

Appendix 7 - Supplementary Information on Justifications for New and Revised EMAS Targets (November 2008)

| Significant Effect and Objective | Proposed New or Amended Target | Reasons for Changes and Target Justifications | Officers Consulted on Target |
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| <p>5. Street cleanliness</p> <p>5.1 Improve street cleanliness in Leicester.</p> | <p>NEW TARGET Relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of the following that fall below the acceptable level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Litter 10% by 08/09 - Detritus 10% by 08/09 - Graffiti 5% by 08/09 - Fly posting 0% by 08/09 | <p>This objective remains unchanged, but the target is a new one based on the new national performance indicator NI 195.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the revised target will be met within existing revenue budgets but this needs to be verified by evaluating the first year (2008/09) results. This indicator has a direct link to productivity and to budget. These targets represent the Service's view of what can be achieved with current resources.</p> | <p>Steve Weston, Head of Waste Management</p> |
| <p>6. The quality of the natural environment on Council owned land</p> <p>6.2 Improve the City's tree cover and condition. NEW OBJECTIVE</p> | <p>6.2a Plant 10,000 trees by 2011. NEW TARGET</p> | <p>Objective 6.2 and target 6.2a have been introduced to reflect the priority given to trees in One Leicester, including the commitment to "plant at least 10,000 more trees across the city". Target 6.2a is based on annual targets for trees to be planted through the 10,000 Trees project up to 2011.</p> <p>Additional budgetary provision of £300,000 up to 2011 has been made available to ensure that this target is met.</p> | <p>Target confirmed by Bob Mullins, Standards and Development Manager, Parks.</p> |
| <p>6. The quality of the natural environment on Council owned land</p> <p>6.3 Improve the quality of Council-owned public open space. NEW OBJECTIVE</p> | <p><i>During the coming year, we will investigate an appropriate target for increasing the quality of City and District Parks as defined in the Greenspaces Strategy.</i></p> | <p>Objective 6.3 has been introduced to reflect the importance of providing high quality public open spaces serving diverse needs, as summed up in the One Leicester vision: "Our parks and open spaces will be beautiful, well cared for and well used."</p> <p>Cabinet should note that the target 6.3a previously proposed has been withdrawn and the wording on the left is proposed to replace it in Appendix 4 of the EMAS report.</p> | <p>Target provided by Bob Mullins, Standards and Development Manager, Parks.</p> |

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| | 6.3b Achieve a 2% increase in the overall quality of provision by 2010/11 from a baseline average of 50% in 2008/09, as measured against the Green Flag Award Criteria. NEW TARGET | Target 6.3b is derived from the Open Space, Recreation and Sport Study carried out for Leicester City Council to comply with PPG17. The City's stock of open spaces was assessed with the results informing the draft Greenspaces Strategy. It is proposed to be monitored biennially based on the nationally recognised 'Green Flag' methodology for assessing open space quality. | Target provided by Bob Mullins, Standards and Development Manager, Parks. |
| | 6.3c Increase park user satisfaction levels from 74% (2005) to 79% (2013). NEW TARGET | Target 6.3c was set to improve on the current service target of 77% for 2008. The satisfaction level of 74% is from the MORI Leicester Residents' Survey (2005) and the proposal is that the 2008 and 2013 surveys will provide the measure of satisfaction. Achieving the target of 79% will move Leicester into the top quartile and reflects the importance of providing high quality public open spaces, as summed up in the One Leicester vision: "Our parks and open spaces will be beautiful, well cared for and well used." As a proxy, target 6.3c is proposed to be monitored through regular parks and green spaces service user satisfaction surveys. | Target provided by Bob Mullins, Standards and Development Manager, Parks. |
| <u>6. The quality of the natural environment on Council owned land</u> 6.4 Enhance the quality of the natural environment in school grounds (EMAS schools) AMENDED OBJECTIVE | 6.4 80% of EMAS schools to have a wildlife or food growing area by April 2012. NEW TARGET | The objective has been broadened. Previously the focus was solely on wildlife. Now it also reflects the importance of food growing by schools in their grounds. The target reflects resources and can be achieved by 2012. Having 80% of EMAS schools with a wildlife or food growing area is a higher proportion than can be found for all schools, either in the City or nationally. | Charlotte Ghaye, Groundwork Leicester & Leicestershire. |
| <u>9. The quality of Leicester's built environment</u> 9.1 Create a sustainable built environment within the City. | 9.1 Increase the percentage of new Planning Applications for Major Developments applying Policy BE16: 75% in 2007/08 85% in 2008/09 90% in 2009/10 AMENDED TARGET | Target 9.1 is based on increasing the level of application of Local Plan Policy BE16, which specifies a minimum percentage of developments' energy requirements to be provided by on-site renewable energy generation. This is achieved by applying Planning Conditions. In November 2007 Cabinet agreed a set of rising annual targets of 75% (2007/08), 80% (2008/09) and 85% (2009/10) of applications for Major Developments for which these Planning Conditions are applied. Based on experience during 2007/08 – in which performance of 84.3% was achieved overall and 100% in some quarters, it is proposed to raise the targets for 2008/09 and 2009/10 to 85% and 90% respectively. Officers are confident that this higher performance can be achieved, with recent market factors having been considered. | Amended target proposed by Alan Gledhill, Better Buildings Officer, based on his experience working with developers to assist their compliance. Amended target approved for inclusion in report by Mike Richardson, Head of Planning |

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| <p><u>12. The Council's Energy and Fuel Use</u></p> <p>12.1 Reduce the Council's total energy consumption. AMENDED OBJECTIVE</p> | <p><u>Overall target:</u> 12.1a To 50% of the 1990 level by 2025. NEW TARGET</p> | <p>A new, overarching, objective (12.1) and target (12.1a) is proposed to be introduced covering <u>all</u> Council energy use – mirroring our CO₂ target (1.1). This provides a basis for the Council to include its street lighting, signage and traffic signalling energy use within the scope of the EMAS improvement programme, alongside buildings and travel which are already included. These additional aspects are very significant (and growing) contributors to energy use – with good potential for savings through energy efficiency measures.</p> <p>Reductions in the Council's total energy consumption are fundamental to progressing the reduction of our carbon footprint (target 1.1) as cost effectively as possible, so it is important that all areas of our energy use are brought into the EMAS improvement programme.</p> <p>A target of 50% is proposed, as this level of improvement is expected to be required for the Council to meet its target for CO₂ reduction. This assumes that renewable energy generation will continue to make only a small contribution to emissions reduction in the short term and that energy efficiency measures will continue to offer the more cost effective approach. However, the roles of renewables will need to be continually reviewed and, should their potential increase, the Council's targets for energy use reduction and renewables generation can be reviewed and updated.</p> | |

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| | <p><u>Sub targets:</u> <i>Sub-targets to be set for Council travel, street lighting and signage/traffic signals during 2009/10.</i></p> | <p>In relation to Council travel, an independent Green Fleet Review undertaken for the Council in 2007 identified significant potential for the Council to reduce the environmental impact of its travel. It suggested a target to “Reduce ‘Grey Fleet’ mileage by 5% P/A ongoing until end 2011/12” and recommended the continued modernisation of the Council Fleet and the roll-out of ‘driver awareness’ training, which has been shown to achieve more than a 10% reduction in emissions for some drivers.</p> <p>Other local authorities are known to have set themselves targets for reducing business travel impact. These include Portsmouth City Council (10% emissions reduction by 2009/10), Derby City Council (6%), Staffordshire and St Edmundsbury. Action by these authorities to meet their targets varies from compulsory driver awareness sessions for pool car users to the introduction of electric vehicles or in-car monitoring equipment to measure driver fuel-efficiency and safety. Whilst these actions do require investment, they can potentially bring savings in reduced insurance premiums and accidents as well as fuel bills.</p> <p>The full, long-term potential for the Council to reduce its travel fuel use is not yet known and it is proposed to investigate this during 2009/10 by working closely with a cross-section of Council services – with the aim of setting a long-term target by the end of 2009/10.</p> <p>In the meantime, action at a service level will be promoted through a Council-wide campaign modelled on the success of the recent “Big Switch Off” and rolled out by the Environment Network – challenging each service to identify fuel savings.</p> <p>Complementing measures taken within each service, existing measures within the Internal Travel Plan to promote cycling, bus use and car sharing should help by shifting the culture away from single occupancy car travel as the first choice for journeys. Funding is currently being sought from the Road Safety Partnership for a driver awareness programme which could reduce fuel use / emissions as well as improve safety. The annual Fleet Replacement Programme will also contribute, as the new vehicles will be more fuel efficient than those they replace.</p> | <p>Michael Jeeves, Team Leader for the Travel Planning and Development Co-ordination Team and David Ison, Group Transport Manager have both been consulted about this target.</p> |
| <p>15. Waste from Leicester 15.1 Reduce household</p> | <p>15.1 To recycle 40% of household waste collected in</p> | <p>Objective broadened to cover waste reduction and other measures to reduce landfill, as well as recycling.</p> | <p>Steve Weston, Head of Waste</p> |

* The term ‘Grey Fleet’ refers to staff’s own vehicles in use for business travel.

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| waste and the percentage landfilled. AMENDED OBJECTIVE | 2009/10. AMENDED TARGET | The target of 40% is a contractual requirement and the target date has been rolled forward to 2009/10 as it was not achieved by the original deadline of 2006/07. No additional resources are required to achieve the target. | Management |
| 17. Council use of paper 17.2 Increase the use of recycled paper as a percentage of overall paper use. AMENDED OBJECTIVE | 17.2 To meet the following standards for recycled paper use from 2009/10: All publications, leaflets, flyers and posters to use at least 75% recycled paper. All site and volume photocopying to use 100% post consumer waste paper. All Council stationery to use 100% post consumer waste. All printing of web products (e.g. Link) to be 100% recycled paper. All basic digital colour low volume printing to be on 100% post consumer waste paper. NEW TARGET | Until now, comprehensive monitoring of the Council's recycled paper use has not been possible and hence no target has been set. With the introduction of a corporate print contract, monitoring is now taking place – allowing a target to be set and the Council's performance measured against it. The level of performance proposed in the target (17.2) is based on many years of experience in the Council specifying recycled paper products appropriate to user requirements. Based on this experience, less stringent minimum standards are being proposed for two categories: 'publications, leaflets, flyers and posters' and printing of 'web products' where client requirements or product availability may sometimes preclude the use of recycled paper with a 100% post consumer waste content. Officers are confident that these standards are achievable. We will look to ensure that a statement of recycled content is included on all publications – to demonstrate what the Council is doing on this issue. In relation to digital colour low volume printing, the standard proposed relates only to 'basic' printing. Creativity Works is currently testing recycled paper options for use in high quality digital colour printing. Hence, a standard for this category is not currently being proposed. It is hoped to propose one in the coming year. | Standards for target 17.2 have been developed by Kevin Vernon in Creativity Works. |
| 17. Council use of paper 17.3 Increase the use of recycled paper in schools (EMAS schools). | 17.3 All EMAS schools to use recycled paper by 2012. AMENDED TARGET | The target has been amended as a result of difficulties in obtaining data for monitoring the previous target on the total amount of recycled paper used in EMAS schools. EMAS schools will be asked to pledge to using recycled paper whenever it is appropriate. Schools will not be obliged to use recycled paper all of the time because there is a slight additional cost associated with purchasing recycled paper. | Charlotte Ghaye, Groundwork Leicester & Leicestershire. |