

Service Improvement Plan (*abridged*) – D&NS – Direct Services 2006/07- 2008/09

Theme: Liveability	
Objective: DS1.1: Contribute to making Stockton a cleaner, greener borough - cemeteries	
Action & Milestones	Success Measures & Targets
Restore the borough's cemeteries to a reasonable standard of safety Develop sustainable maintenance and inspection regimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding secured Inspection regimes agreed and asset management plan in place

Theme: Liveability	
Objective: DS1.2: Contribute to making Stockton a cleaner, greener borough – waste collection	
Action & Milestones	Success Measures & Targets
Review existing waste collection policies and practices in line with Environmental Select Committee recommendations including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of charges for wheeled bin replacements by April 2006 Charging for bulky waste collections by April 2006 Extend green waste collection services by April 2006 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BVPI 84 – reduction in kgs of household waste collected per person to below 500kgs BVPI 82a – improvement in percentage of household waste recycled to over 18% BVPI 82b – improvement in percentage of household waste composted to over 4% Significant reduction in the number of replacement bins requested 48,000 households served by green waste collection by March 2008 and 60,000 by March 2009 Maximum of 10% of household waste to be landfilled each year
Consideration for collection changes to refuse and recycling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternate weekly refuse and recycling collections introduction of a no side waste policy <p>Consultation to be completed by end May 2006.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful consultation via Renaissance Area Boards and SCRAGA

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Objective: DS 1.3: Contribute to making Stockton a cleaner, greener borough – urban parks	
Action & Milestones	Success Measures & Targets
Develop partnership for Young Person’s Play for improvement to play provision in urban parks by July 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful funding application through the Big Lottery: (Notional offer made on the basis of play strategy being submitted by July 2006) • Five major new play projects developed by March 2009 in line with Big Lottery criteria.

Theme: Liveability	
Objective: DS 1.4: Contribute to making Stockton a cleaner, greener borough – parks and countryside	
Develop a five year strategy for Parks and Countryside: To Cabinet November 2006 Produce Management Plans for all major parks and countryside sites by March 2008.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved standard of facilities and public satisfaction levels. • Greater use by the public: • Green Flag Awards for 5 parks by July 2008.

Theme: Liveability	
Objective: DS 1.5: Contribute to making Stockton a cleaner, greener borough – environmental pollution	
Reduce the amount of environmental pollution through seeking viable alternative fuels for Council vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased use of LPG and other green fuel vehicles

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Theme: Children and Young People	
Objective: DS2: Contribute to the Health and Well-Being Agenda through the Healthy Schools Programme and Health Initiatives	
<p>To achieve a quality, sustainable school meal service to meet mandatory nutritional standards, within the three years of the Government's "Turning the Tables on School Meals " initiative</p> <p>Work with our partners to ensure that schoolchildren in Stockton have access to quality school meals at an acceptable cost</p> <p>All cooks to be trained to accredited nutritional standards certification</p> <p>Implement a co-ordinated incentive scheme in all schools to encourage healthy diet and lifestyle by March 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase in paid and free meal uptake• Reduced absence and improved health• Reduction in people accessing services that provide help with obesity and client related problems• Successful Ofsted reports in Stockton, which include measuring targets on school meals