

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

27 March 2009

AGENDA ITEM 7

LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (2006-2009) PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANT FUNDING BID

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update on the progress of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) Performance Reward Grant (PRG) bid submitted to the Public Service Board (PSB) in January 2009.

2 Background

- 2.1 At its last meeting of 16th January, OWP agreed that a bid to fund new food waste collections and treatment should be submitted to the PSB. The PSB had invited bids for the 50% of PRG that it will top-slice from LAA1. A bid was duly submitted and a copy can be provided on request. The bid totalled £1 million and proposed the funding of kitchen caddies, caddy liners and a communications campaign to support the introduction of new food waste collection schemes, plus an amount to fund interim treatment costs.
- 2.2 On 18th February the PSB met to consider bids. A copy of the PSB report on this is attached at appendix 1. Over forty applications were received, with bids totalling some £20 million. It is estimated that the total "pot" available for allocation at the end of LAA1 will be approximately £4 million. The PSB considered criteria by which bids might be evaluated and agreed that bids that relate to deprivation and place, and the economy should be prioritised. Bids will also be evaluated for value for money and sustainability. The funding bids will be assessed by the LAA Steering Group, with the involvement of District Chief Executives. A second stage application process is anticipated, but no further information is yet available. An update on the assessment process is expected at the PSB meeting in March, with final decisions to be made in June.

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 If the OWP funding bid is successful, then up to £1 million will be available to fund food waste collections and interim treatment costs. If the bid is unsuccessful, it is proposed that bids for food waste collection and treatment be prioritised within New Initiatives Fund. This might mean that other bids cannot be funded through the NIF.

4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 The PRG bid involves each partner council.

5 Effect on Strategic Policies

- 5.1 The funding bid supports:
- 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

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- 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”.

6 Options or Alternatives

- 6.1 The committee may choose not to participate further in the bidding process.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 It is recommended that if the OWP bid remains eligible under PSB bid criteria, that authority be delegated to the OWP Coordinator and Chair to participate within any second stage application process.

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: