

## **GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (GEM) REPORT FOR 2004/5**

**Report By: DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

### **Purpose**

1. To review the Council's environmental management / ISO 14001 system over 2004/05 to ensure that it continues to be suitable, adequate and effective and deliver improvement in environmental performance.

### **Financial Implications**

2. Objectives and targets are met within set budgets and resources.

### **Considerations**

3. The attached report gives summary information on Council performance against its nine objectives. It also covers progress with ISO 14001 certification, developments during the year and plans for 2005/06.
4. The proposed GEM objectives & targets for 2005/06 are set out at Appendix IV. The GEM group agreed earlier this year to reduce the number of objectives and targets, as it was felt that last year's set was too detailed. The plan to extract GEM commitments from Service Plans to create the 05/06 programme proved difficult as Service Plans tend to focus on larger scale initiatives and so did not produce the full range of commitments required to progress our objectives.
5. Other appendices give more detailed information on performance against each target for 2004/5 and corrective actions raised internally and externally (by our certifiers) during the past year.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the report be noted and any comments by the Committee on the Council's performance for 2004/05 and objectives for 2005/06 be forwarded for consideration by the Cabinet Member (Environment).**

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- None