



Agenda item: 9

Summary

Report for:	Strategic Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting:	12th January 2016
Part:	1
If Part II, reason:	

Title of report:	Environmental Management System (ISO 14001)
Contact:	Councillor Janice Marshall, Portfolio Holder for Environmental, Sustainability and Regulatory Services. Author/Responsible Officer : Nicola Turvey , Environmental & Sustainability Officer
Purpose of report:	To provide an update to Committee on this Authority's Environmental Management System (EMS).
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Members note the progress on the Environmental Management System (EMS). 2. That any comments from this Committee are passed to the Portfolio Holder for consideration.
Corporate objectives:	Safe and Clean Environment Dacorum Delivers
Implications:	<u>Financial</u> The EMS is delivered within current budgets and capital bids are made when required in accordance with business needs.
'Value for money' implications	<u>Value for money</u> An effective Environment Management System does contribute to ensuring services are providing value for money.
Risk implications	The EMS helps to minimise risk by ensuring that any impacts on the environment from council activities are managed and ensures we are legally compliant in the required areas.
Equalities	Not applicable.

implications	
Health and safety Implications	Any implications will be identified by officers in the presentation to Committee.
Consultees:	David Austin, Assistant Director Neighbourhood Delivery Nick Egerton, Team Leader Environmental Protection and Housing Chris Troy, Group Manager, Regulatory Services
Background papers:	None
Historical background <i>(please give a brief background to this report to enable it to be considered in the right context).</i>	Dacorum Borough Council operates an ISO 14001 accredited Environmental Management System (EMS) for 13 of its operational sites. The EMS seeks to minimise the environmental impact of the Council's activities and to ensure its legal compliance. The system itself is externally audited twice a year. The presentation will give an overview of the EMS, progress to date, performance measures and key challenges in the future.
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	None

1. Summary

A presentation will be made by Nicola Turvey, Environmental Sustainability Officer on the evening of this meeting.

The Environmental Management System (EMS) presentation shall cover 2 sections.

The first half will focus on the past year of 2015 - the collaborations achieved through the system, technology implemented that is now working successfully at making resource efficiencies in either gas, electric or water; waste audits carried out; and the re-certification of the system for a further 3 years with LRQA.

The second half of the presentation will focus on the new Standard of ISO14001:2015 which was published in October 2015, and its new requirements that Dacorum Borough Council must demonstrate compliance with, in order to continue our successful certification to this international standard.

2. Key Areas Covered :

Improvements made since last Presentation

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- Joined up departmental working to provide wheelchair access in Adventure Playground woodland
- Waste Survey with Staff – overwhelming support to introduce better recycling facilities for them, including food waste recycling
- Identified water leak at Gadebridge Park now fully stopped
- Water controls put in place at Old Town Hall and Berkhamsted Civic - now stopped their water leaks
- Re-Certification of our Corporate ISO14001:2004 in October with LRQA to cover a further 3 years

The new ISO14001:2015 standard:

- Changing to look at Environmental Risks to Business Continuity
- What Environmental Risks are – legal, insurance, finance, human resource, facilities management, estates management, purchasing & procurement, service delivery, media coverage, reputational, customers
- The requirements for Top Management
- What this means for Top Management Involvement in the Standard
- How Top Management can demonstrate this involvement – through including environmental in business strategy
- Communications required
- When do we need to start demonstrating this – 18 months time