

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

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ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present an annual report for 2007/08 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 2007/08 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 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 feature on the next meeting agenda of both the Leaders and Chief Executives groups.

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 From the financial summary within the annual report (page 21) it can be seen that £81,438 is available to be carried forward into 2008/09. £41,206 of this is Local Area Agreement (LAA) pump-priming money, which will be spent this year. £19,665 is from the Recycle for Oxfordshire Campaign, where OWP agreed to provide £30,000 "match-funding" to the £435,000 funding awarded by the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP). It is recommended that this sum is ring-fenced for future communications activity, as there are now fewer opportunities for third party funding. The balance of £20,567 (which arose from an underspend within the OWP development budget) could either be placed in reserve or used to reduce the agreed 2008/09 partner contributions.
- 3.2 If the committee chooses to reduce partner contributions by £20,567, then the district council contributions would be reduced by £2,056 from £45,307 to £43,250. Oxfordshire County Council's contribution would be reduced by £10,283 from £226,534 to £216,250.

4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 The annual report affects all partner councils.

5 Effect on Strategic Policies

- 5.1 The report sets out progress against each of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy objectives.

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6 Options or Alternatives

- 6.1 Options for the treatment of the 2007/08 budget underspend are set out in paragraph 3.1 above.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 That the annual report is accepted by the committee and that it be considered at the next meeting of both the Leaders Group and the Chief Executives Group.
- 7.2 That the budget underspends relating to LAA and Recycle for Oxfordshire be carried forward and ring-fenced for these activities. That the committee decides whether to place the remaining underspend of £20,567 in reserve or chooses to reduce 2008/09 partner contributions by an equivalent sum.

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: