

Agenda item:

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Report Title. Update on the North London Waste Plan	
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Wards(s) affected: All	Report for: Key Decision
1. Purpose of the report 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform Members of the revised timetable for preparing the North London Waste Plan. 1.2 The report also informs Members and seeks approval to the changes to the Council's annual contributions and the additional funds required for the employment costs of the Programme Manager with the extended revised work programme.	
2. Introduction by Cabinet Member 2.1 This report provides an update to members on the revised timetable for the development of the North London Waste Plan and seeks approval to extend the time required for its development. 2.2 It is important to acknowledge the extended timetable and work programme will have an associated small increase in the expenditure for the employment of the Programme Manager in the context of this joint waste development plan document.	

3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:

- 3.1 The North London Waste Plan is a key development planning document that will identify potential waste and recycling sites in the seven partner boroughs in the North London waste area including sites in Haringey.
- 3.2 Identifying potential recycling and waste sites will enable Haringey to meet the strategic objectives of Priorities 1. Making Haringey one of London's greenest boroughs and of Priority 2. Creating a Better Haringey: cleaner, greener and safer. The identification for potential waste management sites is an important contribution to the practical achievement of these priorities.
- 3.3 The North London Waste Plan is a site allocation development plan document that takes forward the waste policies of the Unitary Development Plan by specifically identifying suitable waste sites. The preparation of this plan includes a continuous risk management assessment.
- 3.4 The North London Waste Plan is achieving an economy of scale by working with 6 other boroughs to develop the Plan and the required accompanying documents and processes. The Plan will be subject to Sustainability Assessment, Habitat Directive Screening Assessment, Equalities Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment is available for other plans and policy development documents throughout the Council.
- 3.5 The process of developing the North London Waste Plan **is not to be confused** with the North London Waste Authority procurement process which is a separate initiative to identify waste sites for the North London Waste Authority to purchase.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 That Members consider and approve the changes to the Council's annual contributions and the additional funds required for the employment of the Programme Manager with the extended work programme.
- 4.2 That Members note the extension to the timetable for the North London Waste Plan.

5. Reason for recommendations

- 5.1 The North London Waste Plan is being developed by seven boroughs: Haringey, Barnet, Camden, Hackney, Islington, Waltham Forest and Enfield. The Plan will identify sites within these seven north London boroughs that are potentially suitable for waste management use.

5.2 A public consultation on the Plans Issues and Options, discussing priorities for the criteria for the site identification process, was undertaken during January and February 2008. The consultation was wide reaching; however it kept to the original timetable and was within budget. A long list of sites is now in the process of being drawn up and assessed against and agreed criteria.

5.3 The long list of sites will be narrowed down into a short list using these criteria. Following the approval of Members this short list of sites will make up the next stage of public consultation in May 2009 as the Preferred Options for the North London Waste Plan. There is now a delay of three months from the original timetable for the assessment of the sites included in the long and agreeing the short list of sites. The timetable changes are set out below.

5.4 The timetable for the North London Waste Plan giving proposed changes.

Timetable for Preparation of the North London Waste Plan (NLWP)		
(changes are highlighted in bold)		
Milestone	Original Target	Amended Target
Prepare Draft Issues and Options Paper	Jan 07	-
Public participation on Issues and options	Jan-Feb 08	-
Publish and Consult on Preferred Options	Jan-Feb 09	May 2009
Pre-submission Consultation	---	Jan-Feb 2010
Submission to Secretary of State	Sept 09	May 2010
Pre-Examination Meeting	Jan 2010	July 2010
Examination By Inspector	March 2010	Sept 2010
Inspectors Report Published	Aug 2010	Jan 2011
Adoption	Dec 2010	May 2011
Sustainability Appraisal	Jan 07 – Dec 2010	Jan 07 – Dec 2010
Equalities Impact Assessment	Jan 07 – Dec 2010	Jan 07 – Dec 2010

5.5 The movement of the time table has financial impacts. These arise from **small extra project management costs** from the additional time and **changes to the phasing of expenditure**.

5.6 The consultants Mouchel are working on the Plan and are managed by a separate Programme Manager on behalf of the seven boroughs. The additional costs to the original programme are for the extended period that the Programme Manager will be required. This is detailed in **Section 10, Service Financial Comments** below.

5.7 The amended timetable has approval from the GLA and the Haringey Local Development Framework will be updated accordingly. The timetable alterations have been successfully put into Haringey staff work programmes.

6. Other options considered

6.1 As this report is updating Members on the progress of the joint development planning document North London Waste Plan, alternative options have not been considered.

7. Summary

7.1 The original completion date was December 2010. It is now likely to be May 2011. As a consequence of this change, the timetable has been revised and will extend into the following financial year with small additional associated programme manager costs. There will be significant changes to the phasing of expenditure, however there will be no extra cost for the consultants commissioned to develop the Plan.

7.2 Update of the North London Waste Plan development process. The plan has been delayed due to the complexity of the collation and analysis of data, and the process of individual site visits to all sites in the seven boroughs. This delay has been kept to a minimum however it still has knock on effects, to the Haringey Local Development Framework timetable and to the phasing of payment that will incur additional costs.

8. Chief Financial Officer Comments

8.1 The effect of delays to the timetable is an increase in each boroughs contribution of £9,393. The Planning, Policy and Development (PPD) business unit PBPR for 2009/10 includes a bid for additional revenue investment resources of £100k per annum in respect of the delivery of the Local Development Framework which includes the North London Waste Plan as well as other key planning priorities. If this bid is successful the estimated costs of producing the waste plan can be met from this allocation. However, if the bid is unsuccessful the appropriate costs for the period 2009/10 to 2011/12 will have to be managed within the approved cash limit for PPD for each of the relevant financial year. The Councils share of the costs incurred to date have been met from within existing PPD approved budgets.

9. Head of Legal Services Comments

9.1 The Head of Legal Services comments that each of the North London Boroughs will be required to ratify the North London Waste Development Plan Document at each key decision stage with full Council approval. The key decision stages are submission to the Secretary of State - now put back until May 2010 - adoption (new target May

2011) plus any revocation of the Plan.

9.2 The costs are shared on the basis of one seventh per each borough.

10. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

10.1 As a part of the development of the North London Waste Plan, all documents undergo a continuous process of Equalities Impact Assessment to assess the impact of the plan may have on ethnic minorities. Age, gender and disability are also considered in-line with Haringey's approach to equal opportunities. The publicly available North London Waste Plan Equalities Impact Assessment ensures that information on key issues is provided throughout the development of the plan.

11. Consultation

11.1 The development of the North London Waste Plan involves a process of detailed internal and wide external consultation. The Plan has already undergone public consultation for the Issues and Options stage. This included newspaper adverts, leaflets, posters, public workshops in each of the seven boroughs and follow up visits to interested groups. A summary of the responses has been made available and the responses used to inform the next stage of the Plan, the Preferred Options document.

11.2 We will consult on the Preferred Options in May 2009. The result of this consultation will be made publicly available and will be used to draft the final document to go before the Planning Inspector.

12. Service Financial Comments

12.1 The Effect of Timetable Changes on Budget.

Comparison of Budgets

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/2012	Total
Revised base budget (for all 7 boroughs)	£42,450	£332,837	£246,018	£272,427	£214,945	-	£1,108,676
Cost per Borough	£6,064	£47,548	£35,145	£38,918	£30,706	-	£158,382
Budget with timetable change	£42,450	£332,837	£210,976	£213,457	£340,859	£33,845	£1,174,424
Cost per borough	£6,064	£47,548	£30,139	£30,494	£48,694	£4,835	£167,775
Variation in Cost per Borough	-	-	-£5,006	-£8,424	£17,988	£4,835	£9,393

12.2 There is a reduction in borough contributions for 2008/09 and 2009/10 but a great increase in 2011/11 because the examination period will fall within one financial year whereas previously it was spread over two financial years (2009/10 and 2010/11).

13. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 13.1 a. North London Waste Plan Issues and Options report
- b. North London Waste Plan Issues and Options technical report
 - c. North London Waste Plan Equalities Impact Assessment
 - d. North London Waste Plan Habitats Directive Screening Assessment
 - e. North London Waste Plan Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
 - f. North London Waste Plan Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

All the above documents are available on the North London Waste Plan website at:
www.nlwp.net/documents/documents.html

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