

GEM PERFORMANCE 2005/6: ANNUAL REPORT

Report By: Director of Environment

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

1. To review the Council's environmental performance, particularly in relation to GEM & ISO 14001, during 2005/06 to ensure that it continues to improve overall.

Financial Implications

2. GEM Objectives and targets are designed to be met within existing budgets and resources.

Considerations

3. The appended GEM annual report summarises the Council's performance against internal objectives over the year and new developments. The half year reports (last presented to the Cabinet Member & Environment Scrutiny in December 2005), which follow the annual compliance review and the report to senior management, focus more on the development and operation of the environmental management system.
4. Appendices to the report give more detailed information on:-
 - Performance in relation to GEM targets for 2005/06
 - Proposed programme for 2006/07, based on the Corporate Plan and the in-house elements of the Environmental Strategy (agreed July 2005).

Background

- 5 Environment Scrutiny have a role in scrutinising performance of the ISO 14001 system on behalf of Herefordshire residents and are defined within it as interested parties.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT The report be noted, subject to any comments Members may wish to make to the Cabinet Member, Environment.