

## **Management Board**

### **Sustainability Strategy & Targets**

*Paper by the Parliamentary estates Directorate*

#### **Purpose and decisions**

1. This note provides an update on the position on sustainability targets. The Management Board is asked to take note of the current position and of the proposed timetable.

#### **Background**

2. The Energy and Water Saving Policy and the Waste Management Policy are usually reviewed every two years and since the current policies were adopted in late 2005, they are now due for review.
3. An Internal Audit of Environmental Management was issued in October 2007. This recommends that the House should develop a clearly articulated and documented corporate statement of vision, values and strategic direction relating to environmental performance.
4. The audit further recommends development of an environmental action plan for the Estate as a whole, setting out the way in which the House's environmental policies will be fulfilled to ensure effective and coordinated delivery of the objectives, and that the House take the opportunity to consider environmental strategy development within the context of relevant wider sustainability performance across social, economic and ethical dimensions.

#### **Next steps**

5. The Estate Directorate has begun drafting a new Sustainability Policy to replace the two separate current environmental policies. The Strategy will additionally cover areas not covered within existing policy documents, for example carbon neutrality, purchasing, bio-degradable materials and travel.
6. An Action Plan will be produced, setting out revised targets and how we will meet them.
7. These drafts will be submitted for approval by the Management Board at their meeting in February 2008. This would enable them to go forward to the Administration Committee in April 2008, with a management progress report back to the Audit Committee in April or July.

