

**PORTFOLIOHOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
UPDATE ON PRIORITIES FOR 2010/11**

- **To manage the RAMM redevelopment project to minimise the cost and reopen in December 2011.**

Good progress has been made and the museum is on track to reopen in December with a big programme of national regional and local exhibitions, events and activities.

- **To make necessary savings in a careful and considered way trying to minimise the impact on the public.**

We have saved over £1million across the Directorate, where possible by making efficiencies. The new leisure management contract let this year was a significant contributor to this.

- **To continue to implement the changes to the refuse collection service and make any necessary adjustments.**

The remodelling of the refuse collection rounds into 5 zones across the city was successfully implemented in the Autumn, giving a more efficient route structure. A further 14000 households have been brought into the alternate weekly collection cycle making 90% of households; this has saved on fuel and staffing, increased recycling and allowed the rounds to be more balanced. We have also improved how we catch up after Bank Holidays so that 80% of households do not change their collection day. Some areas where there are still back alley collections of black bags, remain a challenge.

- **To maintain all our current play areas to a good standard, to tackle vandalism and maximise the use of S106 money to make improvements.**

We have developed and improved play areas including Wyvern Park and Wonford Playing Fields. Vandalism remains a problem in some areas and sadly we have had to take some equipment out of use at the Chillzone because of repeated attacks by vandals.