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SUBJECT:	WASTE MINIMISATION AND RECYCLING PLAN (2005 – 2009)	REF: PE
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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members are recommended to approve the Waste Minimisation and Recycling Plan (2005 – 2009).

2.0 Executive Summary

2.1 The Plan describes how South Derbyshire District Council intends to organise its Waste Minimisation and Recycling activities over the next four years.

2.2 The Plan includes detailed Action Plans for Waste Minimisation and Recycling/Composting activities.

2.3 The Plan will be subject to scrutiny by Members via its inclusion in the Environmental Services' Service Plan.

2.4 An Executive Summary of the Plan (including the Action Plans) is attached to the report. A full version of the Plan will be placed in the Members Room for perusal and further copies may be obtained by contacting Paul Evans.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The Best Value Review for Cleansing the Environment identified the need for a Waste Minimisation and Recycling Plan and the requirement was reinforced in the Council's Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA).

3.2 The Council's current performance on Waste Minimisation places it among the highest waste producers in the country (an anticipated 481 kgs. of household waste collected per head in the current financial year). It is recognised that the level of Civic Amenity provision is an issue here but there are actions that the Council can take in an effort to reduce the amount of waste being collected.

- 3.3 The Council's current performance on recycling/composting is successful (an anticipated rate of 23% of household waste recycled in the current financial year – already beating the Government target of 21% for 2005/06).
- 3.4 Thus far, the Council's recycling plans have been documented to a large degree in Service Plans. The plans have been implemented effectively so that recycling targets have been met.
- 3.5 Waste minimisation efforts have been less well documented and, in the main, have tended to be joint efforts with the Derbyshire Integrated Waste Management Group.
- 3.6 The Plan being presented now for Members' approval joins Waste Minimisation and Recycling together in one comprehensive document that will enable progress to be monitored more easily.
- 3.7 The Plan includes a strategic and historical context, a baseline assessment of what we are doing now and an analysis of the waste we collect.
- 3.8 The main thrust of the Plan lies in the Waste Minimisation Action Plan and the Recycling Action Plan.
- 3.9 The Waste Minimisation Action Plan recognises that the most effective options are most likely to be delivered through partnership arrangements, in particular, joint working within the Derbyshire Integrated Waste Management Group. The Action Plan includes the following items:

Waste Minimisation Action Plan.

- Working with the Derbyshire Integrated Waste Management Group and other interested parties to increase education and raise awareness.
 - Supporting the use of re-usable nappies.
 - Promoting home composting.
 - Promoting the re-use of goods, e.g. the bulky waste collection scheme.
 - Promoting the Mail preference service to reduce junk mail.
 - Lobbying to reduce packaging.
 - Reviewing the Council's current policies in regard to waste collection, e.g. bins sizes, side refuse, etc.
 - Investigating the refuse collection rounds that produce the highest amount of waste.
- 3.10 The Recycling Action Plan aims to build on the Council's successful actions so far. It recognises also the need to keep abreast of technology in a business that is changing and developing rapidly. The Action Plan includes the following items:

Recycling Action Plan.

- Reviewing the Compost Scheme to take into account the implementation of the Animal By-Products regulations.
- Extending the Compost Scheme across the whole of the district.
- Extending the “green boxes” scheme across the whole of the district.
- Reviewing the “green boxes” scheme in regard to the method of collection and the range of materials collected.
- Improving the performance of the compost and “green boxes” schemes in regard to participation and capture rates.
- Monitoring, maintaining and improving the performance of the Council’s Recycling Centres.

3.11 The Derbyshire Integrated Waste Management Group is engaged currently in the production of a new Derbyshire Waste Strategy and the Action Plans outlined above will help the Council to meet its commitments to the implementation of the strategy.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The financial implications of implementing the Waste Minimisation and Recycling Plan are subject to current discussions with Derbyshire County Council and to future budget provision by the District Council.

5.0 Community Implications

5.1 The success of the Plan depends on the community both in terms of minimising waste and segregating waste for recycling and composting.

6.0 Conclusions

6.1 The Waste Minimisation and Recycling Plan encompasses in one document a strategic and historical context, a baseline assessment, an analysis of the waste collected and detailed Action Plans for the next four years’ activities.

6.2 Members will be able to monitor the Plan’s progress and effectiveness via the normal Service Plan reporting mechanism.

6.3 The implementation of the Plan will help the Council to reduce the amount of waste collected, to meet future recycling targets and to meet its commitment to the new Derbyshire Waste Strategy.

6.4 As stated above, the success of the Plan depends on the community. The residents of South Derbyshire have risen to the challenge in the past and the Council should be confident that they will continue to do so in the future.

