

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

29 February 2008

Draft Budget 2008/09

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide further information on the draft OWP budget for 2008/09.

2 Background

- 2.1 On 30th November 2007, the OWP agreed a draft budget for 2008/09 and agreed to passport the 2008/09 WPEG funding to the OWP. The draft OWP budget is now being considered by each Partner Council and members are asked to provide an update to today's meeting on whether the draft budget has been approved by their respective councils.
- 2.2 The committee also requested that further information be sought from DEFRA on the formal WPEG allocations for 2008/09 and on allocations for future years. Since the last meeting, confirmation of WPEG allocations for 2008/09 has been received. The allocations for each authority are given in table 1. No further information has yet been received on payments in future years.

Table 1 WPEG allocation 2008/09

Authority	WPEG funding 2008/09
Cherwell District Council	£60,705
Oxford City Council	£71,371
Oxfordshire County Council	£390,963
South Oxfordshire District Council	£58,315
Vale of White Horse District Council	£52,757
West Oxfordshire District Council	£44,379
Total	£678,490

- 2.3 The allocation for 2008/09 is £147,490 higher than estimated within the draft OWP budget presented on 30th November 2007. A revised budget is, therefore, attached at appendix 1, which reflects the actual WPEG allocations for 2008/09. It is worth noting that as the WPEG funding is now paid as part of each council's formula grant, it is entirely revenue (there is no longer a capital/revenue split). The additional WPEG income also means that there is a total budget surplus of £185,190 to be returned to Partner Councils. Table 2 sets out how this surplus will be redistributed.

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Table 2 Redistribution of budget surplus

(A) Partner Council	(B) WPEG	(C) OWP Budget Contribution	(D) Remaining WPEG	(E) Minus share of WODC deficit	(F) Surplus to be returned
Cherwell (10%)	£60,705	£49,330	£11,375	£619	£10,756
City (10%)	£71,371	£49,330	£22,041	£619	£21,422
County (50%)	£390,963	£246,650	£144,313	£2,476	£141,838
South (10%)	£58,315	£49,330	£8,985	£619	£8,366
Vale (10%)	£52,757	£49,330	£3,427	£619	£2,808
West (10%)	£44,379	£49,330	-£4,951	£0	£0
Total	£678,490	£493,300	£185,190	£4,951	£185,190

2.4 From table 2 it can be seen that the 10% budget contribution (as set out within the OWP Partnership Agreement) for West Oxfordshire is above its 2008/09 WPEG allocation (by £4,951), whereas each of the other Partner Councils has a surplus after OWP budget contributions are taken. It is proposed that the other Partner Councils fund this shortfall in 2008/09, so that no Partner Councils have to contribute more than their WPEG allocation to the OWP budget. If this is agreed, then column F in table 2 sets out the surplus that will be returned to each Partner Council.

2.5 The latest budget at appendix 1 also has an updated expenditure profile for the Local Area Agreement targets, but as this is financed by pump-priming funding, there is a net nil effect. All other areas of the budget are as presented on 30th November 2007.

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

3.1 The increased WPEG settlement means that the OWP budget benefits from £147,490 more income than previously estimated. This results in a budget surplus for redistribution as set out within table 2 above.

4 Areas Affected

4.1 All Partner Authorities are affected.

5 Effect on Strategic Policies

5.1 This budget supports policy 14 which states that "The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership will develop methods of working together to improve the level of service through effective and efficient use of resources within Oxfordshire."

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- 5.2 The work of the OWP supports the implementation of the Joint Waste Strategy and therefore this budget supports each of the strategic policies contained therein.

6 Options or Alternatives

- 6.1 Alternatives to the Partner Council budget contributions may be proposed, but this would require an amendment to the OWP Partnership Agreement.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 That:
- I. The final WPEG settlement be noted;
 - II. The method of redistributing the 2008/09 budget surplus as described in table 2 and paragraph 2.4 be agreed.

8 Reasons for Recommendations

- 8.1 'To make recommendations to the Partner Authorities to request resources as required to meet the core objectives of the OWP' and 'To annually review the costs of administering the OWP and determine the contributions of the partners' as stated in the Partnership Agreement.

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Background Papers:
"Draft Budget 2008/09" Agenda item 6, 30th November 2007

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Appendix 1 Revised Draft OWP Budget 2008/9 to 2010/11

	Amount/£	Amount/£	Amount/£	Notes
	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11	
Expenditure				
Core Budget				
Partnership Officer	70,000	70,000	70,000	
Training and support costs	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Admin Support	5,000	5,000	5,000	
OWP Host Authority admin costs	2,000	2,000	2,000	
OWP Accounting Authority costs	2,000	2,000	2,000	
OWP Auditing Authority costs	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Waste Enforcement Officer	34,200	34,200	34,200	New post to coordinate waste reduction and clean green enforcement issues.
Communications Officer (WRAP)	34,200	34,200	34,200	New post to replace current WRAP funded post.
Sub-total Core	152,400	152,400	152,400	
Development Budget				
Wild Waste Show	120,000	120,000	120,000	
Waste Reduction Packs	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Home composting	18,500	18,500	18,500	
Communications Plan	164,900	162,000	160,500	Includes continuation of WRAP project from 08/09
LAA Project Municipal Waste	39,050	0	-	Pump-priming
LAA Project Clean Green	59,333	0	-	Pump priming
Contingency/Opportunities	17,500	20,000	20,000	
Sub-total Development	439,283	340,500	339,000	
Total Expenditure	591,683	492,900	491,400	
Income				
WRAP Funding	0	0	0	
WPEG				
Cherwell District Council	60,705	0	0	

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Oxford City Council	71,371	0	0
Oxfordshire County Council	390,963	0	0
South Oxfordshire District Council	58,315	0	0
Vale of White Horse District Council	52,757	0	0
West Oxfordshire District Council	44,379	0	0
WPEG Total	678,490	0	0
LAA pump priming	98,383	0	0
Total Income	776,873	0	0
Balance	185,190	-492,900	-491,400
Payments to:-			
Cherwell	10,756	-49,290	-49,140
City	21,422	-49,290	-49,140
County	141,838	-246,450	-245,700
South	8,366	-49,290	-49,140
Vale	2,808	-49,290	-49,140
West	0	-49,290	-49,140
Total payments to partners	185,190	-492,900	-491,400