Environmental and Development Services Performance Action Plan - Quarter 2, 2017/18



Appendix C



48%

% of collected waste recycled and composted

Target - 53%

Theme - People. Action – PE5.2 Target of >53% of collected waste recycled and composted

Target: 53%

Performance: 48% (estimate)

Trend (compared to last quarter) – 53% of collected waste was recycled and composted in quarter one, two per cent short of the target.

Background: The trend nationally is that people are recycling less. It is believed this is a result of more loads being rejected due to a requirement for a higher quality of material.

In South Derbyshire, tonnage wise, we continue to hold our own. This is even more of an achievement when considering that more than around 3,500 contamination leaflets are issued per month to residents.

Key actions underway – Analysis suggests recycling is not as strong in new build areas. We are currently liaising with Derbyshire County Council to consider how to strengthen our approach.

Work also continues to raise the profile of what can and cannot be recycled. The latest recycling calendars are due to be distributed to all households in the District and the new website offers a visual overview of what materials go in which bin, along with a postcode lookup facility to view collection dates.

Opportunities/risks: Recycling reduces the amount of waste sent to landfill sites. This helps to prevent pollution, save energy and help sustain the environment.



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Members to be kept informed about Community Infrastructure Levy progress

Target - 1

Theme - Place

Action – PL1.3 Consider the introduction of a Community Infrastructure Levy.

Target: Awaiting information from the Government. Elected members to be kept informed of progress in Q2 and Q4.

Performance: Nothing to report as yet. Government paper overdue.

Key actions underway – The drafting of the report has been put on hold whilst Government announcements are awaited.

An update will be provided to Elected Members once information has been received.

Risks: The risks are unknown without details about Government policy.





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Reduce the amount of fly tipping

Target < 180

Theme - Place. Action – PL3.1 Reduce the amount of fly tipping

Target: Fewer than 180 recorded incidents of fly-tipping.

Performance: 182 recorded incidents.

Trend (compared to last quarter) – There were 684 fly-tipping incidents in 2015/16 and 758 in 2016/17. We've targeted a 5% reduction (720) for the current financial year. Quarter one saw us beat the 180 target by one. Quarter two saw us exceed the target by two.

Key actions underway – The Council was one of the first in the UK to adopt new powers to issue £400 fixed penalty fines for those caught tipping small quantities.

We have worked with police for secure a six month suspended jail sentence for a man caught dumping 80 tonnes of waste in Church Gresley and to set up a rural crime forum to combat tipping on farmland.

Officers also utilised new powers to seize a vehicle believed to have been used to commit waste offences. Further investigations will be carried out to see if criminal charges will be brought.

Other actions, as previously stated, include training Clean Team staff to collect and retain evidence, more time being invested into fly-tip investigations than ever before and investing in additional motion capture surveillance equipment to monitor for potential offences at known fly-tipping hot-spots.

Opportunities: Enhanced co-operation between separate departments. Opportunity to show that we are well ahead of other local authorities in our use of relevant powers and interventions. We are considering opportunities to re-invest the income from the fixed penalty notices back into providing more support and expertise for the team.

Risks: Fly-tipping investigations are time-consuming. The more time officers spend investigating these offences, the less time we have to spend on other matters such as dog control and noise nuisance. Performance may slip in these areas. Our high press profile in this area could give the incorrect perception that South Derbyshire has a significant fly-tipping problem.



Theme - Progress. Action – PR2.1 Deliver objectives of Swadlincote Townscape Heritage Scheme

Target: Opening events for Diana Memorial Garden. Performance: Work still ongoing

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Background – As referenced in quarter one, original tenders received for the work were over the budget set. New terms and conditions had to go to committee for approvals, leading to further delays.

Opening event for Diana Memorial Garden An additional delay was caused due to a change in approach with the bespoke granite copings. This will result in greater accuracy when installing the granite on site.

Key actions underway - Construction work began in June and is anticipated to be completed in January.

Target - 1

Opportunities/risks: Opportunity to include private funding from a local business owner in commemoration of Cllr Roy Nutt. This will contribute towards benches and plaques.