



Report to: South London Waste Partnership (SLWP)
Joint Waste Committee

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Report of: South London Waste Partnership Management Group

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Report title:
SOUTH LONDON WASTE PARTNERSHIP DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2019/20

Summary

This paper provides the final budget for the Partnership for 2019/20 for its core activities.

Recommendation

To agree the Final proposed budget for the core activities of the Partnership as set out in 2.1.

Background Documents and Previous Decisions

Previous budget reports.

1. Background

- 1.1. The Partnership is required to produce a draft budget for consideration by the Joint Waste Committee by 31st October each year. In accordance with the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) the agreed draft budget is then subjected to consideration by the individual boroughs before a finalised budget is taken to the Joint Waste Committee for approval. The IAA sets out that the final budget must be approved by 31st December each year.

2. Issues

- 2.1. The draft budget for Core Activities was agreed at the Joint Waste Committee on 11 September 2018, subject to consultation of the draft budget with boroughs, and the final budget being brought back to this committee. The

table below provide detail of the final proposed budget for 2019/20 and includes the approved 2018/19 budget for comparison purposes.

Core Activities

Item	2018/19 Approved Budget £	2019/20 Draft Budget £	2019/20 Final Budget £
<i>Internal & External Advisors and Accounting</i>	175,000	127,500	96,500
<i>SLWP Staff Resources</i>	500,000	598,700	598,700
<i>Document and Data Management</i>	24,000	24,500	24,500
<i>Communications</i>	25,000	65,500	65,500
TOTAL	724,000	816,200	785,200
COST PER BOROUGH	181,000	204,050	196,300

- 2.2. The increase over 2018/19 is £61,200. This is a result of survey work due to be undertaken in 2019/20 (last completed in 2016) and also provides for pay increases in line with borough pay provision and inflation.
- 2.3. The Internal & External Advisors and Accounting budget allows the Partnership to engage external and internal advisors to provide expert legal, financial and technical advice in respect of all the partnerships contracts (£46k reduced from £125k in 2018/19 which includes the removal of the one-off resource provided for in 2018/19). This budget line also includes costs from Kingston for providing finance activities for managing Phase A transactions (£25.5k), and for Croydon providing finance activities for Phase B, the HRRC and the Environmental Services contract transactions (£25.5k).
- 2.4. The SLWP Staff Resources budget contains provision for eight posts. The budget for 18/19 was based on estimated salary figures for the new posts that were approved in that year and the 19/20 budget is based on the actual grades.
1. Strategic Partnership Manager
 2. Contract Manager (Phase A and B)
 3. Project Support Officer
 4. Contract Data Officer x 2
 5. Communications officer

6. Contract Manager (Phase C - Lot 1)

7. Contract compliance officer

8. Waste Strategy Manager (new post) - currently being considered by boroughs and the role has been constructed to enable us to further reduce our reliance on external advice. This post therefore leads to an increase in management budget and a reduction in advisor budget.

2.5. Document and Data Management provides data storage for the Partnership's data room to allow the sharing of documents across the Partnership and for storage of project documentation in an online library which is available on-licence to authorised stakeholders.

2.6. The communications budget of £65.5k is for planning and delivering communications activities and includes an additional budget of £40k to carry out a residents' survey during 2019/20. This would be the fourth such survey carried out by the Partnership. The cost is not included in the budget every year because each survey is completed two or more years apart, so this year this cost shows as an increase when compared to the previous year's budget.

3. Recommendations

3.1. To agree the proposed final budget for the core activities of the Partnership as set out in 2.1.

4. Impacts and Implications

Finance

4.1 Contained within report.

Legal

4.2 Section 9 of the Inter Authority Agreement sets out the budget setting process for the Joint Waste Committee. This is referred to within the body of the report

5 Appendices

5.1 None

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