

Report to: Executive Board - Tuesday 17th June 2002

PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT

<p>Report of: <i>Strategic Director</i></p> <p>Report Author: <i>Neil Gibson</i> <i>Tel no. 01865 252329</i> <i>Email: ngibson@oxford.gov.uk</i></p> <p>Lead Member Responsible: <i>Portfolio Members for Housing & Environment</i></p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Responsibility: <i>Housing and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committees</i></p> <p>Key Decision: <i>Yes</i></p>	<p>WARDS AFFECTED</p> <p>ALL</p>
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SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Officers were instructed to report back on the financial implications of joining with the County Council and other Oxfordshire Districts to submit targets as part of a county-wide Public Service Agreement (PSA) for waste recycling and key worker housing. The submission deadline is 30th June 2002.

Insufficient progress has been made on developing the key worker scheme to report on the finances to meet the deadline for written reports to this Executive Board.

It is proposed that a verbal update be given at the Executive Board. If it is possible to prepare papers before the Board meeting these will be either sent or tabled at the meeting.

The aim remains to secure Council approval on 24 June 2002 for our involvement in the PSA submission before the submission deadline.

Information

- The Executive Board on 14 May 2002 received a report on the development of a Public Service Agreement in Oxfordshire and the potential role the City Council would play in this. The Executive Board agreed the following:-
 - To work jointly with Oxfordshire County Council and the other Oxfordshire Districts to submit a Public Service Agreement (PSA) to Government for the period 2003/04 – 2005/06 around the overall theme of "Promoting Social Inclusion".

- In principle to participate in two of the PSA target areas linked to Waste Recycling and Key Worker Housing as outlined in the report.
- To evaluate the potential of the Oxfordshire District Councils jointly approaching the Housing Corporation for an additional 50% "home buy style" funding over the PSA period.
- Note that if the submission is successful a provision of up to £120,000 per annum would have to be made over the PSA period in the Council's Capital Programme, which could be reduced if a Housing Corporation bid is successful.
- To delegate authority to the Strategic Director and Finance Portfolio Holder, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Housing and Environment, to progress the detail of the PSA bid with Partners by the 30th June 2002 deadline, subject to a further report on the financial implications, of the key worker targets in particular, to the Council prior to its submission.

Background Documents : None

THIS REPORT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH:
The Housing Portfolio Holder:
Strategic Director (Housing, Health & Community)