

REPORT TO: Community Scrutiny Committee **AGENDA ITEM:**

DATE OF MEETING: 11th September 2006 **CATEGORY:** DELEGATED

REPORT FROM: Deputy Chief Executive

MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT: John Porter **DOC:**

SUBJECT: Progress Report – Special Project re. Achieving Targets 2006/09 – Waste Management **REF:**

WARD (S) AFFECTED: ALL **TERMS OF REFERENCE:**

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 To endorse the progress made to date
- 1.2 To agree the way forward on this project

2.0 Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 Members of the Community Scrutiny Committee are requested to endorse the progress made to date on this special project and to agree the way forward.

Background

- 2.2 At it's meeting on the 31st July 2006, (Minute No. CYS/4) Members of the Committee considered a request from the Environmental and Development Services Committee to examine the issues around the achievement of Best Value Performance Indicator targets in respect of the Council's waste management services.

Informal Meeting

- 2.3 An informal meeting of the Community Scrutiny Committee was held on the 14th August 2006, in which the following Members were in attendance: Councillors Lane, Bladen, Atkin and Mrs. Mead.
- 2.4 The Members present considered a background report (copy attached at Appendix A) that had been prepared by the Head of Environmental Services.
- 2.5 The main issues identified from this report are as follows:
 - How are recycling centre sites determined?
 - How are the types of materials for collection from recycling centres determined?
 - The provision of additional Civic Amenity Sites

- More detailed financial information regarding the provision of various waste management services. (For example, green box, blue bag, composting schemes, collection costs from recycling centres etc)
- Details of waste management contract arrangements
- The performance targets set by the council in respect
- The targets set in the Waste Minimisation & Recycling Plan (2005 –2009) lack robustness
- Publicity, education and awareness raising issues, in particular within schools.

2.6 Members were also informed that three sites visits had been arranged to high performing Councils to see how they deal with waste management issues. The visits will take place on Wednesday 30th August (Rushcliffe) and Friday 8th September 2006 (Blaby and Hinckley & Bosworth)

The Way Forward

- 2.7 Members would like to seek further clarification with appropriate Officers and the Chair of the Development Control Committee who is also a County Councillor on the main issues that have been raised above.
- 2.8 To arrange a Special meeting of this Committee in order to approve the final draft report which needs to be presented to the Environmental Services Committee on the 5th October 2006

3.0 Financial implications

3.1 None directly from this report
