

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

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Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy Action plans

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To report progress on the implementation of the 2007/08 Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) action plans.

2 Background

- 2.1 The OWP received JMWMS action plans for 2007/08 at its meeting of 30th March 2007. These include a joint action plan together with individual plans for each of the partner authorities. This report provides an update on the performance of these plans to date.
- 2.2 The action plans are attached at appendix 1. Each action has been assigned a “traffic light” score to indicate whether the project is:
- Completed or on track (green)
 - Progressing, but with some outstanding issues or concerns (amber)
 - Not progressing as planned (red)

Some comments have also been added to provide an update on the progress of each action. The actions are generally proceeding well and there are few serious areas of concern. A summary of progress is given in paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4 below.

2.3 Joint waste action plan

Amber scores

- Many of the Amber scores relate to the fact that the OWP budget for 2008/09 has yet to be agreed. The longer term continuation of a number of the actions is contingent on this.
- The enforcement plan and joint policies on controlling waste and trade waste abuse have yet to be developed. This is being addressed by the on-going officer group re-structure which will see the formation of a revised Clean & Green/Environmental Protection officer group to prioritise this work area.
- The partnership could also perhaps be doing more to reduce its own waste arisings and to develop a “buy recycled” policy. Other actions have been prioritised to date.

Green scores (highlights only)

- The WRAP funded “Recycle for Oxfordshire” campaign continues to be delivered to time and budget.
- The JMMWMS waste reduction tools are being delivered.
- The procurement of residual waste facilities is proceeding well.
- OWP is responding jointly to government consultations.

2.4 Individual authorities action plans

Red scores

- Due to staff shortages, Cherwell District Council has not yet developed its internal waste reduction targets.

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- The County council has not yet taken forward a joint approach to waste enforcement, which directly links to the enforcement plan listed within the joint waste action plan.
- South Oxfordshire also lists the control of trade waste abuse as an area of concern.
- Vale of White Horse has not yet been able to develop a food waste collection scheme pilot due to the lack of an outlet for the collected material.
- Vale of White Horse has so far been unable to identify events for promotional roadshows under the WRAP campaign.

Amber scores

- Cherwell's aim of recycling more bulky waste has yet to be achieved, although work is on-going.
- Oxford City has more in depth work to complete on the exploration of a food waste collection pilot.
- The County Councils' resources for a "savvy shopping" campaign have instead been channelled towards the forthcoming Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) communications campaign.
- The County Council has encountered some difficulties in sourcing markets for wood recovered at its Waste Recycling Centres.
- Although progressing well, work is still on-going on the County Councils' major procurements (residual waste and food waste treatment).
- South Oxfordshire's schools out reach work has not focussed on waste minimisation this year (litter has been the main area covered).
- Internal waste reduction targets are yet to be set in South Oxfordshire.
- More work is needed to provide recycling information and services for flat dwellers in South Oxfordshire.
- Work is on-going to implement an alternative to the current green sack scheme in the Vale of White Horse.
- Internal waste reduction targets have yet to be set in the Vale of White Horse.
- Further work is needed to agree the contractors' improvement plan and targets in the Vale of White Horse.

Green scores (highlights only)

- Cherwell District Council has completed research on food waste collection schemes.
- Cherwell District Council has introduced on-street recycling bins in its main towns.
- Cherwell District Council has introduced collection points for household batteries.
- Cherwell District Council has provided bottle bags to residents to promote glass recycling and was a finalist in the LARAC awards for this work.
- The City Council has introduced a new comprehensive garden waste and dry recycling kerbside collection system based on an alternate week cycle.
- The City Council has expanded the recycling opportunities that it offers to commercial customers and gained WRAP and BREW funding to support this work
- The recycling participation rates of flats dwellers within Oxford City have been increased.
- The County Council has lead on the development of a marketing campaign to support the OWP's LAA targets on recycling.
- The Community Action Groups project continues to flourish.
- Over 200 waste audits have been provided by the County Council to Oxfordshire businesses this year
- The County Council has met its major project milestones for the procurement of residual waste treatment facilities.
- South Oxfordshire has successfully completed a public consultation exercise on future waste management services.
- The number of residents using South Oxfordshire's Brown bin service is increasing in line with targets.

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- South Oxfordshire is drafting new waste services contract documents in partnership with the Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire District Councils.
- Vale of White Horse has expanded its mini-recycling centre service to 100 locations.
- Additional recycling facilities and information has been provided for flat dwellers in the Vale of White Horse.

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 The action plans will be delivered within the agreed 2007/08 budgets for the OWP and for the partner authorities.

4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 A countywide OWP action plan is in place, together with specific action plans for each Waste Collection Authority area.

5 Effect on Strategic Policies

- 5.1 The action plans are designed to progress each of the strategic policies within the JMWMS. However, the 2007/08 action plans do not contain any actions to assist the development of local markets for recovered materials (policy 13). This will be addressed when the Officer Strategy Group meets to develop the 2008/09 JMWMS action plan.

6 Options or Alternatives

- 6.1 This is the first performance monitoring report on the JMWMS to be considered by the committee. Improvements or amendments to the reporting format may be proposed.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 That the progress report is noted and that an outturn report is provided to the May 2008 meeting of the committee.

8 Reasons for Recommendations

- 8.1 To implement the JMWMS.

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Background Papers: