer Strategy Group, in consultation with the Chairman of the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership to draft the details of the targets and negotiate with the Public Service Board on behalf of the Partnership; and
 - An updated report is presented to OWP when further details become available.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 The five draft targets have been assessed by the LAA2 Steering Group and the Public Service Board. At the Public Services Board (PSB) meeting on 5 February 2008, it was agreed that OWP consider reducing the targets by one (i.e. to four) and that further work be under taken to ensure:-
 - Action Plans have sufficient detail included to ensure that the PSB will be able to monitor progress against the plans over the next 3 years?
 - Resources (funding, people, premises), have been identified to ensure successful delivery of the improvement?
 - Risks have been identified for successful delivery and how are they being mitigated?
 - Monitoring includes accurate and up-to-date relevant data? If not, what is the timescale for gathering?
 - Improvement can be realistically be achieved with the plans and allocated resources?
- 3.2 The OWP Officer Strategy Group considered these requirements at it meeting on 8 February 2008 from which arrangements were made to complete the specific requirements for each target. At this meeting, it was also agreed as required by the PSB that draft target 5, to reduce the number of incidents of fly-tipping, be dropped in favour of the remaining 4 which were felt to be stronger when assessed against the requirements listed in 3.1 above. In recommending this action, officers were minded to suggest to OWP that the relevance of fly tipping be not lost and the actions and resources included in the draft target be

given equal priority in the OWP's work programme and budget allocations. In this way, the case can be made to the PSB that this fifth target can still be included for LAA2 purposes if the opportunity permits.

3.3 The proposed LAA2 Targets are therefore as follows:-

Target 1 – Household Waste Reduction. To keep the amount of waste collected per head below 550kg per person for each year up to and including 2010/11.

Target 2 – Recycling. To achieve a 45% recycling and composting rate by March 2011. To include the collection for composting (or equivalent treatment) of 25,000 tonnes of household food waste.

Target 3 – Reduction in the amount of commercial waste landfilled. To include the identification of a further 5,000 tonnes of waste reduction by local businesses by 2011 and 25% of businesses audited to implement recommendations within 3 months of the audit.

Target 4 – To ensure that the percentage of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of litter, detritus, graffiti and fly posting that fall below an acceptable standard (below grade B) by March 2011 is 9% or less for litter and detritus, 2% or less for graffiti and 2% or less for flytipping.

3.4 All four targets are consistent with the OWP Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy and Action Plan, correlate to specific new National Indicators and have received initial informal support from GOSE.

3.5 The funding requirements for the actions of each target have been assessed as deliverable through a combination of OWP core budget, New Initiatives Fund, partner core budgets and external funding. It was on this basis that the Officer Strategy Group recommended to the OWP Chairman who subsequently agreed that they be submitted for further Public Service Board consideration on 4 March 2008.

4. **Financial, Risk and Staff Implication**

4.1 Within the current LAA structure, the OWP is the lead partnership and governance body for these targets and it is envisaged that this would continue under the next phase. For each of the targets there is a certain amount of staff commitment and time required in co-ordinating and implementing the required actions. Wherever possible, this additional work has been added to the work programmes of existing OWP groups to avoid extra work and duplication.

4.2 Under the existing LAA, the OWP has received pump-priming to fund activities required to meet the two stretch targets. It also is highly likely to receive some reward money if these targets are achieved. The financial arrangements for LAA2 are different in that there will be no pump-priming funding and the details of reward grant has not been confirmed. More detail should become available over the coming months.

5. **Affected Areas**

5.1 All Partner Authorities are affected by the matters within this report.

6. **Effects on Strategic Policies**

6.1 The new LAA targets will build upon the targets and policies with the Joint Waste Management Strategy and assist the OWP to meet its objectives.

7. Options or Alternatives

7.1 Amended or additional target areas may be proposed. Alternatively, OWP may choose not to submit any targets for inclusion within the LAA2. In doing so, it would forego the opportunity to access any available funding or other support.

8. Recommendations

8.1 It is recommended that:-

(i) OWP endorses the submission of Targets 1 – 4 as outlined above and urges the PSB to include target 5, fly tipping, if the opportunity exists;

(ii) Further consideration be given to the inclusion of the actions required to deliver the targets in the 2008/09 work programme and that of subsequent years following agreement of the LAA2 programme and targets.

(iii) The OWP 2008/09 core budget and New Initiative Fund criteria be reviewed in light of the funding required to support the actions to deliver the LAA2 targets if approved by the Public services board and GOSE.

9. Reasons for Recommendation

9.1 The targets as submitted provide the best opportunity to further the aims and objections of the OWP.

9.2 Integration with OWP annual action plan will provide a management and delivery framework to meet the projected targets and secure additional reward grant.

9.3 There is no pump priming LAA2 funding available so full resourcing plans for LAA2 activities must be prepared by those organisations responsible for specific targets.

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