



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 7 (October) of the 2022/23 financial year and the projected outturn for the financial year.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Partnership sets its budget in December each year for the forthcoming financial year.
- 1.2 Spend against budget is monitored monthly in order to respond to pressures and to allow budgets to be flexed where appropriate.

2. Financial Position 2022/23

- 2.1 **Core Partnership Activity** - The table below refers to the budget position for the Core Partnership Team activities for month 7 (October) 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.

	Budget	Forecast	Variance
Core Partnership Team Activity	£792,000	£794,007	£2,007
Advisors and Corporate Support	£64,400	£66,282	£1,882
Core Staff Resources	£708,000	£707,815	-£185
Document Management	£19,600	£19,910	£310

The budget for the ‘Core Partnership Team Activity’ is forecasting an overspend of £2,007 largely due to a £1,882 overspend on legal support that falls under the Advisors and Corporate Support category.

The SLWP team restructure is complete, all vacant posts recruited to, and all new starters are now in post. Core staffing shows a small underspend of £185.

The Document Management budget line is showing a small overspend of £310.

2.2 **Improvement Projects** - The table below refers to the position of the 'Improvement Projects' budget for month 7 (October) of the 2022/23 financial year.

	Budget	Forecast	Variance
Improvement Projects	£167,000	£150,010	£-16,990
Contract Improvements	£20,000	£3,647	£-16,353
Communication Projects	£147,000	£146,363	£-638

The forecast for our improvement project spend is just over £150k, which is an underspend of £16,990 against budget.

2.3 **Strategy and Commissioning** - The table below refers to the budget position for the 'Strategy Development and Service Commissioning' budget for month 7 (October) of the 2022/23 financial year.

	Budget	Forecast	Variance
Strategy Development and Service Commissioning	£370,000	£379,888	£9,888
Intelligence Gathering	£170,000	£235,072	£65,072
Commissioning Resource	£200,000	£144,816	£-55,184

At month 7, this budget area is forecasting an overspend of £9,888. The budget exceedance for Intelligence Gathering Projects follows a higher than anticipated cost for all of our intelligence gathering exercises, especially labour intensive projects such as the waste composition analysis and resident survey work. In addition to a general increase in costs to deliver these projects, the scope of our waste composition analysis project was increased to include food waste sampling, and the scope was also widened for our carbon baseline project. The forecast overspend from Intelligence gathering activities has been managed through a reduction in other budget areas, and largely from the commissioning resource activities.

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

	Budget	Forecast	Variance
TOTAL	£1,329,000	£1,323,905	£-5,095
COST PER BOROUGH	£332,250	£330,976	£-1,274

At month 7, the forecast out-turn is an underspend of £5,095 against the total 2022/23 budget. This equates to a forecast cost per borough of £330,976 which is £1,274 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.