

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

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Draft Sustainable Communities Strategy Consultation

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider the Sustainable Communities Strategy consultation document prepared by the Oxfordshire Partnership.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Oxfordshire Partnership is the local strategic partnership for Oxfordshire. It brings together organisations from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors.

- 2.2 The Oxfordshire Partnership has issued a Draft Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). This strategy sets a long-term vision to improve the quality of life within Oxfordshire. The draft strategy has been issued for consultation to key thematic partnerships, including the OWP. A copy of the consultation document is attached at appendix 1.

- 2.3 The Oxfordshire Partnership specifically requests feedback on:
- The pledges (promises the Partnership will make to the community);
 - Actions and targets to meet those pledges;
 - Which partnerships could be involved in implementing actions.

The revised draft strategy will go to the Oxfordshire Partnership for discussion/agreement at their next meeting on the 11th December. It will then be issued for public consultation in January and February 2008.

- 2.4 Waste management is identified as a priority work area within the “Environment and Climate Change” theme of the SCS. A pledge is made to reduce, reuse and recycle, and the suggested actions include developing integrated waste management systems, reducing packaging and addressing business waste as well as household waste. The OWP is named as the lead partnership for the delivery of these actions, which are consistent with the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy objectives.
- 2.5 The “Environment and Climate Change” theme also contains a pledge for a “Cleaner & Greener” county and the satisfaction people have with their neighbourhoods is mentioned as a potential target area. This is very much in keeping with our current Local Area Agreement (LAA) environment target to increase the number of people who express satisfaction with cleanliness standards in their area. The OWP should also perhaps be named as lead partnership for the delivery of this area.
- 2.6 The consultation lists the new national performance indicator set. The OWP is listed as the lead organisation for five measures. These are:
- NI 191 Residual household waste per head
 - NI 192 Household waste recycled and composted
 - NI 193 Municipal waste land filled
 - NI 195 Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of graffiti, litter, detritus and fly posting)
 - NI 196 Improved street and environmental cleanliness – fly tipping

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- 2.7 Consultees are also asked to suggest indicators that may be used to support the delivery of the SCS within the new Local Area Agreement (LAA2). The development of potential target areas for LAA2 is considered in more detail elsewhere on today's agenda.

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial or staff implications at this stage. The inclusion of waste management and Clean & Green as priority work areas, together with the suggested actions may help to secure the inclusion of OWP related targets within LAA2.

4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 The SCS is a countywide document.
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5 Effect on Strategic Policies

- 5.1 The broad nature of the SCS means that it may potentially impact upon a number of the Strategic Policies within the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

6 Options or Alternatives

- 6.1 Amendments and additions to the draft SCS may be proposed.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 That the OWP coordinator feeds back any suggested amendments and/or additions raised by the committee.

8 Reasons for Recommendations

- 8.1 To enable customer satisfaction through delivery of effective and efficient services to Oxfordshire residents that minimise the overall tax burden at the best possible value, and to meet or exceed performance required by statutory and locally agreed targets.

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Background Papers: