

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Waste Minimisation

The Plan seeks to build on the partnership working that is already being undertaken within the Derbyshire Integrated Waste Management Group (Derbyshire County Council in its capacity as the Waste Disposal Authority, Derby City in its capacity as both Waste Disposal and Waste Collection Authority, and all the Derbyshire Borough and District Authorities in their capacities as Waste Collection Authorities).

The main thrust of the work concerns awareness raising and education, the promotion of re-usable nappies and the promotion of home composting.

The Plan includes provision for the Council to review its current waste management policies and to seek re-use alternatives.

The detailed Action Plan is shown below:

Waste Min. Option	Action	Performance Measures	Deadline
WM1: Increase awareness/ education.	Continue to participate in the Derbyshire Integrated Waste Management Group and other interested groups' initiatives.	Number of initiatives undertaken annually. Measure of their effectiveness.	Ongoing.
	Continue to maintain, update and improve information on the Council's web site.	Regular review as required. Consultation.	Ongoing.
WM 2: Support re-usable nappies.	To continue to participate in the Derbyshire Real Nappy Project.	Number of initiatives undertaken annually. Measure of their effectiveness.	Ongoing.
	Take opportunities to increase awareness through recycling schemes' publicity information.	Number of initiatives undertaken annually. Measure of their effectiveness.	Ongoing.

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WM3: Promote home composting	Continue to participate in the Derbyshire County/WRAP Home Composting Initiative.	Increase in the number of home composters in the District.	Ongoing.
WM4: Promote Re-use	Encourage diversion from bulky waste stream by developing re-use partnerships.	Decrease in bulky collections.	2006/07 onwards.
	Take opportunities to increase awareness through recycling schemes' publicity information.	Decrease in bulky collections.	2006/07 onwards.
WM5: Review waste collection policies - Side refuse. Bin lids - open or closed. Larger bins policy. Bin sizes.	Options appraisal report to Members.	Reduction in domestic waste for disposal.	October 2006.
WM6: Reduce junk mail	Promote Mail preference service on website and communications with residents	Increase in use of the Mail Preference Service	April 2006.
WM7: Encourage new shopping habits	Promote use of local markets, unpackaged foods and purchasing direct from producers through web-site and other publicity information. Continue to participate in the Derbyshire Integrated Waste Management Group and other interested groups' lobbying and initiatives.	Reduced packaging in the domestic waste stream (aspiring rather than measurable).	Ongoing.

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WM8: Reduce domestic waste for disposal in high waste producing areas.	Identify high waste producing areas. Research and investigate potential reasons/solutions. Implement a pilot scheme to reduce waste. Continue to participate in the Derbyshire Integrated Waste Management Group and other interested groups' initiatives.	Decrease in domestic waste for disposal in high waste producing areas.	06/07 & ongoing.

The Government expects Councils to be addressing and reducing the levels of household waste being collected. The Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI 84) for the amount of waste collected per head of population places South Derbyshire in the worst quartile for English District Councils, this is in common with three other Derbyshire District Councils. However, Derbyshire as a County is in the best performing quartile for this indicator.

The table below compares the waste collected in Derbyshire against the waste collected in Leicestershire. The waste collected by District Councils in Derbyshire is greater than in Leicestershire but the amount of waste collected at Civic Amenity Sites is much greater in Leicestershire than in Derbyshire. The differences will be due to a number of factors such as differing waste collection systems and the level of Civic Amenity Sites provision.

	Derbyshire	Leicestershire
Average waste collected by District Councils.	429kg/person/year	358kg/person/year
Average waste to Civic Amenity Sites	52kg/person/year	172kg/person/year
Total	481kg/person/year	530kg/person/year

Nevertheless the effective implementation of the Waste Minimisation Action Plan detailed above will demonstrate the Council's commitment and efforts to minimise the amount of waste being collected.

Recycling

The Plan seeks to build on the Council's current schemes. It provides for the Compost Scheme to be implemented across the whole of the district over the next four years (the scheme has been implemented so far in 18,000 households out of the current 36,000 households in the district).

It provides for the "Green Boxes Scheme", or equivalent, to be implemented across the whole of the district over the next four years (the scheme has been implemented so far in 24,000 households in the district, including all the households serviced by the Compost Scheme).

The Plan includes actions aimed at increasing participation and capture rates in the Council's recycling schemes.

The Plan seeks to maintain and improve the performance of the Council's 75 recycling Centres.

The Plan reflects that recycling is an activity that has developed rapidly in recent years both in terms of its public profile and technology. The Plan recognises that the Council, and its partners, will need to continue to work together in order to keep pace with future developments.

The detailed Action Plan is shown below:

Recycling/ Composting Option	Action	Performance measure	Deadline
RC1: Review of Compost Kerbside Scheme	Review the Council's current compost scheme taking into account the implementation of the Animal By-Products regulations and its financial implications.	Report for Members' approval.	April 2005.
RC2: Extend compost kerbside scheme	Extend the compost scheme across the whole of the district: 05/06 - 3,000 no. 06/07 - 6,000 no. 07/08 - 6,000 no. 08/09 - 3,000 no.	BVPIs for the kerbside recycling and composting of household waste. (Projected annual increase on the recycling rate of 0.65% per 1,000 properties).	September 2008.

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RC3: Extend paper kerbside collections	3,000 houses (new and existing) to be added onto existing scheme	BVPIs for the kerbside recycling and composting of household waste.	05/06
	'New houses' to be given paper collections when new roads/estates are completed as part of a rolling programme	BVPIs for the kerbside recycling and composting of household waste.	Ongoing.
RC4: Extend dry recyclables kerbside collections (paper, glass, cans, foil & textiles).	Extend "green box" scheme to further 12,000 properties (the first 12,000 properties in the district were placed on the scheme in January 2004).	BVPIs for the kerbside recycling and composting of household waste. (Projected annual increase of 3% on the recycling rate).	November 2004.
	Extend the "green box" scheme across the whole of the district (a further 12,000 properties).	BVPIs for the kerbside recycling and composting of household waste. (Projected annual increase of 3% on the recycling rate).	06/07.
	Add new properties onto collection scheme - review every 6/12 months	Increase tonnage collected	05/06 & ongoing.
RC5: Review the scheme for the collection of dry recyclables in regard to the range of materials collected and the frequency and methods of collection.	Options Appraisal for Members' consideration.	BVPIs for the kerbside recycling and composting of household waste. Public satisfaction. Cost.	05/06.
RC6: Review the provision of recycling centres in regard to numbers, locations, condition, access, signage and usage.	Report for members' consideration.	BVPI for the recycling and composting of household waste. Public satisfaction. Cost.	05/06

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RC7: Improve the performance of the Council's composting and recycling services in regard to participation & capture rates.	Measure and monitor the performance of the services on a round by round basis. Target specific initiatives in low performing areas. Measure the effectiveness of the above initiatives & implement the learning points for future ideas. Maintain a regular waste awareness raising/publicity/ education profile.	BVPI for the recycling and composting of household waste. Public satisfaction.	05/06 & ongoing.

Central Government has set recycling targets for all Councils in recent years culminating in the setting of Statutory Recycling Standards for the financial year 2005/06. The Council's standard is for 21% of all household waste collected to be recycled. The Council is likely to meet the Standard in the current financial year 2004/05. Details of the Council's Recycling performance are shown in Annexe 3 (Best Value Performance Indicators).

No targets or standards have been set beyond 2005/06 but the indications are that Authorities will be expected to work together on a County-wide basis in order to adopt a more holistic approach to increasing the amount of waste recycled.

The Council is working together currently with all the other Derbyshire Authorities to produce a new Waste Strategy for Derbyshire and the Waste Minimisation and Recycling Action Plans outlined above fall into line with the emerging strategy.