

**OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE**

**30 November 2007**

**Local Area Agreement**

**1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To consider and approve the suggested targets for inclusion within Local Area Agreement 2.

**2 Background**

- 2.1 As part of the current Local Area Agreement (LAA) between the Public Service Board and the Government Office of the South East, the OWP has taken on the governance of the three environmental targets.
- 2.2 The current targets are as follows:
- To increase the recycling rate from 33% to 38% by 31 March 2009. Included in this is 4,875 extra tonnes of non-biodegradable waste to be recycled between 2006/07 and 2008/09 inclusive.
  - Reduce by 9% (from 2004/05 Oxfordshire average 20%) the proportion of relevant land and highways assessed as having combined deposits of litter and detritus falling below an ac standard. Included in this is an increase in the number of people who express satisfaction with cleanliness standards in their area to 69.58% from 62.6% by March 2009
  - 60 businesses achieve 60% recycling rate by employers and businesses taking part in a programme of awareness-raising and support directed at those organisations and businesses we have identified as willing to be engaged in resource efficiency.
- 2.3 The current LAA runs from 2006/7 to 2008/9 inclusive. The Public Service Board is now considering the next LAA which starts on 1 April 2008 and will run initially in parallel to the current agreement for 2008/9 to 2010/11 inclusive. The Board is now inviting suggested targets from the different partnerships across Oxfordshire for LAA 2.
- 2.4 It has been proposed that the OWP submits suggested targets that build on the current ones, but that are also in line with the OWP strategy and its associated targets. Some suggested targets are set out in paragraph 2.5 below.
- 2.5 Target 1 – To decrease the amount of residual waste per household.

This indicator would be in line with the proposed OWP financial arrangements that are based upon reducing residual waste, and is also in keeping with the new National Indicator 191 - Residual household waste per head.

Target 2 – To increase household waste recycled and composted

This target would be to improve levels of recycling and composting above national targets and possibly ahead of our Joint Strategy schedule. It would help reduce LATS liabilities and is in line with National Indicator 192 - Household waste recycled and composted.

Target 3 – To reduce the carbon footprint of Oxfordshire Business' through waste reduction

This would build upon the current LAA target on commercial waste but focus on the carbon

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tonnes displaced by increased recycling/composting and overall business waste reduction. Business waste audits can be used to calculate the potential impact a business can achieve by changing its waste management practices and a further monitoring survey used to monitor actual change.

Target 4 – To reduce the levels of litter, detritus, graffiti and fly posting in the County

This would extend the current target to include graffiti and fly-posting to improve street and environmental cleanliness. A county-wide education and awareness campaign would result in a reduction in unacceptable levels of each of these and would increase satisfaction in cleanliness. This target is aligned with the National Indicator 195 - Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of graffiti, litter, detritus and fly posting).

Target 5 – To reduce the number of incidents of fly-tipping within Oxfordshire.

This new target would focus on greater enforcement measures and awareness raising to reduce the impact of this countywide problem. It is in line with the new National Indicator 196 Improved street and environmental cleanliness – fly tipping

### **3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications**

- 3.1** Within the current LAA structure, the OWP is the lead partnership and governance body for three of the targets (listed in 2.2 above) and it is envisaged that this would continue under the next phase (the Sustainable Communities Strategy considered elsewhere on today's agenda has been drafted on this basis). 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.
- 3.2** Under the existing agreement, the OWP has received pump-priming to fund activities required to meet the two stretch targets. It also will receive some reward money if these targets are achieved. The financial arrangements for LAA2 are currently unclear and officers are yet to receive detail of levels of reward or pump priming grant. More detail should become available over the coming months.

### **4 Areas Affected**

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

### **5 Effect on Strategic Policies**

- 5.1 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.

### **6 Options or Alternatives**

- 6.1 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.

### **7 Recommendations**

