

ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

USING MATERIALS MORE EFFICIENTLY – LAA PRIORITY G

1. Using Materials More Efficiently

- 1.1 The Portfolio Holder for the Environment proposes to sign up to priority G of the Local Area Agreement following the recommendation to do so from the meeting of the Environmental Review Panel which was held on the 28th June 2007.
- 1.2 The Local Area agreement is a 3 year agreement between partners in Hampshire and the Government to improve lives and conditions in Hampshire communities. The Local Area agreement runs for 3 years from April 2006 to March 2009. It is an opportunity to strengthen working to deliver real improvement and achieve greater flexibility around funding as well as removing the barriers to delivery.
- 1.3 The key priority areas of this agreement are;
 - 1.3.1 To reduce construction waste, by the substitution of recovered materials in new build developments and major refurbishments.
 - 1.3.2 To increase recycling in the non municipal sector
- 1.4 As part of the Project Integra Partnership the Council has a statutory role as a Waste Collection Authority, however the materials resources approach covers the whole range of council services and not just the statutory waste function. These include Economic Development and Planning Policy.
- 1.5 The implications for us signing up to this agreement have been limited to us only signing up in principal to the 9 ambitions which are identified in report to the Environment Review Panel and are attached in appendix A.

2. REASON

- 2.1 By signing up to this agreement will allow us to meet a number of our community strategy priorities however by working in partnership with the rest of the public sector on common issues it will provide a critical mass which will enable things to happen which on our own would not have been possible

3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

3.1 One alternative have been considered:

3.1.1 Not signing up to this agreement; this would have severely weakened our position with regards partnership working in Hampshire and especially with the other LAA priority areas.

4. PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S DECISION

4.1 I propose to sign Local Area Agreement Priority G, as set out in Appendix A to this decision.

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Date

06 - 08 - 2007

Cllr Michael Thierry
Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Date on which notice given of this Decision:

6 August 2007

Last date for call in: 13 August 2007

Environment Review Panel 28th June 2007

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This paper outlines what the Council needs to do to deliver those priority actions required towards the successful delivery of Local Area Agreement priority G 'Use Material Resources More Efficiently' and recommends that;
- 1.1.1 Specific actions are developed in order to deliver our ambitions for the corporate approach to materials
 - 1.1.2 Outputs and outcomes are measured and reported back to the LAA lead on priority G.
- 1.2 The Local Area Agreement is a 3 year agreement between partners in Hampshire and the Government to improve lives and conditions in Hampshire Communities. The Agreement focuses the attention of partners on 8 priority outcomes drawn from the Hampshire Community Strategy and the 11 District Community Strategies.
- 1.3 The LAA runs from April 06 – March 09. It is an opportunity to strengthen partnership working to deliver real improvement against these priorities. It is also an important means to work with the Government to achieve greater flexibility around funding and to remove barriers to delivery.

2. USING MATERIAL RESOURCES MORE EFFICIENTLY

- 2.1 Key priority G of the LAA is to 'use material resources more efficiently'
- to reduce construction waste by substitution of recovered material in new build development and major refurbishment;
 - Increase recycling in the non municipal sector
- 2.2 As part of the Project Integra partnership, the Council has a statutory role as a Waste Collection Authority. The material resources approach, however, covers the whole range of Council services and not just the statutory waste function and includes planning, procurement, premises management, environmental services economic development etc.
- 2.3 We are in the position to use all our key services and duties to impact upon the whole range of materials, and so provide leadership amongst our community across the whole material resources agenda.
- 2.4 This will meet a number of our community strategy priorities, however by working in partnership with the rest of the Public Sector, on common issues, it will provide a critical mass which will enable things to happen which on our own would not have been possible.

2.5 For example in terms of planning policy, discussion with the building and construction industry suggests that policies on sustainability need to be consistent across each council for developers to be able to apply them successfully.

3 Delivering the Local Area Agreement

3.1 Each District, and the County Council, has identified a corporate lead at officer level for material resources, and they are meeting on a regular basis to work together on this priority.

3.2 The Assistant Director of Commercial Services is taking an overview on how the Council is delivering on this particular priority across all of our business units. When drawn together, New Forest District Council, with the other Councils provides leadership, and the delivery of measurable outcomes, across the whole material resources agenda. A joint signing of our ambitions is planned for some time in 2007

4. What are the implications for us?

4.1 The key point about the MR approach is that it requires all sectors to start to do things differently. In local government terms, material resources becomes a corporate issue requiring integrated action across a range of different services in all local authorities.

Specifically our ambitions are to;

- a. Develop a planning policy in our Local Development Framework, which ensures that all new built development and major refurbishments are built to a common Hampshire wide sustainability specification, including the requirement to use recycled material in construction.
- b. Use our major capital build programmes as examples of good practice for sustainable building, and the use of recycled materials.
- c. Deliver increased diversion of waste from landfill, whilst minimising cost to the environment and taxpayer, through the Partner Implementation Programmes within the Project Integra Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.
- d. Ensure recycling services are available at our major Council owned sites.
- e. Identify where the corporate procurement of large amounts of materials occurs and work to specify alternatives to increase the proportion of recycled material used.
- f. Provide community leadership on this agenda, by influencing partners, contractors, service providers, and commercial tenants, to deliver on this agenda.
- g. Identifying a senior corporate lead responsible for the delivery of the priority area for this target

- h. Communicating progress and outcomes to Officers, Members and the wider community.
- i. Implementing the above within the period of the LAA i.e. by 2009 and reporting on progress every six months, through the LAA performance reporting process.

5. MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 5.1 The LAA Executive and Board meet regularly to review progress on this issue, and the other LAA priorities. We need to be able to feed back information on actual outcomes that we have achieved, and to continue working with Hampshire County Council who are leading on this issue, so that they are able to report back to the LAA executive in time for their 6 monthly reporting cycle.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The key objectives of this initiative are clear and seek aim to get local authorities working together in a joined up manner to use materials more effectively.

7. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None

8. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 This project will be accessible to all sections of the community and small businesses where appropriate.

9. PORTFOLIO HOLDERS COMMENTS

- 9.1 To be inserted later

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 The White Paper on Local Government places increasing emphasis on Local Area Agreements as a way of delivering what our communities want.
- 10.2 The ambitions set out above have been developed jointly with the all the other Local Authorities in Hampshire, the Council needs to develop an action plan which translates how these ambitions can be delivered in our area, and who should take a lead in delivering each of these.

11. RECOMMENDATION

- 11.1 That the Environmental Review Panel debate the issues contained in this paper and challenge the officers recommendations that:

- a) Specific actions are developed in order to deliver our ambitions for the corporate approach to material resources.
- b) Measurable outputs and outcomes are defined and reported back via the LAA lead on Priority G.
- c) That the Council sign up to Priority G of the Local Area Agreement.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

On headed paper

Sign Up Agreement

The Local Area Agreement is a 3 year agreement between partners in Hampshire and the Government to improve lives and conditions in Hampshire Communities. The Agreement focuses the attention of partners on 8 Priority outcomes drawn from the Hampshire Community Strategy and the 11 District Community Strategies.

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Agreement to participate in and achieve Priority 7

Use material resources more efficiently

- Reduce construction waste by substitution of recovered material in new build development and major refurbishment
- Increase recycling in the non municipal sector

In respect of the above priority(insert name of organisation).....
formally agrees to deliver a corporate approach to the use of materials
through the Local Area Agreement.

Signed..... M Thierry

Position..... Portfolio Holder Environment

Date 26th July, 2007

www.hants.gov.uk/localareaagreement

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- 4. Ensure recycling services are available at our major council owned sites.**
- 5. Identify where the corporate procurement of large amounts of materials occurs and work to specify alternatives to increase the proportion of recycled material used.**
- 6. Provide community leadership on this agenda, by influencing partners, contractors, service providers, and commercial tenants, to deliver on this agenda.**

And to monitor and ensure progress by

- 7. Identifying a senior corporate lead responsible for the delivery of the priority area for this target**
- 8. communicating progress and outcomes to staff, Members and wider community.**
- 9. implementing the above within the period of the LAA i.e. by 2009 and reporting on progress every six months, through the LAA performance reporting process.**