

Appendix 4: Proposed Changes to EMAS Objectives and Targets – December 2010

Summary of Changes Proposed December 2010		
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7.1 – Quantity and accessibility of public open space	New target (drawn from LDF and Greenspace Strategy)	2
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18.1 – Public and partners' action	New monitoring arrangement	3
5.1 – Litter, detritus, graffiti, fly posting (NI195)	Update existing target.	4
6.1 – Management of Local Wildlife Sites (NI197)	Update existing target.	4
9.1 – Renewable energy for Major Developments	Update existing target.	4
15.1 – Household waste	Update existing target.	4
12.1a – Council energy use	Remove target but retain objective (covered by Target 1.1)	5
12.1b – Council buildings energy use	Remove target but retain objective (covered by Target 1.1)	5
12.2 – Council use of renewable energy	Remove target but retain objective (start reporting total installed capacity – but no target)	5
12.3 – Schools energy use	Remove target but retain objective (covered by Target 1.2)	5
12.4 – Schools use of renewable energy	Remove target but retain objective (start reporting total installed capacity – but no target)	5
7.2 – Open space in school grounds	Remove objective.	5
Changes Already Approved by Cabinet Since the Last Annual EMAS Report (November 2009)		
Objective/Target (Summarised)	Change Agreed	Date of Decision
1.1 – Council's carbon dioxide emissions	Baseline changed from 1990 to 2008/09.	Cabinet, 29 th March 2010
1.2 – Schools' carbon dioxide emissions	New target added, mirroring target 1.1.	Cabinet, 29 th March 2010
8.1 – Sustainable construction	New target added – extending existing BSF standards.	Cabinet, 8 th March 2010

Details of the Proposed Changes

1. New Targets or Monitoring Arrangements

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<p>Objective 7.1: Provide Leicester People With Enough Accessible Public Open Space <i>No existing target</i></p>	<p>It is proposed to introduce a new Target 7.1: Target 7.1: To work towards meeting the following quantity and accessibility standards for open space:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="952 467 1693 1126"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="952 467 1182 584">Type of Open Space</th> <th data-bbox="1182 467 1384 584">Quantity Standard (Min. Ha per 1000 popn)</th> <th data-bbox="1384 467 1693 584">Accessibility Standard (Max. Distance)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="952 584 1182 687">Parks and Gardens</td> <td data-bbox="1182 584 1384 687">0.50</td> <td data-bbox="1384 584 1693 687">1000m (District and Local Parks) 300m (Pocket Parks)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="952 687 1182 754">Natural Green Space</td> <td data-bbox="1182 687 1384 754">0.50</td> <td data-bbox="1384 687 1693 754">300m</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="952 754 1182 821">Informal Green Space</td> <td data-bbox="1182 754 1384 821">0.50</td> <td data-bbox="1384 754 1693 821">100m</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="952 821 1182 954">Equipped Children and Young People's Space</td> <td data-bbox="1182 821 1384 954">0.08</td> <td data-bbox="1384 821 1693 954">300m (Pre-teen) 1000m (Teen)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="952 954 1182 991">Allotments</td> <td data-bbox="1182 954 1384 991">0.30</td> <td data-bbox="1384 954 1693 991">1000m</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="952 991 1182 1058">Outdoor Sports Space</td> <td data-bbox="1182 991 1384 1058">1.00</td> <td data-bbox="1384 991 1693 1058">3000m</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="952 1058 1182 1126">Overall city-wide standard</td> <td data-bbox="1182 1058 1384 1126">2.88</td> <td data-bbox="1384 1058 1693 1126">N/A</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Type of Open Space	Quantity Standard (Min. Ha per 1000 popn)	Accessibility Standard (Max. Distance)	Parks and Gardens	0.50	1000m (District and Local Parks) 300m (Pocket Parks)	Natural Green Space	0.50	300m	Informal Green Space	0.50	100m	Equipped Children and Young People's Space	0.08	300m (Pre-teen) 1000m (Teen)	Allotments	0.30	1000m	Outdoor Sports Space	1.00	3000m	Overall city-wide standard	2.88	N/A	<p>These standards have been agreed by Members as part of the Local Development Framework and the Greenspace Strategy. It is important that EMAS is consistent with these agreed standards.</p>
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<p>Objective 14.1: Reduce Council Waste and the Percentage Landfilled <i>No existing target</i></p>	<p>It is proposed to introduce the following new Target 14.1: Target 14.1: To recycle 40% of Council office waste before 2011/12.</p>	<p>With the roll-out of paper recycling to all Council offices expected to be complete by the end of 2010, this target is expected to be both measurable and achievable.</p> <p>It is being proposed in conjunction with the Waste Management section.</p>
<p>Objective 18.1: Increase action by the public and partner organisations to improve Leicester’s environmental sustainability. <i>No existing target</i></p>	<p>It is proposed to begin monitoring and reporting on progress towards this objective based on the following basket of indicators of Council impact on public and partner action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IMPROVING PARKS AND OPEN SPACES: The number of active user groups and ‘friends of’ groups for Council owned or managed parks and open spaces. <i>Data source: Parks Development</i> ▪ WILDLIFE CONSERVATION: The number of practical nature conservation events which were open to the public and run, funded or otherwise enabled to take place by the Council. <i>Data source: Parks Development</i> ▪ TRAVEL BY NON-CAR MODES: The percentage of journeys to the city centre <u>not</u> by car (7.00am – 10.00am). <i>Data source: Transport Strategy</i> ▪ EMPLOYER TRAVEL PLANS: The number of travel plans discharged during the year. <i>Data source: Travel Planning and Development Co-ordination</i> ▪ CUTTING CARBON AT HOME: The number of energy saving and renewables measures installed in owner-occupied and private rented housing. <i>Data source: Home Energy Team</i> ▪ CUTTING CARBON AT WORK: The number of employers supported by the Council during the year to take action on climate change mitigation. (Includes schemes funded, but not delivered, by the Council.) <i>Data source: Energy Agency</i> ▪ HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING: The percentage of household waste segregated by the public for recycling. Covers kerbside recycling and the ‘bring sites’. <i>Data source: Waste Management</i> <p>2009/10 performance would be used as the baseline year (with each indicator indexed to begin at 100) and reporting from 2010/11 onwards would be of changes in performance compared to the baseline.</p>	<p>The areas of action covered in the proposed basket of indicators are all ones where the Council is actively working and has significant influence.</p> <p>The desirability and feasibility of setting an improvement target relating to this set of indicators will be considered during the coming year.</p>

2. Updates to Existing Targets

Existing Objective and Target	Proposed Amendment	Reasons
<p>Objective 5.1: Improve Street Cleanliness in Leicester</p> <p>Target 5.1a: Reduce the % of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of litter that fall below the acceptable level to 10% by 2009/10 (NI 195a)</p> <p>Target 5.1b: Reduce the % of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of detritus that fall below the acceptable level to 13% by 2009/10 (NI 195b)</p> <p>Target 5.1c: Reduce the % of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of graffiti that fall below the acceptable level to 14% by 2009/10 (NI 195 c)</p> <p>Target 5.1d: Reduce the % of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of fly posting that fall below the acceptable level to 0% by 2009/10 (NI 195d)</p>	<p>It is proposed to roll forward the existing targets 5.1a-d into 2010/11 as set out below:</p> <p>Target 5.1a: Reduce the % of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of litter that fall below the acceptable level to 10% by 2010/11 (NI 195a)</p> <p>Target 5.1b: Reduce the % of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of detritus that fall below the acceptable level to 13% by 2010/11 (NI 195b)</p> <p>Target 5.1c: Reduce the % of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of graffiti that fall below the acceptable level to 14% by 2010/11 (NI 195 c)</p> <p>Target 5.1d: Reduce the % of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of fly posting that fall below the acceptable level to 0% by 2010/11 (NI 195d)</p>	<p>The current targets have expired.</p> <p>The proposed performance level remain the same for 2010/11.</p>
<p>Objective 6.1: Protect and Improve the Network of Local Wildlife Sites</p> <p>Target 6.1: Increase the percentage of local wildlife sites that have received or are receiving positive conservation management to 65% in 2009/10</p>	<p>It is proposed to roll forward the existing target 6.1 into 2010/11 as set out below:</p> <p>Target 6.1: Maintain the percentage of Local Wildlife Sites that have received, or are receiving, positive conservation management at or above 65% in 2010/11. (NI197)</p>	<p>The current target has expired.</p> <p>The proposed performance level remains the same for 2010/11.</p>
<p>Objective 9.1: Create a Sustainable Built Environment Within the City</p> <p>Target 9.1: Increase the percentage of Planning Applications for Major Developments applying Policy BE16:</p> <p>75% in 2007/08</p> <p>85% in 2008/09</p> <p>90% in 2009/10</p>	<p>It is proposed to update Target 9.1 as follows:</p> <p>Target 9.1: Increase the percentage of Planning Applications for Major Developments applying Policy BE16 to:</p> <p>82% in 2010/11</p> <p>84% in 2011/12</p> <p>86% in 2012/13</p>	<p>The current target has expired.</p> <p>The proposed target levels are considered to be an achievable level of improvement from 79.2% achieved in 2009/10.</p>
<p>Objective 15.1: Reduce Household Waste and the Percentage Landfilled</p> <p>Target 15.1: To recycle 40% of household waste collected in 2009/10 (NI 192)</p>	<p>It is proposed to roll forward the existing target 15.1 as set out below:</p> <p>Target 15.1: To recycle 40% of household waste collected in 2010/11</p>	<p>The current target has expired.</p> <p>The proposed performance level remains the same for 2010/11.</p>

3. Removal of Objectives or Targets

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<p>Objective 12.1: Reduce the Council's Total Energy Consumption Target 12.1a: To 50% of the 2008/09 level by 2025 Target 12.1b (Council buildings): To 50% of the 2008/09 level by 2025</p>	<p>It is proposed to remove Targets 12.1a and 12.1b.</p>	<p>These targets are now considered unnecessary, as reporting of progress towards Target 1.1 (reduction of the Council's carbon dioxide emissions) will give a good indication of progress in reducing energy consumption. This is because the Council's 'roadmap' for reducing its carbon dioxide emissions is based primarily on energy saving.</p>
<p>Objective 12.2: Increase the Council's Generation and Use of Renewable Energy Target 12.2: From 0% of the energy requirement of all Council buildings in 1997 to 20% in 2020</p>	<p>It is proposed to remove Target 12.2. In addition, it is proposed to start monitoring and reporting on the total renewable energy generating capacity installed in corporate Council buildings and schools, to provide an indication of progress. No target for installed renewables capacity is proposed at the current time.</p>	<p>The rising cost of 'Green Tariff' (renewably generated) electricity led the Council to stop buying it during 2006/07. The current Target 12.2 will therefore not be met. By reporting on the installed renewables generating capacity, the Council can track its progress towards Objective 12.2 in another way. No target is proposed currently, as the main thrust of the Council's work to cut its carbon emissions is through saving energy.</p>
<p>Objective 12.3: Reduce Schools Total Energy Consumption (All Schools) Target 12.3: To 50% of the 2008/09 level by 2025</p>	<p>It is proposed to remove Target 12.3.</p>	<p>This target is now considered unnecessary, for the same reasons as set out above for Targets 12.1a and b. Progress towards Objective 12.3 will be tracked through reporting against Target 1.2. (reduction of carbon dioxide emissions from schools).</p>
<p>Objective 12.4: Increase Schools Generation and Use of Renewable Energy (All Schools) Target 12.4: To 20% of energy requirements in 2020/21</p>	<p>It is proposed to remove Target 12.4, but to start reporting on the renewable energy generating capacity installed in schools as explained above.</p>	<p>No target is proposed currently, for the same reasons as set out above for Objective 12.2.</p>
<p>Objective 7.2: To Retain a Net Area of Open Space in School Grounds (All Schools) <i>No existing target</i></p>	<p>It is proposed to remove Objective 7.2.</p>	<p>The open space standards set out in the proposed Target 7.1 provide an overarching goal for all public open space, making a separate target for schools unnecessary.</p>