

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP**30 MARCH 2007****LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT TARGET FOR MUNICIPAL WASTE RECYCLING****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). All the District Councils and the County Council are represented on the PSB and are party to this agreement.
2. A report was brought to OWP on the 26th January 2007, to seek comments on how best to spend the £78K pump-priming money that the Municipal Waste LAA Target has attracted. A number of comments were made and these have been taken into account and are reflected in the Project Initiation Document attached as Annex A.
3. It was also suggested that Officers of the Waste Management Projects Group (WMPG) be given additional time to comment on the PID and make further suggestions on how best to spend the pump-priming money.

Comments and suggestions from Waste Management Projects Group

4. WMPG Officers were given an opportunity to feed in additional ideas and some suggestions were received from Cherwell District Council.
5. Cherwell District Council proposed to use £12,960 to produce 3 different types of bin stickers (160,000 stickers in total) for usage in their District area.

The aim of these stickers is to:

- Reduce contamination in the brown garden waste and the blue recycling bin;
- Increase participation & knowledge about the recycling and the garden waste scheme; and
- Reduce waste in the green rubbish bin.

The stickers would be hand delivered by the crews through a rolling programme, starting as soon as the stickers are produced.

Latest version of the PID

6. The Cherwell District Council bid would require approximately one sixth of the total funding available. It was felt that this was not the best use of funds to deliver a partnership project aimed at recycling more non-biodegradable waste.
7. The project financing has changed to take into account requests for funds to be available for specific projects within each Local Authority. A total fund of £21,470 (£10,735 in both 2007/8 and 2008/9) has been allocated as a specific project fund.

8. It is recommended that the Projects Group develops options on how to best utilise this funding and that the Officer Strategy Group is asked to approve the expenditure.

Recommendations

9. The OWP is asked to:
 - (a) *Agree the revised Project Initiation Document for the Municipal Waste LAA targets;*
 - (b) *Agree the £21,470 specific fund available to individual Local Authorities.*

Supporting information

11. Background papers:

Annex A – Municipal Waste Recycling PID

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