

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 2020/21

Summary
This paper provides the proposed budget for the Partnership for 2020/21 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.
2. To note that the final budget will be brought back to this committee in December for sign off.

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 2020/21 together with the approved 2019/20 budget for comparison.

Core and project Activities

Item	2019/20 Approved Budget £	2020/21 Proposed Budget £
<i>Internal & External Advisors and Accounting</i>	95,500	98,400
<i>SLWP Staff Resources and communications management</i>	598,700	615,400
<i>Document and Data Management</i>	24,500	25,000
<i>Communications</i>	65,500	26,000
<i>Project – HRRC Reprocurement</i>	0	50,000
TOTAL	785,200	814,800
COST PER BOROUGH	196,300	203,700

- 2.2. The 2020/21 budget provides for increments and pay and prices 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, HRRC's and Environmental Services). This also includes costs from Kingston for providing finance activities for managing Phase A transactions (£26k), costs from Croydon for providing finance activities for Phase B, the HRRC and the Environmental Services contract transactions (£26k).
- 2.4. The SLWP Staff Resources and communications management budget contains provision for seven posts (see below) and to buy in communication advice.
1. Strategic Partnership Manager
 2. Contract Manager (Phase A and B)
 3. Project Support Officer
 4. Contract Data Officer x 2
 5. Contract Manager (Phase C - Lot 1)
 6. Contract compliance officer
 7. Waste Strategy Officer

- 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-line to authorised stakeholders.
- 2.6. The communications budget of £26k is for planning and delivering communications activities. The budget in 2019/20 included £40k for carrying out a triennial resident's survey. This will be removed for the 2020/21 and 2021/22 budgets, and will be brought back into the draft budget during the 2022/23 budget process.
- 2.7. The HRRC is a 7 year contract running from October 2015 to 30 September 2022, with a maximum 7 years extension. The current indication is that Veolia will not extend the contract on the existing basis, therefore there will be a requirement to either re-procure or renegotiate the current contract. The resource requirement in 2020/21 is estimated at £50k.

3. Recommendations

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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