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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING</b>	<b>REF: JRH/SAC</b>
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### **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 That Members note the action being taken to deal with the domestic waste it collects and increase recycling and composting to meet national targets.

### **2.0 Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 To give Members an overview of the current position in regard to the domestic waste it collects and the measures in place and being developed to reduce, recycle and compost this waste.

### **3.0 Detail**

#### Introduction

- 3.1 Every year, over 400,000 tonnes of household waste are produced in Derbyshire with approximately 38,000 tonnes from South Derbyshire. To tackle this growing problem, all Councils in the county have worked together to produce the Derbyshire Waste Management Strategy. This has three key objectives:
- reduce the amount of waste that is produced
  - make the best use of waste that is produced through recycling, composting or recovering energy from it
  - minimise the risk of pollution from waste management practices

- 3.2 Detailed strategies for different parts of the county have also been prepared. South Derbyshire along with the City of Derby and the districts of Erewash and Amber Valley are included in the South East Sub Area. For this area, which produces 55% of the County's household waste, the strategy seeks to make an early impact on targets for waste management and to establish priorities for a new integrated waste management contract across Derbyshire.
- 3.3 In South Derbyshire the Council is the waste collection authority and the County Council is the waste disposal authority. The latter's disposal contract, with Waste Recycling Group, expires in 2005. The Council is currently engaged in an officer/member process, across all local authorities in the county, to consider integrated approaches to a new waste management contract. At present this joint grouping is considering expressions of interest by six national waste contractors with a view to open tendering in 2003. The new contract is likely to be for between 15 and 20 years and worth several tens of millions of pounds.

The contract will include requirements for the meeting of national waste targets.

- to recycle or compost at least 30% of household waste by 2010
- to recycle or compost at least 33% of household waste by 2015

- 3.4 The 4 local authorities mentioned in para. 3.2 have now signed agreements for Brightstar Environmental to develop an innovative, high technology Solid Waste and Energy Recovery Facility that will be located at Sinfin (Derby). The new plant is expected to be operational by early 2005.

#### Waste management and Recycling

- 3.5 The amount of waste collected per head of population is high compared to other areas (14% above average) and continues to increase. This year, we expect to collect 486 kg per head compared with 467 kg last year and 460 kg the year previously. We know that we need to give more attention to waste minimisation measures and to actively promoting the 'message' within the community.
- 3.6 The cost of waste collection (including recycling and composting) is also high compared to other Councils and we are investigating the reasons for this. This year, we expect the cost per household to be £35.85, an increase of about 3%.
- 3.7 The Government has set us a target of recycling or composting 14% of household waste by 2003/2004 and 21% by 2005/2006. In 2001/2, we achieved a rate of 10.2%. This year, our target is 12.5% but our estimated performance is 11.2%. Some of the actions we are taking to meet the national targets are discussed below. Our performance is a little higher than the national average but is likely to be at significantly better than average cost.

- 3.8 Glass, cans and plastic are collected from about 70 'Bring Sites' located throughout the district. A small number also have facilities for the collection of newspapers and textiles. We also undertake various education and promotional activities, such as the 'rags to riches' project with local schools. About 90% of the population is served by a kerbside collection scheme for paper.
- 3.9 Last year, we recycled 6.2% of the total household waste collected and this is expected to rise to 6.5% in the current year.
- 3.10 The Council is also trying to encourage the composting of kitchen and garden waste. In 1996, a pilot project was launched to collect compostable waste from 1,200 homes. The trial was successful and the scheme now covers nearly 8,000 homes in the Etwall, Eggington, Hatton, Hilton, Repton, Twyford, Willington and Melbourne areas.
- 3.11 The scheme is run in partnerships with Biffa Waste at Etwall and Sita Waste at Lount. Other partnerships are also being explored as the scheme needs to be expanded by 4,000 properties a year in order to meet Government targets.
- 3.12 Last year, we composted 4.0% of household waste. This year, our target (based on further expansion of the scheme) is 6.2% but our estimated performance is 4.7%
- 3.13 The 2000/2001 User satisfaction surveys indicated very high levels of satisfaction with our refuse collection service, although less for recycling facilities as the following table shows.

<b>BEST VALUE USER SATISFACTION SURVEYS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT AND CLEANSING</b>			
<b>BVPI Number</b>	<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Percentage very/fairly satisfied (confidence interval)</b>	
		<b>South Derbyshire</b>	<b>Top Performing District Councils</b>
90a	Waste collection	90.0% (+/-1.8%)	91%
90b	Recycling facilities	68.3% (+/-2.9%)	75%

- 3.14 Waste Minimisation and Recycling were included in the scope of the Cleansing the Environment Best Value Review. The Action Plan includes some 23 items in regard to these issues. A separate report to the Committee identifies the progress on this Plan.

