

## Appendix 4: Proposed Changes to EMAS Objectives and Targets – November 2009

Existing Objective and Target	Proposed Amendment	Reasons
<p>Objective 4.1 Improve air quality in the city</p> <p>Target 4.1b Change in the number of vehicles crossing the Central Transport Zone cordon from 42,683 vehicles in 2004/05 to 43,963 vehicles in 2010/11</p>	<p>Removal of target 4.1b.</p>	<p>This target was taken from the Second Central Leicestershire Local Transport Plan. However, it was removed from the Government's list of mandatory indicators at the start of 2008/09 and the Council decided not to continue measuring it.</p>
<p>Objective 5.1 Improve street cleanliness in Leicester.</p> <p>Target 5.1 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"> <li>- Litter 10% by 08/09</li> <li>- Detritus 10% by 08/09</li> <li>- Graffiti 5% by 08/09</li> <li>- Fly posting 0% by 08/09</li> </ul>	<p>Replacement of target 5.1 with:</p> <p><b>Percentage of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of the following that fall below the acceptable level during 2009/10:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. litter - 10%</li> <li>b. detritus - 13%</li> <li>c. graffiti - 14%</li> <li>d. fly posting - 0%</li> </ul>	<p>The previous target expired at the end of 2008/09. The proposed replacement is the Council's 2009/10 target for performance against National Indicator NI195: Improved Street and Environmental Cleanliness. The targets proposed for parts b and c are considered more realistic than those set (and not achieved) in 2008/09.</p>
<p>Objective 6.1 Protect and improve the network of Local Sites</p> <p>Target 6.1 Maintain the area of Local Sites at or above the 2008/09 baseline and increase the percentage (by area) that are assessed as being in a favourable or recovering condition. Target to be set by April 2009.</p>	<p>Proposed amendment to target 6.1 and setting of performance level as follows:</p> <p><b>Increase the percentage of local wildlife sites that have received or are receiving positive conservation management to 65% in 2009/10.</b></p>	<p>To align the EMAS target with that already set for performance against National Indicator NI197: Improved Local Biodiversity.</p>
<p>6.3 Improve the quality of Council-owned public open space</p> <p>6.3a 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</p>	<p>Target 6.3a proposed to be:</p> <p><b>Increase the number 'Green Flag' parks from 6 to 10 by 2013.</b></p>	<p>A specific target for improving the quality of City and District Parks (the first and second tiers of the parks hierarchy) is considered important alongside the existing target 6.3b which covers improvement across all greenspace sites.</p> <p>The proposed target is included in the draft Greenspace Strategy, which will also go to Cabinet for approval.</p>
<p>6.3 Improve the quality of Council-owned public open space</p> <p>6.3c Increase park user satisfaction levels from 74% (2005) to 79% (2013).</p>	<p>Amendment of target 6.3c to read:</p> <p><b>Increase park user satisfaction levels from 76% (2005) to 79% (2013)</b></p>	<p>The figure of 74% previously quoted was found to be incorrect.</p>

<p>Significant Effect 11: Leicester's Vulnerability to the Impact of Climate Change</p> <p>No existing objective and target as this is a new Significant Effect introduced in 2008.</p>	<p>Proposed new objective and target:</p> <p><b><i>Objective 11.1: Prepare for Leicester to address the risks and opportunities of a changing climate.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Target 11.1: To achieve the following levels of preparedness* in assessing and addressing the risks and opportunities of a changing climate:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>April 2009: Level 2</i></b></p> <p><b><i>April 2010: Level 3</i></b></p> <p><b><i>April 2011: Level 4</i></b></p> <p><i>* Levels defined in Guidance for National Performance Indicator NI188: Planning to Adapt to Climate Change.</i></p>	<p>The new significant effect was approved by the Cabinet on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008 as part of the EMAS report for 2007/08, when it was agreed that an objective and target would be developed.</p> <p>Target 11.1 is consistent with the level of performance already agreed by the Council in the Local Area Agreement. Level 2 has already been reached and we are on course to reach level 3 by April 2010.</p>
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