



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

This paper provides an update on the Partnership’s budget position for month 4 (July) of the 2022/23 financial year and the projected outturn for the financial year.

### 1. Background

- 1.1 The SLWP partnership team is required to produce a budget for consideration by the Joint Waste Committee each year that covers the cost of delivering partnership wide activities and running the partnership team.
- 1.2 At the Joint Committee in February 2022, the Joint Committee was asked to agree the Core Partnership budget of £792,000 and to endorse a further £370,000 in commissioning related activities and £167,000 to support improvement activities. Further details around the work included under each of these categories can be found in the February 2022 Joint Committee report.
- 1.3 The budget is monitored monthly to allow the budgets to be flexed where appropriate in order to respond to any budget pressures.

### 2. Financial Position 2022/23

- 2.1 **Core Partnership budget** - The table below details the total annual budget for the Core Partnership Team activities, and our anticipated outturn for the year including actuals up to and including month 4 (July) of the 2022/23 financial year. This budget covers core staff salaries, ad hoc advisor support on contract issues and / or variations and document management functions. The core staff activities include contract management and finance administration.

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Anticipated Outturn</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Core Partnership Team Activity</b>	<b>£792,000</b>	<b>£795,773</b>	<b>£3,773</b>
Advisors and Corporate Support	£64,400	£65,309	£909
Core Staff Resources	£708,000	£710,554	£2,554
Document Management	£19,600	£19,910	£310

- 2.2 The Core Partnership Team Activity budget is forecasting an overspend of £3,773. £2,554 of which is due to an overspend in the Core Staff Resources attributed to

interim staff costs covering vacant posts. The SLWP staffing restructure is now complete, all vacant posts recruited to, and all new starters are now in post.

2.3 A further overspend of £909 relates to internal legal advisor support and £310 relating to an increase in document Management costs.

2.4 **Improvement Projects** - The table below refers to the budget position for the Improvement Projects budget for month 4 (July) of the 2022/23 financial year.

	Budget	Anticipated Outturn	Variance
<b>Improvement Projects</b>	<b>£167,000</b>	<b>£150,094</b>	<b>-£16,906</b>
Contract Management Improvements	£20,000	£3,746	-£16,254
Communication and Improvement Projects	£147,000	£146,348	-£653

2.5 Notable contract management improvement projects are still under review, resulting in a current underspend of £16,906. Communications projects are progressing well and are forecasted to be delivered within budget.

2.6 **Strategy and Commissioning** - The table below provides a projected outturn for the year including actuals up to and including month 4 (July) in relation to the Strategy Development and Service Commissioning budget.

	Budget	Anticipated Outturn	Variance
<b>Strategy Development and Service Commissioning</b>	<b>£370,000</b>	<b>£377,901</b>	<b>£7,901</b>
Intelligence Gathering	£170,000	£237,602	£67,602
Commissioning Resource	£200,000	£140,299	-£59,701

At month 4, there is a forecasted overspend of £7,901. The budget exceedance for Intelligence Gathering Projects is due to intelligence gathering tenders coming back with higher than budgeted prices. The forecast overspend from Intelligence gathering activities has been managed through a reduction in the commissioning and technical support.

2.7 **Summary** - The table below shows the combined position across the budget areas described above.

	Budget	Anticipated Outturn	Variance
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,329,000</b>	<b>£1,323,768</b>	<b>-£5,232</b>
<b>COST PER BOROUGH</b>	<b>£332,250</b>	<b>£330,942</b>	<b>-£1,308</b>

At month 4, the forecast out-turn is an underspend of £5,232 against the total 2022/23 budget. This equates to a forecast cost per borough of £330,942 which is £1,308 per borough below the budgeted amount.

### 3. Recommendations:

3.1 To note the content of this report.

### 4. Impacts and Implications

4.1 Finance - Contained within report.