

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

16 January 2009

LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (2006-2009) PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANT

ITEM 12

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To seek approval to bid to the Public Service Board (PSB) for Local Area Agreement (LAA1) Performance Reward Grant (PRG) funding to support the introduction of food waste collections within Oxfordshire.

2 Background

2.1 PRG is available for the 10 "stretch" targets within Oxfordshire's LAA1. If all the targets are fully met the maximum amount of grant would be £16.3 million. The national average for meeting LAA1 targets is 56%. Oxfordshire's performance, and therefore the amount of grant available, will not be known until after the conclusion of LAA1 on 31st March 2009.

2.2 The PSB has agreed that 50% of the reward achieved on each indicator shall be paid to the partners responsible for delivery against the targets. The amounts payable to OWP are summarised in table 1 below. The OWP Partnership Agreement sets out that any reward grant payments will be added to the Partnership's New Initiatives Fund and used for projects and schemes that support the implementation of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS).

Table 1 LAA1 Performance Reward

No.	Block	Outcome	Target	Total Performance Reward Grant	Amount after 50% "top-slice" £
6	Env	Improved local and global environment through the reduction of waste sent to landfill	Increase the amount of non-biodegradable household waste recycled by 4,875 tonnes	£ 1,021,839	£ 510,920
7	Env	Improve the overall cleanliness of Oxon	1. Reduce the proportion of relevant land and highways assessed as having combined deposits of litter and detritus falling below an acceptable standard by 9% (1% additional) (BVPI 199a)		
			2. % of people satisfied with cleanliness standards increased to 69.58% (BVPI 89)		
				£ 1,362,452	£ 681,226

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- 2.3 The PSB is now inviting bids from partnerships for the 50% of the PRG that it will hold. This is a one-off grant, with a 50:50 capital/revenue split. Applicants will need to demonstrate how bids support objectives in the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement (LAA2). Bids may be for any amount up to £1m. Plans must be delivered within 3 years of receipt of funding. In all cases fully costed business / action plans must be submitted before funding is approved. The deadline for applications is 23rd January 2009. Bids will be considered by the PSB at its meeting on 18th February.
- 2.4 The Officer Strategy Group proposes that a bid be submitted to the PSB for funding for food waste collection schemes that are to be rolled out across Oxfordshire from June 2009 through to October/Dec 2010. Funding will be used to finance the purchase of equipment such as kitchen caddies, caddy liners, lockable kerbside bins and promotional literature. The support and involvement of the voluntary and community sector will be sought and it is envisaged that partners such as Community Action Groups and the Wild Waste Show will play a part in promoting the new schemes.
- 2.5 Due to the tight timescales, it recommended that authority be delegated to the OWP Coordinator and Chair to submit a bid on behalf of the partnership. The bid will be developed in full consultation with the Officer Strategy Group.

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 The funding bid will be developed by members of the Officer Strategy Group. This funding opportunity improves the viability of food waste collections, which represent revenue budget growth for each partner council. It also offers the potential to provide an enhanced level of service to householders. For example, caddies and caddy liners could be provided. These have been shown to increase householder participation, but also represent increased set up costs for local authorities.

4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 All partner councils will be included within the funding bid.

5 Effect on Strategic Policies

- 5.1 The funding application will support:
- Policy 6 of the JMWMS which states that "Oxfordshire Waste Partnership will provide an integrated system of collection and processing of household waste";
 - Policy 7 which states that "OWP will ensure that recycling facilities and services are available to all residents";
 - Policy 8 which states that "OWP will encourage householders and businesses to separate waste for recycling collections by providing targeted information and awareness raising campaigns"; and
 - Policy 14, which states that OWP "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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6 Options or Alternatives

- 6.1 Alternative or additional bids may be proposed, but these may be constrained by the application deadline of 23 January.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 That authority is delegated to the OWP Coordinator and Chair to submit a bid to the PSB for funding for the introduction of household food waste collections in Oxfordshire.

8 Reasons for Recommendations

- 8.1 To meet or exceed performance required by statutory and locally agreed targets and to work together through the provision of co-ordinated services and infrastructure for waste collection, treatment, transfer and disposal to maximise the efficient use of resources within Oxfordshire.

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Background Papers:

Performance Reward Grant application form, available at www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.