



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 proposed budget for the Partnership for 2019/20 for its core activities.

Recommendations

1. To agree the proposed draft budget for the core activities of the Partnership as set out in 2.1 and request individual boroughs to consider and agree the resources required in consultation with borough Finance Directors.

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 table below details the estimated draft budget requirement of the Partnership for 2019/20 together with the approved 2018/19 budget for comparison.

Core Activities

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

- 2.2. The increase over 2018/19 provides for pay increase and inflation of 2%
- 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 (Phase A, Phase B, HRRCs and Environmental Services). This also includes costs from Kingston for providing finance activities for managing Phase A transactions (£25.5k), costs from Croydon for providing finance activities for Phase B, the HRRC and the Environmental Services contract transactions (£25.5k). The 2018/19 budget provided a one-off additional resource for external advisors for the first annual review of the Environmental Services contract for both Lots 1 and 2, and to assist with any issues arising from the commissioning of the ERF. The additional one-off resource has been removed for 2019/20.
- 2.4. The SLWP Staff Resources budget contains provision for eight posts.
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 Officer (new post)

The budget includes the new post of Waste Strategy Officer. The introduction of this post is subject to agreement from officers in each borough through the

SLWP's Management Group. A business case for the post will be presented to boroughs in the autumn and, if agreed, the post's cost will be included in the final JWC budget for the committee's consideration in December, otherwise this cost will be removed.

- 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 for carrying out a residents survey during 2019/20.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. To agree the proposed draft budget for the core activities of the Partnership as set out in 2.1 and request individual boroughs to consider and agree the resources required in consultation with borough Finance Directors.

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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