

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

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ANNUAL REPORT 2008/9

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present an annual report for 2008/9, to approve the annual statement of accounts within the report and to seek a decision on the treatment of a budget underspend.

2 Background

- 2.1 The OWP Partnership Agreement states that the Officer Strategy Group should produce an annual report that considers the performance of the OWP. The agreement also sets out that the Accounting Authority (Oxfordshire County Council) should produce a set of accounts and balance sheet at the end of each financial year. These are set out within the OWP annual report 2008/09 attached at appendix 1. The annual report also includes a statement from the OWP's Auditing Authority (currently Vale of White Horse D.C).
- 2.2 The Partnership Agreement also states that the annual report should be considered at a joint meeting of the committee (OWP), Leaders Group and Chief Executives Group. Due to the difficulty in arranging a meeting date suitable for all parties, it is proposed that the annual report instead features on the next meeting agenda of the Oxfordshire Leaders group. This approach was also taken last year.

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 From the finance summary within the annual report it can be seen that £82,541 is available to be carried forward into 2009/10. It is recommended that this sum be placed in reserve, where it could potentially be used to off-set growth to partner contributions in future years.

4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 All partner councils are affected.

5 Effect on Strategic Policies

- 5.1 The annual report sets out progress against each of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy objectives and against Local Area Agreement targets.

6 Options or Alternatives

- 6.1 Instead of being placed in reserve, the 2008/09 under spend could be used to off-set 2009/10 partner contributions. This would reduce district council contributions this year by £8,254 to £37,566 and county council contributions by £41,270 to £187,830. However, the budget and related contributions for 2009/10 are already agreed. Additionally, reducing

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contributions this year might mean that larger contributions have to be sought in future years, where budget growth has been forecast in the medium term budget.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 That the annual report and statement of accounts is approved by the committee and that it is considered at the next meeting of the Oxfordshire Leaders Group.
- 7.2 That the budget under spend be placed in reserve, where it can potentially be used to off-set forecast growth in partner council contributions in 2010/11 and 2011/12 as set out within the OWP budget.

8 Reasons for Recommendations

- 8.1 To monitor the effectiveness of the strategic policies in delivering the core objectives of the Partnership and to annually review and revise as necessary the objectives and strategic policies of the OWP.

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Background Papers: