

Environment Development Policy Group 8 July 2004**DEFRA Waste Minimisation and Recycling Fund / Devon Composting Partnership Briefing Note****Report of Strategic Director (Operations)****Statutory Powers:** Environmental Protection Act 1990**Financial Implications:** None**Purpose**

To provide a background to the DEFRA £135 million 'Waste Minimisation and Recycling Fund' with specific reference to the Devon Composting Partnership bid and the involvement of South Hams District Council.

To provide details of the Communications Plan for the overarching Devon Composting Partnership and for South Hams District Council at the local level specifically.

Link to Council's Priorities – Maintenance of a clean environment (CP4)**Recommendations**

That the Executive be RECOMMENDED that the group notes the report.

Background

Following on from the Waste Review Workshop held on Thursday 27th May 2004, for Members, it was felt that some background information on the DEFRA bid and Communications Plan would be useful in assisting Members, in understanding the Waste Review Report.

Risk Assessment

There does not appear to be a risk attached to this report.

Human Rights Act

There appears to be no human rights implications attached to this report.

Conclusion

The attached two Briefing Papers are intended to provide some background information for members to the DEFRA bid and the subsequent secured funding. The papers are also intended to introduce the Communications Plan compiled for the proposed implementation of the Waste Review locally, and to support the activities of the Devon Composting Partnership.

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Background Documents:

Outcome of Waste Review – EDPG 8th July 2004.