TRANSFORMING OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

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The Mayor's "Raising Hope" agenda highlights the need to improve the environment and reduce environmental impacts as key to making the town a more attractive place to live and invest.

The quality of life of Middlesbrough's residents and the quality of the public spaces in which our residents live and work is a crucial to the "transforming our local environment" theme. The Environmental Theme Action group of the local strategic partnership will develop and deliver strategies under "Transforming Our Local Environment" and lead on the Government's national liveability agenda designed to deliver "cleaner, safer, greener public spaces and improvement of the quality of the built environment in deprived areas and across the country, with measurable improvement by 2008." (PSA 8)

 The Environmental Theme Action group has identified the following strategic priorities:

1. Improve the standard of cleanliness throughout the town, with a focus on key areas of the town
2. Develop a high quality network of public realm, open space and parks to serve the needs of the community
3. Contribute to the fear of crime in public spaces
4. Increase the amount of household waste, which is recycled
5. Improve air quality
6. Increase species and habitat biodiversity
7. Reduce the causes and adverse effects of climate change
8. Involve all section of the community in transforming the local environment

Through investment the town is already benefiting from a much cleaner, greener and safer environment. However in order to make real progress in making Middlesbrough a cleaner and greener town with high quality public spaces, good air quality, and an environment that support species and habitat biodiversity the Theme group has identified the following priority outcomes that it wishes to deliver through the local area agreement.

Ref	Strategic Priority	Priority Outcomes
1	Improve the standard of cleanliness throughout the town, with a focus on key areas of the town	▪ Improve the quality of the local environment with a particular focus on reducing levels of litter and detritus ▪ Improve the quality of local environment by reducing the gap in aspects of liveability between the worst wards and Middlesbrough with a particular focus on reducing levels of litter and detritus
2	Develop a high quality network of public realm, open space and parks to serve the needs of the community	▪ *Cleaner, greener and safer public spaces* ▪ Quality surroundings ▪ Increased access to and enjoyment of green spaces and the countryside
3	Contribute to the fear of crime in public spaces	The overall responsibility for reducing fear of crime lies within the Creating Safer and Stronger communities theme
4	Increase the amount of household waste which is recycled	▪ Increase the amount of household waste which is recycled ▪ Reduce the amount of household waste entering the waste stream
5	Improve air quality	▪ Improve air quality
6	Increase species and habitat biodiversity	Need an outcome - Number of species- need to establish a baseline Amount of habitat in the habitat management plan to be produced by March 2007.
7.	Reduce the causes and adverse effects of climate change	▪ Tackling climate change through reduced greenhouse gas emissions
8.	Involve all section of the community in transforming the local environment	Need an outcome – Attendance at the annual Environmental Conference(Mark Fishpool)

Responsibility for tackling anti-social behaviour and fear of crime, which is also a priority of the Cleaner, Safe, Greener Communities lies with the Safer Middlesbrough Partnership this is covered within the Creating Safer and Stronger Communities of this Agreement.

Indicators and Targets

Improve the standard of cleanliness throughout the town, with a focus on key areas of the town									
Outcome	Indicator	Baseline 2006/07	Targets 2007/08	Targets 2008/09	Targets 2009/10	Lead partner	Target Source	Data source	Comments
Improve the quality of the local environment with a particular focus on reducing levels of litter and detritus	Proportion of relevant land classified as unclean - litter							BVPI 199a	
	Proportion of relevant land classified as unclean - graffiti							BVPI 199b	
	The average number of whole working days (Monday to Friday) elapsed between the council receiving its first report of graffiti	2004/05 3 days		1 day			LPSA 2		
	Proportion of relevant land classified as unclean - fly posting							BVPI 199c	

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	Proportion of relevant land classified as unclean - fly tipping							BVPI 199d	
	The number of reported fly tips	2004/05 17368		8520			LPSA 2		
	Percentage of people satisfied with the cleanliness standard in their area	2003/04 51%						BVPI 89	
	Percentage of new reports of abandoned vehicles investigated within 24hrs of notification							BVPI 218a	
	Percentage of abandoned vehicles removed within 24 hours from the point at which the authority is legally entitled to remove the vehicle							BVPI 218b	

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Improve the quality of local environment by reducing the gap in aspects of liveability between the worst wards and Middlesbrough with a particular focus on reducing levels of litter and detritus	Reduce the gap between Middlesbrough and the North and East area (NRF) of the town for unacceptable litter	2005/06 Gap 4.4%points		Gap 2% points					

Develop a high quality network of public realm, open space and parks to serve the needs of the community									
Outcome	Indicator	Baseline 2006/07	Targets 2007/08	Targets 2008/09	Targets 2009/10	Lead partner	Target Source	Data source	Comments
Quality surroundings	Increase in the number of green flag award parks								
	Percentage of residents satisfied with parks and open spaces								
	Percentage of residents accessible within 750m of a Green Flag Park								Green Spaces Strategy

Increase the amount of household waste, which is recycled									
Outcome	Indicator	Baseline 2006/07	Targets 2007/08	Targets 2008/09	Targets 2009/10	Lead partner	Target Source	Data source	Comments
Increase the amount of household waste which is recycled	Percentage of the total tonnage of household waste that has been recycled							BVPI 82a	
	Percentage of the total tonnage of household waste that has been sent for composting								
	Percentage of total tonnage of household waste that has been used to recover heat, power and other energy sources								
	Percentage of total tonnage of household waste that has been landfilled								
	The percentage recovery value of municipal waste								

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Outcome	Indicator	Baseline 2006/07	Targets 2007/08	Targets 2008/09	Targets 2009/10	Lead partner	Target Source	Data source	Comments
Reduce the amount of household waste entering the waste stream	The number of households that participate in home composting								Mark Fishpool - Environment City
	The tonnage of waste not entering the waste stream - tonnage of home composting								Mark Fishpool - Environment City
	Number of kilograms of household waste collected per head of population							BVPI 84a	

Improve air quality

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline 2006/07	Targets 2007/08	Targets 2008/09	Targets 2009/10	Lead partner	Target Source	Data source	Comments
Improve air quality	The number of days a year when air quality standards have been breached								

Increase species and habitat biodiversity

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline 2006/07	Targets 2007/08	Targets 2008/09	Targets 2009/10	Lead partner	Target Source	Data source	Comments
Protect and enhance biodiversity	Habitat Management plan and area protected for species	Baseline to be established	Positive increases						
	Number of species- need to establish a baseline								
	Amount of habitat in the habitat management plan to be produced by March 2007.								

Reduce the causes and the adverse effects of climate change									
Outcome	Indicator	Baseline 2006/07	Targets 2007/08	Targets 2008/09	Targets 2009/10	Lead partner	Target Source	Data source	Comments
Tackling climate change through reduced greenhouse emissions	The number of tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions	2002 915,706							
	The percentage reduction in greenhouse emissions								

Involve all sections of the community in transforming the local environment									
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PERFORMANCE REWARD ELEMENT (STRETCHED PERFORMANCE)

The following indicators are being proposed for stretched performance.

LPSA targets			

FUNDING STREAM INFORMATION

Automatically Pooled Funding			
Funding stream	**07/08**	**08/09**	**09/10**
Neighbourhood Renewal Fund		-	

Additional Pooled Funding			
Funding stream	**07/08**	**08/09**	**09/10**

Aligned Funding			
Funding stream	**07/08**	**08/09**	**09/10**
To be agreed			

ENABLING MEASURES

- LA measured on best practicable option for recycling
- Home composting schemes to be counted towards recycling target
- Power to ensure local builders dispose of material correctly
- Supermarkets packaging