



Stroud District Council
Interim Environmental Statement
2004-2005

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Foreword

This is the sixth Environmental Statement produced by Stroud District Council as part of its Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS). It is an interim Environmental Statement, providing a summary of changes since the last full environmental statement (2003-2004). The next full environmental statement will be at end of 2005-2006.

The report is again an open and honest account of our environmental performance for the last year (March 2004 to end March 2005). In 2000 we were also registered to the international standard for environmental management systems ISO14001, making Stroud District Council one of only a handful of local authorities that have achieved registration to both these independently audited environmental management systems across the whole Council.

We are continuing to work hard to integrate our environmental management system with Stroud's overall performance management system to ensure effective environmental management is at the very heart of the Council's service planning and delivery.

Our environmental management system ensures that we are continuing to focus on reducing our impact upon the environment both locally and further a field and helping to contribute to a more sustainable community.

While I am very pleased that we can claim to be improving our environmental performance this does not mean we should rest on our laurels. We are pleased to be able to report on the progress made in improving our environmental performance and will seek to continually improve our performance, report on our progress and work towards integrating the environmental management system into every aspect of the Council's service planning and decision-making processes.



Nigel Cooper
Cabinet Member Environment, Rural Affairs and Licensing.

Introduction

Stroud District Council began its formal environmental management programme in 1995 with the production of an Environmental Strategy. This followed the earlier publication of an Environmental Charter. However, while we believed that this was a very creditable measure to improve our environmental performance the Environmental Strategy was not an independently verified programme. So in 1996 we committed ourselves to the implementation of the Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS). We achieved registration to EMAS in March 1999 and re-registered in July 2000. We were committed to seek re-registration in July 2002. However, following significant recent changes we found it necessary to delay re-registration to October 2003. This report covers our environmental performance up to April 2005.

There were 15 objectives that formed the basis for the 2000-2002 environmental programme. As a result of a re-review, the 2003/2004 environmental programme contains 7 objectives and is based on Stroud District Council's Corporate Delivery Plan objective for the environment.

The activities of Stroud District Council

Our District covers some 175 square miles and has a population of around 108,000 people spread across 49 parish councils plus 3 parish meetings

We have direct powers and responsibilities in local planning and land use, environmental health, waste management, housing, leisure and economic development. We are also a significant user of natural resources. We therefore have a major impact on the local environment.

We are aware of the leading role we play and will therefore use our powers responsibly to both encourage and enforce good environmental practice.

We aim to continually improve our environmental performance, beyond the requirements of relevant legislation.

We have adopted an Environmental Policy that echoes our concern for the environment and our need to conserve limited natural resources.

The words of this policy have been translated into action through the operation of an environmental management system. This system applies to all of our activities. Many of our services, such as refuse collection and building maintenance, are now contracted out – and we are seeking to drive environmental performance through our client function. An action programme has been established to improve our environmental performance and we report progress annually.

This Statement serves as the sixth report on our environmental performance in accordance with EMAS regulations.

Stroud District Council Environmental Policy

Stroud District Council has direct powers and responsibilities in planning and land use, environmental health, waste management, housing, leisure and economic development. It is also a significant resource user and employer. It therefore has a major effect on the local environment.

The Council is aware of the leading role it plays and will therefore use its powers responsibly to both encourage and, where necessary enforce good environmental practice. The Council commits itself to continually improve its environmental performance, beyond the requirements of current legislation or regulation. In this respect it will specifically endeavour to:

- ◆ Encourage the reduced consumption of natural resources and energy
- ◆ Operate a Purchasing Policy that avoids the use of environmentally damaging products, packaging and services, and encourages others to do likewise.
- ◆ Maintain and improve the health and welfare of the public
- ◆ Prevent environmental pollution arising from its own operations and use its powers to minimise the impact of others within the District.
- ◆ Balance the need to enhance the built environment with measures which reduce the environmental impact of development, and promote a balanced transport policy
- ◆ Safeguard and enhance natural habitats and species and preserve and enhance the nature and character of the countryside
- ◆ Reduce the volume of waste generated both by the Council and within the District (where appropriate exceeding Government targets).
- ◆ Provide information and support to both the public and staff to encourage interest in environmental matters.

In order to achieve this, the Council will operate an environmental management system that will be integrated into the corporate management framework and which will:

- ◆ Apply to all activities undertaken by the Council, including contracted out services as new contracts are negotiated
- ◆ Set objectives and implement action programmes in order to minimise the negative environmental effects and increase the positive effects of the Council's activities
- ◆ Publish, at appropriate intervals, a Statement of the Council's environmental performance
- ◆ Include mechanisms for consultation with both regulatory bodies and the public.

The seven primary environmental aspects are:

Energy consumption
 Water use
 Waste
 Transport related pollution
 Procurement management
 Biodiversity
 Corporate Planning

And these give rise to the seven objectives. The 7 Objectives that formed the basis for the environmental programmes were:

1. Reduce overall energy consumption, whilst at the same time particularly reducing consumption from non-renewable sources
2. Minimise water use from Council's own operations and minimise water pollution within the District, through monitoring, education and enforcement.
3. To reduce the amount of waste generated by the Council and the public, and the impact of waste on the environment and increase the proportion of waste re-used or recycled.
4. Minimise the risk of pollution and encourage the purchase of the least environmentally damaging products and services related to the management of transport by the Council
5. Encourage the purchase of the least environmentally damaging products and services by Stroud District Council
6. Ensure the requirements of the EMS are fully integrated with the corporate planning process in Stroud District Council
7. Ensure through the Council's policies and initiatives, that local biodiversity is protected and enhanced

The 2005/ 2006 environmental programme can be found on pages 9 – 37.

Stroud District Council's Environmental Management System

The Environmental Policy provides a framework for the Council to improve its environmental performance. From this policy and a review of our impact on the environment a set of 7 objectives were developed and a programme of environmental improvement activities to work towards the objectives established.

To ensure that these tasks would be carried out the environmental programme is annually incorporated in to the Council's corporate management system. Where possible, existing management systems and procedures have been used, but a new set of responsibilities has been established to make the system work across the whole organisation:

- The Cabinet Member Environment, Rural Affairs and Licensing has overall political responsibility for our environmental management system.
- The Strategic Team, which is made up of the Chief Executive and senior officers have responsibilities for the EMS which include reviewing the Policy, carrying out a management review and endorsing the Service Plans containing the Environmental Programmes. Minutes of the meetings are taken and held by the Chief Executive.
- One member of the Strategic Team, the Strategic Director, is responsible for the effective implementation of the environmental management system.
- Stroud District Council employs an EMS contractor to co-ordinate the EMS and the Policy and Review unit ensures integration with the Service Plans. They both report directly to the Strategic Director. The Policy and Review unit also report Service Planning performance (including EMS performance) on a quarterly basis to the council's strategic team and this forms the basis for Strategic review and

improvement of the EMS. Service Plan performance is also reported to executive and Scrutiny committees.

- The Head of each service ensure their responsibilities for the environmental programmes are fully integrated into the service planning process
- Responsibility for completion of a specific activity or task within the environmental programme is designated to a named persons within in a service
- The Internal Audit Team is responsible for ensuring that the programme is completed and that the system operates as prescribed.
- Stroud District Council carries out a wide range of community consultation to ensure that it addresses issues of concern. We have also introduced a staff suggestion scheme with suggestions considered on a quarterly basis by Strategic Team and the Human Resources service.

Review & Audit Activity

A number of surveillance audits have taken place since we last had a verification audit. These audits have been undertaken by the independent auditor that carries out the verification audit. As a result of each audit, we have undertaken activities to address issues raised by the auditor.

In April 2004 we undertook an interim top management review of the environmental management system, which identified areas in which we could improve our environmental management system. As a comprehensive re-review and procedural integration had been undertaken in the previous year, the interim top management review identified very few areas that needed adjusting. The re-review did ensure that the functions of the Policy and Review Manager in co-ordinating the system was effectively taken on board by the EMS contractor and the Strategic Director.

Complaints concerning the activities of Stroud District Council can be made to the Council through its corporate complaints system. During 2004/05 the Council received 105 corporate complaints of which 20 related to significant environmental aspects, predominantly waste collection related. All were dealt with to the satisfaction of the complainant and none were referred to the Local Government Ombudsman for further investigation.

Changes to the EMS

In May 2000 the Committee Structure was abolished and a Cabinet structure was established. As a result, the Cabinet Member for the Environment, Rural Affairs and Licensing has taken on the responsibility for the environmental management system and Scrutiny Committees also have a responsibility for performance monitoring which includes environmental performance. Strategic Team has taken responsibility for the effective implementation of the environmental management system with the Strategic Director being given the particular responsibility by Strategic Team. The Policy & Review Manager was previously responsible for the day-to-day co-ordination of the EMS. The responsibility for co-ordinating the EMS has now been passed on to an EMS contractor who reports directly to the Strategic Director.

As a result of an interim top management review, the environmental management manual has been refreshed and a new set of procedures been released. Checking of the environmental programme progress will occur on a quarterly basis instead of monthly as part of the performance monitoring system that has been introduced.

Environmental Performance

Pollution

Introduction

We realise that pollution takes the form of emissions to the air, land and water and can have a significant impact on the local environment as well as public health. It can arise from industrial processes, domestic premises, vehicles and even animals. The effects can be localised, as in the case of dog fouling and litter, or more widespread such as the emissions produced by vehicles or pesticide run-off into watercourses.

The Environmental Health service has responsibility to licence certain industrial processes and also takes action concerning dog fouling and nuisance (such as noise) within the district but pollution arising from outside the boundary is out of our control.

As a large organisation, we produce our own pollution, principally in the form of emissions to the atmosphere as a result of the use of cars to commute to and from work and by our staff carrying out their duties. In addition to vehicle use, the Grounds Maintenance Service use fertilisers and herbicides and the Pest Control Service use pesticides.

We have little influence on the transport initiatives undertaken in the district, however we support sustainable transport policies by the inclusion of cycle lanes, public transport provision and development of company transport plans in major new developments whenever possible. We also ensure that vehicles used by contractors for activities such as waste collection undertake rigorous maintenance regimes and emissions testing.

New Initiatives/improvements 04/05



Stroud District Council is taking part in a nationwide initiative to address public concerns about emissions from mobile phone masts by taking part in a scheme to provide 24 hour monitoring of a typical mast in the District. The project is one of the first in operation in the UK and the objective is to provide a simple and affordable service which gathers data for the local community and other stakeholders in a clear and comprehensible manner. The project allows for instant verification of the Electromagnetic Field Emissions (EMF) level in the environment to enable comparison with current international guidelines.

Environmental Performance Indicators

Stroud District Council continues to respond to almost all requests for Environmental Health issues within 3 days and previous statements we have shown the amount of pesticide used by Pest Control, however, this does not reflect Stroud District Council's environmental performance, only the number of outbreaks that have occurred.. Therefore these indicators have been removed for this statement.

1. Number of litres of herbicide used by Grounds Maintenance Contractors
A number of methods are used to keep the use of herbicide use to a minimum these include regular path sweeping and breaking up dew on bowling greens to discourage fungal infection.

	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	Trend
Herbicide (litres)	67.1	42.45	66.00*	58	Positive

- There was a particular problem with Japanese Knotweed

2. Distance travelled by car by Council Staff and Councillors
Staff and members who drive as part of their employment are provided with driver training. The course is designed to provide information and advise to encourage best practice.

	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	Trend
Km	833,560	814,151	800,892	758,178	positive
CO2 emitted (tonnes)	230.9	225.5	221.85	210.02	positive

Assuming 277g CO2 per Km - Energy Savings Trust

The Council also still records the number of private water samples taken and the percentage of satisfactory results however this indicator does not reflect the Council's environmental performance and has been removed from this statement.

3. Noise

	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	Trend
Number of Noise complaints received	498	458	596	495	547	Positive/negative

4. LAAPC Authorisations inspected

	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	Trend
Processes	44	41	41	49	47	negative
Visits	80	63	65	66	44	negative
% of achieved planned visits				100%	100%	Unchanged / positive

Visits were planned in accordance with the Risk Based Inspection Regime

Built Environment

Introduction

Protection and enhancement of the built environment is an essential aspect of the character of Stroud. Our planning and housing responsibilities enable us to have a major role in influencing the visual amenity of the area. The planning service has a number of functions varying from the strategic aspect of developing planning policies to the determination of planning applications. This also includes the protection of trees and landscape, conservation areas for the built environment and the investigation of possible breaches of planning legislation.

The Building Control service uses Building Regulations to ensure that public health and safety in and around buildings, the conservation of fuel and power and provide for access to facilities within buildings for disabled people. The service is also responsible for securing dangerous buildings.

The housing duties include the maintenance of Council housing stock, the allocation of housing to people requiring a council house, homing of homeless people, and the provision of sheltered housing for our older citizens.

New initiatives/improvements in 04/05

We have used a combination of promotional campaigns, advice and enforcement to bring as many empty homes back into use. These methods have had the affect of more than doubling the number of homes brought back into use than previous years. In addition to this 302 grants were awarded to mainly vulnerable and disabled householders to help them carry out repairs to their homes and bring them up to a decent standard.

Environmental Performance Indicators

1. Percentage of new homes on Brownfield land

BV 106	2000/0 1	2001/0 2	2002/0 3	2003/0 4	2004/0 5	Trend
Stroud District Council	54%	59%	67%	80%*	89.22	positive
District Council Average	55%	59%	61%			
Target %				60% by 2008	53%	

* This figure has been qualified as the countywide calculation formula used to change 15 months data to 12 months data was deemed not to be robust enough.

2. Empty Homes bought back into use

BV 64	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	Trend
		35	20	46	positive

Health

The health of the community is linked to the quality of its local environment. Stroud District Council provides a number of services that are directly related to both individual health as well as the health of the environment. These duties ensure that standards for safe food and water, environmental protection, good housing, recreational facilities and workplace safety are maintained. Although it is an important indicator to the Council it does not reflect the Council's environmental performance.

Nature Conservation & Leisure

Introduction

Stroud district contains many habitats of national importance. Indeed, the Severn Estuary is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and about half the district is within the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Beauty (AONB). The Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods National Nature Reserve is also located within the district along with 163 areas recognised as sites of nature conservation interest such as ancient woodlands and limestone grasslands. We directly manage about 100 ha of woodland and commons in the district and effort is made to do this in such a way as to protect the character of the landscape. We also have responsibility for protecting valuable trees and hedgerows and have an officer that issues and reviews Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's) and supports the volunteer tree wardens. Formal recreation sites are also important to our heritage and we manage a number of recreation sites throughout the district. The Council also has a Service Level Agreement with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust for reviewing ecological / impact of any development proposals.

New initiatives in 04/05



Stroud's Stratford Park won a top Green Flag Award, placing it in the Country's top league of public parks.

The Award cites the high standards of maintenance and the diverse range of facilities, which make the Stroud District Council, owned Park the "ideal place for active or passive recreation."

This good practice in green space management will be promoted together landowners, including Town and Parish Councils. Management plans for the commons and woodlands that the Council owns/controls are currently being developed.

Energy & Water

Introduction

Stroud District Council has a number of public buildings that it directly manages and is also a major landlord responsible for almost 5500 houses. As part of the Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) we have a responsibility to produce a plan that will lead to the reduction of energy use in both our housing stock and the private sector housing stock.

While water does not contribute to global warming, it is a valuable resource. The consumption of water has increased consistently over the recent years and together with changing climate patterns has led to water shortages in many parts of the UK. As a water user, we have a responsibility to try and limit the amount of water we use.

New initiatives/improvements in 04/05

The Council have investigated and implemented the use of alternative/renewable heating systems such as wood chip, ground source heat pumps and solar energy in properties that are deemed hard to treat.

Environmental Performance Indicators

1. The Energy Consumption/m² of local authority operational property compared with comparable buildings in the UK as a whole

BV 180a	2002/3	2003/2004	2004/05	Trends
Electricity	114%	116%	119%	negative
Fossil Fuels	72%	78%	81%	positive

2. Total Energy Consumption from 'direct control' premises

	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	Trends
Electricity (kWh)	2,880,765 (2,854,617 renewable energy source)	3,448,440 (3,435,184 renewable energy sources)	1,178,412	1,351,423	
Gas (kWh)	5,644,765	4,152,399	1,637,795	1,322,552	
CO ₂ emissions (tonnes)	1084.01	794.79	311	251	

CO₂ calculations for
1998-2002 - 0.00044 tonnes CO₂/kWh.
Gas is calculated at 0.00019 tonnes CO₂/kWh – (source Carbon Trust)

The figures for energy consumption from 2003/04 appear lower due to a change in the way the indicator has been recorded as per BVPI guidance – only SDC operational controlled buildings are included. The figure excludes housing energy consumption. Stratford Park

Leisure Centre is not included in the energy consumption indicator, but was not included in previous energy consumption indicator calculations.

Note: Water consumption data is not currently available but data will be collected and reported from 2005/06

1. Average SAP rating of local authority owned dwellings

BV 63	April 1996	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	Trend
Stroud District Council	28 (Baseline figure)	47.5	58	59.1	63.4	positive
District Council Average		56	59	60	64	

Waste

Introduction

Waste is a major issue for Stroud District Council. We have a responsibility to collect waste from all the homes in our district but disposal to landfill has significant negative environmental impacts. Not least of which is the lack of space available to continue landfill. The draft UK Waste Strategy aims to significantly affect the way in which our waste is dealt with. We already operate a kerbside recycling collection for cans, paper, plastics and glass and operate a number of 'bring' sites that collect cans, paper, glass, books, textiles, cardboard and plastics.

We also produce waste at our own buildings, which we should attempt to manage. At present we recycle, cans, paper, printer toner cartridges, magazines and glass at Ebley Mill.

Our contractors also produce waste as part of the activities that they undertake on our behalf and as part of the contracting process we are now trying to ensure that waste is managed effectively.

Environmental Performance Indicators

Council waste

1. Council waste recycling

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	Trend
Waste paper recycled (tonnes)	20	11	22	Negative*

* the increase was due to services converting from paper files to electronic storage

Waste Collection

2. Total tonnage of household waste arising - Percentage recycled

Indicator	2002/03 Actual	2003/04 Target	2003/04 Actual	2004/05 Target	2004/05 Actual	Trend
BV82a	20.5%	21.5%	20.82%	22	20.88	positive /neutral

NB Although SDC has not achieved the national target figure of 26%, SDC is in the top 25% nationally for recycling and the leader in Gloucestershire.

3. Weight of household waste collected per head

Indicator	2002/03 Actual	2003/04 Target	2003/04 Actual	2004/05 Target	2004/05 Actual	Trend
BV84	344kg	346kg	350kg	350	354.59	positive

4. Satisfaction with Street Cleansing

BVPI 89	2000/01	Trend	2003/04
Districts	67%	↓	63%
National	63%	↓	60%
SDC	63%	↑ ☺	67%

☺ = top 25% nationally

No trends identified for 2004/2005 regarding satisfaction with street cleaning. The surveys are undertaken locally but compared nationally every three years. A random selection of residents are asked for their opinions via a postal survey. The next survey will be in 06/07.

Procurement

Introduction

The Council purchases a wide range of goods and services each year. Our main purchases include paper and stationary but we also have some large contracts for services such as refuse collection, building maintenance, and housing maintenance. Everything we purchase will have an environmental impact and we should try to make sure that we make purchasing decisions bearing the environment in mind.

Objectives and Programme for 2004-5

Stroud District Council's EMS contains 7 specific environmental objectives, targets and programmes related to the Council's significant environmental aspects.

The following table shows the Environmental Targets and information on what performance has been achieved against the targets in 2004/2005

Activity: ENERGY MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE: 1. Reduce overall energy consumption, whilst at the same time particularly reducing consumption from non-renewable sources			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target: Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	Indicator: How will you tell that you are succeeding?	Performance 2004/2005 :
Establish Energy reduction strategy for Council buildings	Develop and implement an energy reduction strategy for Council buildings that will help achieve a 5% reduction in energy use in Council buildings by 10/07	Council Building Energy Reduction Strategy produced by 10/05. Annual Report on implementation 10/06 Showing 2% reduction. Annual report on implementation 10/07 showing 5% reduction	A consultant has undertaken a survey of all Council owned buildings and the recommendations will form part of the Energy Strategy.

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Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target: Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	Indicator: How will you tell that you are succeeding?	Performance 2004/2005 :
Ensure that EMAS related targets are fully integrated as Local Performance Indicators within the relevant service area	All EMAS targets contained in this environmental programme are included in the relevant service plans from April 2004.	All EMAS programme targets found as LPI's produced after 04/04	Not yet 100%
Continue to ensure Council Housing maintenance and repair work leads to improved energy efficiency of Council housing heating	All agreed HECA related targets (e-values, SAP ratings etc) are achieved.	HECA* targets are identified as BVPI's and reported 3 monthly. Housing Improvement Programme (HIP) reported to ODPM annually and HECA performance reported to Council annually	*BVPI 63 LA SAP* rating Target 60 Actual 59.3 *see glossary

OBJECTIVE: 1. Reduce overall energy consumption, whilst at the same time particularly reducing consumption from non-renewable sources			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target: Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	Indicator: How will you tell that you are succeeding?	Performance 2004/2005 :
Complete Energy Surveys of all significant Corporate Assets	Energy Surveys of all significant corporate assets completed by April 2005. Surveys to include recommendations for improvement for each asset. Recommendations used to inform development of energy reduction strategy for Council buildings	<p>Energy Surveys of 30% of significant Council assets undertaken by April 2004.</p> <p>Energy Surveys of 60% of significant Council assets undertaken by October 2004.</p> <p>Energy Surveys of 100% of significant Council assets undertaken by April 2005.</p> <p>BV 180- energy efficiency in council operational property and street lighting. The energy consumption/m² of local authority operational property, compared with comparable buildings in the UK as a whole;</p>	<p>Seven properties were surveyed</p> <p>Electricity Target = 116 kWh/m² Actual = 119 kWh/m²</p> <p>Fossil Fuels Target = 78 kWh/m² Actual = 81 kWh/m²</p>

OBJECTIVE: 1. Reduce overall energy consumption, whilst at the same time particularly reducing consumption from non-renewable sources			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target: Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	Indicator: How will you tell that you are succeeding?	Performance 2004/2005 :
Continue to monitor and report Home Energy Initiatives as part of HECA responsibilities	HECA targets are identified as BVPI's and reported 3 monthly. Housing Improvement Programme (HIP) reported to ODPM annually and HECA performance reported to Council annually	Overall 15% improvement of energy efficiency by March 2006	1.7% improvement v. baseline in 2004/05 equivalent to 14.8% over the entire period
3. Continue to manage and develop the Private Sector Energy Schemes as part of overall HECA strategy	All agreed HECA related targets (e-values, SAP ratings etc) are achieved.	HECA targets are identified as BVPI's and reported 3 monthly. Housing Improvement Programme (HIP) reported to ODPM annually and HECA performance reported to Council annually	1.7% improvement v. baseline in 2004/05 equivalent to 14.8% over the entire period

OBJECTIVE: 1. Reduce overall energy consumption, whilst at the same time particularly reducing consumption from non-renewable sources			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target: Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	Indicator: How will you tell that you are succeeding?	Performance 2004/2005 :
4. To ensure that the private sector in Stroud are aware of private sector energy schemes and that all available resources in Private Sector Energy Schemes are allocated	100% of private sector energy scheme resources are used each financial year	100% of private sector energy scheme resources are used each financial year	100%
5. Continue to implement Stroud's HECA strategy	Improved energy efficiency of 300 private sector homes by 31/03/05	To reach the target through the Warm & Well Scheme and (for hard to treat homes) the Wise Homes Scheme	Improved Energy Efficiency Target = 300 homes Actual = 459 Warm Front = 448 Wise Homes = 11
13. Ensure that the most energy efficient IT equipment is purchased	100% of new monitors purchased are flat screen – low energy models	From April 2004 only flat screen monitors are purchased	100%

Activity: WATER MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE: 2. Minimise water use from Council's own operations and minimise water pollution within the District, through monitoring, education and enforcement.			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target:	Indicator:	Performance 2004/2005:
Develop water use reduction targets and implementation strategy for Stroud Leisure facilities	Water use Strategy developed for 100% of directly managed leisure facilities by October 2004	Draft Strategy produced by 07/04 Final Strategy agreed by 10/04	A strategy has not been undertaken but a study has been started looking at replacing the major plant at Dursley pool which will incorporate water & energy efficiency
Work in partnership with key stakeholders to develop an integrated Stroud Valleys Watercourse Management Plan	Seek EU LIFE funding for development of Stroud Valleys Watercourse Management Plan. If funding successful Draft strategy process started by September 2006	LIFE funding application made by October 2004 If funding successful Draft strategy process started by September 2006.	Bid submitted
Minimise the potential pollution from car park run-off	Location of oil traps identified for each council owned/operated car park and monitoring schedule established by March 2005. Spillage management plan developed for each car park September 2005	Drainage maps for each car park located by January 2005. Spillage management plan developed for each car park September 2005	Not achieved by the deadline, but the anticipated completion date is Sept 06. A Spillage Management plan will then be developed

OBJECTIVE: 2. Minimise water use from Council's own operations and minimise water pollution within the District, through monitoring, education and enforcement.			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target:	Indicator:	Performance
	Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	How will you tell that you are succeeding?	2004/2005:
To ensure plumbing in Council buildings is well maintained	Continue with on-going plumbing maintenance programme	No major leaks reported	No major leaks reported
7. Delivery of Water Conservation Programme in Council Assets (new developments and maintenance)	Continue with delivery of Water Conservation Programme in Council Assets (new developments and maintenance)	On-going implementation of water conservation programme	Not achieved deferred until 2006/07
Produce an annual report showing the volume of water used in council buildings	Annual report showing water use performance against targets produced and presented to SMT?	A report produced and presented by July each year	Not achieved deferred until 2006/07

Activity: WASTE MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE: 3. To reduce the amount of waste generated by the Council and the public, and the impact of waste on the environment and increase the proportion of waste re-used or recycled.			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target: Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	Indicator: How will you tell that you are succeeding?	Performance 2004/2005:
Programme to increase the amount of office paper being recycled rather than thrown away	Increase proportion of office waste paper being recycled by 10%	Facilities manager contacts identify programme by Jan 2005	100%
Continue to recycle all toner cartridges	100% of toner cartridges continued to be collected by IT and sent to local company for recycling	As target	100%
Set photocopiers in photocopier room on double sided as default to reduce volume of paper	To reduce the amount of paper used by photocopier rooms by 25% by 2006 from 2001/02 figure by increasing double sided copying	October 2004 – 5% reduction March 2005 – 10% reduction October 2005 – 20% reduction April 2006 – 25% reduction	Superseded – no longer have a photo copying room now contracted out to Cotswold DC (who do double sided)

OBJECTIVE: 3. To reduce the amount of waste generated by the Council and the public, and the impact of waste on the environment and increase the proportion of waste re-used or recycled.			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target:	Indicator:	Performance
	Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	How will you tell that you are succeeding?	2004/2005:
Reduce risk of environmental damage from handling and disposal of pest control chemicals	Hazard data sheets for all relevant pest control chemicals stored or used in council buildings. Ensure pest control chemicals only used by qualified personnel. Stock control sheets continue to be maintained for all chemicals stored on site.	Hazard data sheets in place for any chemicals stored on site. All chemicals stored safely. 100% of pest controllers have relevant training for any chemicals being used.	100% of officers trained All indicators 100%
Domestic Waste Collection, disposal and recycling contract	All necessary Waste transfer notes, duty of care documentation and evidence of disposal site licence is up to date.	100% of required records are correctly documented.	Complete
Disposal / Composting of green waste arising from grounds maintenance contract	All grounds maintenance contracts require that all box mower green waste is composted (farm composted or mulched on site.	Requirement in 100% of contracts	Complete

OBJECTIVE: 3. To reduce the amount of waste generated by the Council and the public, and the impact of waste on the environment and increase the proportion of waste re-used or recycled.			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target: Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	Indicator: How will you tell that you are succeeding?	Performance 2004/2005:
Specifications for major building work in council buildings should require re/use recycling of building waste wherever possible.	All specifications for major building works over £50k in council buildings to contain requirement to maximise recycling of building waste. From April 2005	100% of specifications after April 2005 to contain material recycling requirement	Complete
Organising waste collection from Council buildings – Duty of Care requirements	All necessary Waste transfer notes, duty of care documentation and evidence of disposal site licence is up to date.	100% of required records are correctly documented.	100%
Recycle all cooking oil from Council offices catering facility contract	100% of spent cooking oil is recycled after April 2005	50% of spent cooking oil is recycled by 10/04 100% by 04/05	100%

OBJECTIVE: 3. To reduce the amount of waste generated by the Council and the public, and the impact of waste on the environment and increase the proportion of waste re-used or recycled.			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target: Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	Indicator: How will you tell that you are succeeding?	Performance 2004/2005:
Specification for Council Housing Major works, reinstatement and day to day maintenance should require re/use recycling of building waste wherever possible	All specifications for major reinstatement works over £50k in council housing to contain requirement to maximise recycling of building waste. From April 2005	100% of specifications after April 2005 to contain material recycling requirement	LPI HS 16 100%
Ensure IT disposal is WEEE compliant and meets any duty of care requirements	Develop WEEE compliant IT disposal practice and ensure any duty of care requirements are met and fully documented by October 2004	As target	100%
Reduce risk of environmental damage from handling, use and disposal of swimming pool chemicals	Hazard data sheets for all relevant pool chemicals stored or used in Council operated swimming pools Ensure pool chemicals only used by qualified personnel.	As target	Hazard data sheets in place for any chemicals stored on site. In place Complete

Activity: TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE: 4. Minimise the risk of pollution and encourage the purchase of the least environmentally damaging products and services related to the management of transport by the Council			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target:	Indicator:	Performance 2004-2005
Offer Driver Improvement training for any member of staff driving over 2500 miles per year	100% of staff driving over 2500 miles per year offered Driver Improvement Training by April 2005	75% of eligible staff receive training.	73% of eligible staff had received training
Investigate feasibility of electric vehicle for Council internal mail courier.	Feasibility study undertaken and presented to Facilities manager for decision on funding by October 2005	As target	Not undertaken as no funding
Green Transport Plan – review and implement	Operational Plan being implemented by April 2005	Operational Plan being implemented by April 2005	Implementation deferred
Local Transport Plan	Continue to support and influence the county plan through participation on the LSP	Continue to attend 100% of LSP meetings related to transport.	100%

7.5 Activity: PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE: 5. Encourage the purchase of the least environmentally damaging products and services by Stroud District Council			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target: Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	Indicator: How will you tell that you are succeeding?	Performance 2004-2005
To develop guidance for staff to include environmental performance considerations in all specifications for the procurement of goods and services and for day to day procurement of goods and services	Guidance developed and active by August 2004	Draft guidance produced by June 2004 Final guidance document agreed by end August 2004	Complete
Develop 'green procurement' procedures as part of Review of Procurement	To have standard green procurement procedures applied to all corporate procurement activities after 10/05	100% of corporate procurement activities have applied procedure after 10/04	Deferred until 2005
Use (Bank Automated Clearing System) BACS Payment of invoices where possible to reduce paper usage	70% of all invoices paid by BACS by October 2004	30% by 06/04, 50% by 08/04 70% by 10/04	Deferred until 2005

OBJECTIVE: 5. Encourage the purchase of the least environmentally damaging products and services by Stroud District Council			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target: Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	Indicator: How will you tell that you are succeeding?	Performance 2004-2005
Include relevant environmental performance considerations as a requirement in standing orders and financial regulations.	Assess whether existing financial regulations and standing orders require the purchase of least environmentally damaging products and services by 12/04. If they do not establish programme for including relevant environmental performance considerations after 12/04	Assessment undertaken by 12/04	Assessment deferred

Activity: CORPORATE PLANNING

OBJECTIVE: 6. Ensure the requirements of the EMS are fully integrated with the corporate planning process in Stroud District Council			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target: Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	Indicator: How will you tell that you are succeeding?	Performance 2004-2005
Maintain an effective Environmental Legal Compliance register	Service heads are informed of relevant new legislation, regulations or guidance related to the environmental aspects of their service delivery. This register is updated every 6 months	Each service head receives 6 monthly bulletins on any relevant new or impending environmental legislation, regulation or guidance.	Not achieved
An environmental assessment procedure is developed to inform medium term Budget Planning	Assess feasibility of an environmental assessment procedure developed and applied to all medium term budget plans from April 2005	Feasibility assessment undertaken and decision about implementation made by April 2005	Concluded as not feasible
Include the management of major environmental accidents and emergencies in the Business continuity plan (BCP)	When BCP is next updated as part of review of plan in light of Civil Emergency Bill.	Next version of BCP contains procedure related to management of major environmental accidents and emergencies	Awaiting for Civil Contingency Bill to become law in April 05

OBJECTIVE: 6. Ensure the requirements of the EMS are fully integrated with the corporate planning process in Stroud District Council			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target: Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	Indicator: How will you tell that you are succeeding?	Performance 2004-2005
Housing Strategy	Ensure that EMS objectives are considered within the Housing Strategy by June 2005	Environmental objectives found in Housing strategy after 06/05	LPI HS 17 Not applicable at this stage
Stroud District Council Local Plan	Environmental assessment undertaken of all policies and plans in the district plan in keeping with PPG12	Evidence provided of 100% assessment	Environmental Assessment of the Local Plan was undertaken
Community Strategy development	environmental assessment undertaken of all policies and plans in the Community Strategy	Evidence of environmental assessment provided at draft strategy stage	Not achieved but will be undertaken with the next review.

Activity: BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE: 7. Ensure through the Council's policies and initiatives, that local biodiversity is protected and enhanced.			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target: Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	Indicator: How will you tell that you are succeeding?	Records: Where are you keeping records of your actions?
All Land Drainage schemes to include appropriate habitat enhancement –	100% of land drainage projects from August 2004 to include assessment of potential for habitat enhancement	All schemes after 8/04 to include assessment of potential for habitat enhancement	No land drainage schemes have taken place
Develop Biodiversity action plans for key species and habitats in Stroud and biodiversity management plans for Stroud's Commons and Woodlands	Continue to grant aid local biodiversity NGO's to help implement the Gloucestershire BAP in Stroud DC.	HAPS and SAPS identified for Stroud – October 2004. Plans developed by March 2005	Commissioned biodiversity management plans to be developed for the Council's owned Commons and Woodlands. This is in partnership with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust
Green Space Strategy (GSS)	Ensure GSS contains performance indicators related to improving biodiversity	GSS contains performance indicators related to improving biodiversity	Agreed a Green Spaces Strategy with a partnership of organisations and which is currently being delivered.

OBJECTIVE: 7. Ensure through the Council's policies and initiatives, that local biodiversity is protected and enhanced.			
Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target: Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	Indicator: How will you tell that you are succeeding?	Records: Where are you keeping records of your actions?
Local Plan inclusion of policies designed to improve or protect biodiversity	Policies related specifically to improved biodiversity contained in local plan	Policies concerning biodiversity being implemented / considered when determining applications.	Biodiversity policies are included in the draft local plan. Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust are consulted on biodiversity issues related to planning applications

Summary of EMS Environmental Objectives and Programme 2005-2006

Activity: ENERGY MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE: 1. Reduce overall energy consumption, whilst at the same time particularly reducing consumption from non-renewable sources

Action:	Target:	Responsibility:
Establish Energy reduction strategy for Council buildings and to improve monitoring and reporting of energy use	Develop and implement an energy reduction strategy for Council buildings that will help achieve a 5% reduction in energy use in Council buildings by 10/07	Facilities Manager
Ensure that EMAS related targets are fully integrated as LPI's or actions within the relevant service area	All EMAS targets contained in this environmental programme are included in the relevant service plans annually from April 2004	Policy & Review Manager
Continue to ensure Council Housing maintenance and repair work leads to improved energy efficiency of Council housing heating	All agreed HECA related targets (e-values, SAP ratings etc) are achieved.	Housing Rehabilitation Manager
Complete Energy Surveys of all significant Corporate Assets	Energy Surveys of all significant corporate assets completed by April 2005. Surveys to include recommendations for improvement for each asset. Recommendations used to inform development of energy reduction strategy for Council buildings	Facilities Manager
Continue to monitor and report Home Energy Initiatives as part of HECA responsibilities	HECA targets are identified as BVPI's and reported 3 monthly. Housing Improvement Programme (HIP) reported to ODPM annually and HECA performance reported to Council annually	Head of Environmental Health
Continue to manage and develop the Private Sector Energy Schemes as part of overall HECA strategy	Housing Improvement Programme (HIP) reported to ODPM annually and HECA performance reported to Council annually Target SAP rating of 63 by 2006/07	Head of Housing Standards Head of Environmental Health

Action:	Target:	Responsibility:
To ensure that the private sector in Stroud are aware of private sector energy schemes and that all available resources in Private Sector Energy Schemes are allocated	100% of private sector energy scheme resources are used each financial year	Head of Environmental Health
Ensure that the most energy efficient IT equipment is purchased	100% of new monitors purchased are flat screen – low energy models	Information Services Manager

Activity: WATER MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE: 2. Minimise water use from Council's own operations

Action:	Target:	Responsibility
Develop water use reduction targets and implementation strategy for Dursley pool	Water use Strategy of plant replacement at Dursley pool implemented by 2008 subject to funding	Strategic Head of Regeneration & Culture
Work in partnership with key stakeholders to develop an integrated Stroud Valleys Watercourse Management Plan	Seek EU LIFE funding for development of Stroud Valleys Watercourse Management Plan.	Head of Environmental Health
Ensure that EMAS related targets are fully integrated as Local Performance Indicators within the relevant service area	All EMAS targets contained in this environmental programme are included in the relevant service plans from April 2004.	Policy & Communications Manager
Delivery of Water Conservation Programme in controlled property	Continue with delivery of Water Conservation Programme in Council controlled property	Facilities Manager
Produce an annual report showing the volume of water used in council buildings	Annual report showing water use performance against targets and notification of any leaks produced and presented to SMT?	Head of Regeneration

Activity: WASTE MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE: 3. To reduce the amount of waste generated by the Council and the public, and the impact of waste on the environment and increase the proportion of waste re-used or recycled.

Action:	Target:	Responsibility
Programme to increase the amount of office paper being recycled rather than thrown away	Maintain at least 90% of office waste paper being recycled	Facilities Manager
Continue to recycle all toner cartridges	100% of toner cartridges continued to be collected by IT and sent to local company for recycling	Head of Information Services
To let all users of large volume photocopier and all other copiers that double sided should be used wherever possible	To let all users of all photocopiers that double sided should be used wherever possible	Facilities Manager
Reduce risk of environmental damage from handling and disposal of pest control chemicals	1) Hazard data sheets for all relevant pest control chemicals stored or used in council buildings. Ensure pest control chemicals only used by qualified personnel. Stock control sheets continue to be maintained for all chemicals stored on site. 2) 100% of chemical waste and packaging disposed of correctly	Head of Environmental Health
Domestic Waste Collection, disposal and recycling contract	All necessary Waste transfer notes, duty of care documentation and evidence of disposal site licence is up to date.	Technical Contracts Officer
Disposal / Composting of green waste arising from grounds maintenance contract	All grounds maintenance contracts require that all box mower green waste is composted (farm composted) or mulched on site.	Principal Contracts Officer
Specifications for major building work in council buildings should require re/use recycling of building waste wherever possible.	All specifications for major building works over £50k in council buildings to contain requirement to maximise recycling of building waste. From April 2005	Head of Regeneration
Reduce general office waste (cardboard, cans, plastic etc	Continue to reduce volume of waste being disposed of from Ebley Mill and not recycled.	Facilities Manager
All necessary Waste transfer notes, duty of care documentation and evidence of disposal site licence is up to date..	100% of required records are correctly documented	Facilities Manager

Action:	Target:	Responsibility
Specification for Council Housing Major works, reinstatement and day to day maintenance should require re/use recycling of building waste wherever possible	All specifications for major reinstatement works over £50k in council housing to contain requirement to maximise recycling of building waste. From April 2005	Housing Rehabilitation Manager
Ensure IT disposal is WEEE compliant and meets any duty of care requirements	Develop WEEE compliant IT disposal practice and ensure any duty of care requirements are met and fully documented by October 2004 (on-going)	Head of Information Services
Reduce risk of environmental damage from handling, use and disposal of swimming pool chemicals at Dursley Pool	Hazard data sheets for all relevant pool chemicals stored or used in Council operated swimming pools Ensure pool chemicals only used by qualified personnel.	Leisure Manager
Continue to undertake street cleaning and monitor customer satisfaction	To maintain satisfaction rating	Technical Contracts Officer

Activity: TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE: 4. Minimise the risk of pollution and encourage the purchase of the least environmentally damaging products and services related to the management of transport by the Council

Action:	Target:	Responsibility
Offer Driver Improvement training for any member of staff driving over 2500 miles per year	100% of staff driving over 2500 miles per year offered Driver Improvement Training	Principal Environmental Health Officer
Continue to monitor staff and Councillor car mileage centrally and report on annual mileage and resultant CO ₂ emissions	Report mileage and CO ₂ emission every year as part of corporate environmental statement	Policy & Communications Manager
Green Transport Plan – review and implement	Operational Plan being implemented by April 2005	Head of Regeneration

Activity: PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE: 5. Encourage the purchase of the least environmentally damaging products and services by Stroud District Council

Action:	Target:	Responsibility
To develop guidance for staff to include environmental performance considerations in all specifications for the procurement of goods and services and for day to day procurement of goods and services	Guidance developed and active by August 2004	Head of Accountancy & Audit
Develop 'green procurement' procedures as part of Review of Procurement	To have standard green procurement procedures applied to all corporate procurement activities after 10/05	Head of Accountancy & Audit
Use (Bank Automated Clearing System) BACS Payment of invoices where possible to reduce paper usage	90% of all invoices paid by BACS by October 2005	Accountancy & Audit
Include relevant environmental performance considerations as a requirement in standing orders and financial regulations.	Assess whether existing financial regulations and standing orders require the purchase of least environmentally damaging products and services by 12/04. If they do not establish programme for including relevant environmental performance considerations after 12/04	Head of Accountancy & Audit

Activity: CORPORATE PLANNING

OBJECTIVE: 6. Ensure the requirements of the EMS are fully integrated with the corporate planning process in Stroud District Council

Action:	Target:	Responsibility
Maintain an effective Environmental Legal Compliance register	Service heads are informed of relevant new legislation, regulations or guidance related to the environmental aspects of their service delivery. This register is updated every 6 months	Head of Legal Services
Ensure that EMAS related targets are fully integrated as Local Performance Indicators within the relevant service area	All EMAS targets contained in this environmental programme are included in the relevant service plans from April 2004.	Policy & Communications Manager
An environmental assessment procedure is developed to inform medium term Budget Planning	Assess feasibility of an environmental assessment procedure developed and applied to all medium term budget plans from April 2005	Head of Accountancy & Audit
Housing Strategy	a) Ensure that EMS objectives are considered within the Housing Strategy by June 2005	Housing Strategy
Stroud District Council Local Plan	Environmental assessment undertaken of all policies and plans in the district plan in keeping with PPG12 (on-going)	Planning Strategy Manager

Activity: BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE: 7. Ensure through the Council's policies and initiatives, that local biodiversity is protected and enhanced.

Action:	Target:	Responsibility
All Land Drainage schemes to include appropriate habitat enhancement	100% of land drainage projects from August 2004 to include assessment of potential for habitat enhancement	Head of Environmental Health
Develop Biodiversity action plans for key species and habitats in Stroud and biodiversity management plans for Stroud's Commons and Woodlands	Continue to grant aid local biodiversity NGO's to help implement the Gloucestershire BAP in Stroud DC.	Strategic Head of Regeneration & Culture
Green Spaces Strategy	Ensure GSS contains performance indicators related to improving biodiversity	Strategic Head of Regeneration and Culture
Local Plan inclusion of polices designed to improve or protect biodiversity	a) Polices related specifically to improved biodiversity contained in local plan	Planning Strategy Manager
Increase Number of new homes built on brownfield sites (Previous Developed Land – PDL)	b) BVPI106 60% of new homes on brownfield sites by 2008	Planning Strategy Manager

Activity: POLLUTION MANAGEMENT**OBJECTIVE: 8. Minimise pollution within the District, through monitoring, education and enforcement.**

Action: How are you going to achieve your objective?	Target: Insert date for completion of one-off action or for setting up of new procedures for repeat actions	Responsibility Who is responsible for ensuring action takes place?
Continue to remove abandoned vehicles	Implement fast track system by Dec 2005	Community Safety Officer
Continue to respond to all relevant noise complaints received	To respond to all complaints within 3 working days	Head of Environmental Health
Continue to respond to all relevant air pollution complaints received	To respond to all complaints within 3 working days	Head of Environmental Health
Continue with programme of LAAPC authorisation inspections	On-going programme	Head of Environmental Health
Continue to investigate all potential contaminated land sites	On-going programme of database development	Head of Environmental Health
Continue to respond to water supply sampling requirements	On-going response programme	Head of Environmental Health
Identify oil traps in each council owned car park	Location of oil traps identified for each council owned/operated car park and monitoring schedule established by March 2005. Spillage management plan developed for each car park September 2005	Head of Regeneration
Continue with food inspection programme	The percentage of food premises inspections that should have been carried out that were carried out for: a) high risk premises b) other premises	Head of Environmental Health
Continue with H & S inspection programme	On-going response programme	Head of Environmental Health
Respond and deal with complaints about dog fouling	100% of all relevant complaints responded to and dealt with	Head of Environmental Health

Glossary

SAP rating - Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) Rating - SAP provides a simple means of reliably estimating the energy efficiency performance of dwellings. SAP ratings are expressed on a scale of 1 to 100 the higher the number the better the rating. Thus SAP is similar to the fuel consumption of a car under standard driving conditions.

BVPI – Best Value Performance Indicator is a government measurement and measures for continuous improvement in service and is compared nationally.

LPI – Local Performance Indicator. A local measurement to show continuous improvement.

HECA – Home Energy Conversation Act

ODPM – Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

SMT – Strategic Management Team

WEEE - Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). The WEEE Directive aims to prevent WEEE arising, to encourage reuse, recycling and recovery of WEEE and to improve the environmental performance of all operators involved in the lifecycle of electrical and electronic equipment, especially those dealing with WEEE.

LSP – Local Strategic Partnership

Gloucestershire BAP – Gloucestershire Biodiversity Action Plan

SAPS - Species Action Plans

HAPS - Habitat Action Plans

Deadline for submission of the next statement

We will submit our next full Environmental Statement by 30th November 2006. It will cover the period from April 2005 to the end of March 2006.

Name of accredited verifier

This statement has been verified independently and all the information in it checked. This means that you can be confident that you are receiving accurate information about our environmental performance.

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