

## EXECUTIVE MEMBER ANNUAL REPORT – 2008/09

### COUNCILLOR JON BARRY, CABINET MEMBER WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CITY COUNCIL (DIRECT) SERVICES INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT



#### 1 INTRODUCTION

I think that CCDS has performed well this year. I am also pleased that the Climate Change group is beginning to have an impact and I look forward to further progress this year – both in terms of reducing energy useage by the Council and in bidding for money to help residents do the same. My main disappointment is that we have not introduced free schools recycling in schools. Sadly, this was a last minute victim of the budget process.

#### 2 EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

- Cabinet
- Climate Change Cabinet Liaison Group (Chairman)
- Lancaster and Morecambe Markets Committee
- Recycling Cabinet Liaison Group (Chairperson)

#### 3 EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES etc:

- LSP Environment Thematic Group
- Waste Management Strategy Steering Group (Lancashire Waste Partnership)

#### 4 OVERVIEW OF PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

City Contract (Direct) Services

##### CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITY OUTCOMES:

Cleaner streets and public open spaces:

- *Improve the cleanliness of our streets and public spaces*
- *Reduce dog fouling incidents*

Reduce waste in the district by recycling and re-use:

- *Complete the recycling and waste management programme*
- *Continue to develop the recycling of commercial waste*

Reduce the impact of climate change within the district:

- *Develop local responses to mitigate and adapt to climate change.*

## **5      PROGRESS MADE DURING 2008/9**

### **CCDS – Highlights**

#### **Waste / Recycling**

- Completed roll out of new waste collection arrangements
- Expect to achieve a recycling figure of 33+% at 08/09 outturn and be a top quartile performer for low overall amount of waste collected.
- First District in Lancashire to agree district wide food waste collection arrangements from 2010/11
- Bulky Matters has reused / recycled around 60% of bulky items collected.
- Plans to roll out Bulky Matters to other Councils (eg Blackpool)
- Trade waste recycling service introduced and wider roll out due to start April 2009
- Elected as Vice Chair of Lancashire Waste Partnership

#### **Grounds Maintenance**

- Won award at Tatton show and now planning this year's entry
- Supported various 'in Bloom' entries
- Ongoing playground refurbishment programme (as funds allow!)

#### **Cleansing**

- Noticeable improvement in standards of street cleansing and response to reports of flytipping, littering etc. Targets for NI 195 (levels of graffiti, litter, detritus and fly posting) agreed and likely to be achieved.
- ENCAMS independent survey of cleanliness shows standards compare favourably with other Lancashire Districts.
- 2008/9 'Street Pride' scheme has worked well and 2009/10 programme is being planned
- Worked with other local agencies on 'clean sweep'
- Two new waste and cleansing enforcement officers recruited. Targeted enforcement combined with education and improved service delivery is having an impact.

#### **Highways Maintenance**

- Continued successful delivery of Highways Maintenance as a sub contractor to the County Council. Performance targets consistently achieved.

#### **General**

- Major reductions in sickness absence
- Ongoing training for frontline staff (customer care, manual handling, service specific training etc)
- Ongoing driver training programme in place
- Major efficiencies generated (eg improved management of the Council's fleet)
- Introduced new traffic management arrangements to the depot- which will improve safety and reduce traffic within the depot.

## **Climate Change Liaison Group**

The Climate Change Cabinet Liaison Group have achieved a great deal throughout the 2008/09 municipal year. The majority of their time and resources have been committed to ensuring the year one actions of the In-House Climate Change Strategy have been effectively carried out.

Successes this year include:

- Managing the implementation of recommendations laid out by the Carbon Trust in their Energy Audit of Lancaster City Council's corporate buildings

This has resulted in the instigation of an energy efficiency programme at Salt Ayre Sports Centre, which will result in significant financial and carbon savings.

- The approval and installation of *powerPerfector*, a voltage optimiser, at Lancaster Town Hall, which should increase energy efficiency in this building.

The Group have also played a key role in a range of initiatives to address sustainability and climate change at Lancaster City Council. This includes encouraging action aimed at achieving relevant National Indicators and supporting the partnership between the Council and the Energy Saving Trust. As a result, Lancaster City Council has now been accepted onto the EST's Green Fleet Review and their One-to-One Support Programme, which provides advice, consultation, assistance with action planning and improved access to funding.

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