



## Council 13 December 2011

### CABINET MEMBER REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL

#### ***Report by Cllr Peter Stevens, Environment and Waste Management Portfolio***

**Portfolio includes:**

- Conservation, Climate Change and Energy Action;
- Environmental Sustainability and the Environmental Management System;
- Public Toilets;
- Street Names and Numbering;
- Street Scene, Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance; and
- Waste and Recycling.

**1. *Environmental Sustainability: Energy efficiency – Warmer Greener Homes DIY Scheme***

- 1.1 With its partners in West Suffolk, officers in the Environmental Management Team ran three energy showcases between September and December 2011 to help households in the Borough carry out simple energy and water efficiency measures. The project is funded by the Western Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership.
- 1.2 A showcase was held at the Great Whelnetham Vintage Car rally in September 2011. Twenty-five households applied for energy and water-saving products to a total value of around £3,000.
- 1.3 A showcase was held in November 2011 at the Erskine Centre in Chedburgh supporting the following villages:-
- Brockley  
Chedburgh  
Chevington  
Hawkedon  
Rede  
Whepstead.
- 1.4 From this event, 114 households applied for energy and water-saving products to a total value of approximately £14,000, which they will install themselves.

- 1.5 A third energy showcase was held at the Green Fair in The Apex, Bury St Edmunds. The applications from this event are being processed and final figures are awaited.
- 1.6 Final CO<sub>2</sub> and water savings accruing from these events are being calculated as part of the project as a whole.

## **2. Waste and Street Scene Services**

### **2.1 Motorvate Bronze Award**

- (a) The Borough Council has recently received a Bronze Award from an organisation called Motorvate for cutting carbon emissions from its vehicle fleet by 5% over the last year. Motorvate carry out an annual assessment of our fleet of cars and light commercial vehicles to review carbon impact.
- (b) Motorvate is part of the Energy Savings Trust, which is the UK's leading impartial organisation helping people to save energy and cut carbon emissions.

### **2.2 Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA): Local Authority Waste Statistics 2010-2011**

- (a) On 3 November 2011, DEFRA released the Local Authority waste statistics for 2010/2011. The Borough Council's residual waste per household (National Indicator (NI)191) decreased by 0.89 kg/hhld from the previous year to 477.16 kg/hhld. In addition, the Council achieved a recycling and composting rate (NI192) of 51.9%, a 1.2% improvement on the previous year.
- (b) As well as increasing our recycling rate the cost of collecting waste for each household in St Edmundsbury fell again for a second successive year. In 2010/11 the cost fell to £41.90 per household compared to £44.44 in 2009/10 (a fall of over 5%). This was achieved through efficiency savings like the waste collection round reorganisation as well as improving our performance across a range of our charged services.

### **2.3 Domestic Glass Collections in Haverhill**

- (a) Officers have secured approximately £4,000 from the Suffolk Waste Partnership's Diversion Incentive Fund to pay for the rollout of 20 glass bins to be strategically placed within housing estates in Haverhill. As a result of this we expect to divert approximately 47 tonnes of glass a year and in addition, the rollout of this service will also act as a catalyst to expand our trade glass collections into the Haverhill area.

### **2.4 New 'Bring Site' Recycling Facilities**

- (a) Additional containers for the collection of ink cartridges have been installed at 'bring sites' across the Borough. Locations include Moreton Hall Community Centre, Ram Meadow, Vinery Road, Waitrose and Asda in Bury St Edmunds and at Barrow, Risby and Ixworth villages. Future plans for recycling other waste streams include containers for small domestic electrical appliances (e.g. irons, hair dryers and toasters).