

**NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY**

**REPORT TITLE:**

**JOINT WASTE STRATEGY UPDATE**

**REPORT OF:**

**HEAD OF WASTE STRATEGY AND CONTRACTS**

**FOR SUBMISSION TO:**

**AUTHORITY MEETING**

**DATE:**

**25<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

**SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

This report updates Members on progress made with implementing the North London Joint Waste Strategy (NLJWS) since the Authority meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The report includes an update on waste prevention activities, including the official launch of the WRAP funded 'Love Food, Hate Waste' campaign for North London and notes two contracts awarded under delegated authority for delivering elements of Watch Your Waste Week in October. The report additionally provides details of Biodegradable municipal waste Incentive Payments (BIPs) proposed to the constituent borough councils for the diversion of biodegradable municipal waste in financial year 2008/09 and recommends approval of the same; and outlines recycling credits payments made to third parties for the financial year 2008/09 for recycling household waste.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Authority is recommended to:

- (i) note the award of contracts under delegated authority to London Community Recycling Network (LCRN) and Art in Education for delivering elements of Watch Your Waste Week as outlined in paragraphs 3.8 – 3.13; and
- (ii) approve Biodegradable waste Incentive Payments (BIPs) to the constituent borough councils as at paragraph 3.21.

**Signed by Head of Waste Strategy  
and Contracts**

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

## **1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The North London Joint Waste Strategy (NLJWS), February 2009, provides the framework for progress towards reducing, reusing and recovering a greater proportion of the municipal waste which is generated in the North London Waste Authority area and reducing the amount which is sent for disposal to landfill. This report provides an update on progress made with implementing the NLJWS since the Authority meeting in June 2009. The structure of the report follows the structure of the strategy itself.

## **2.0 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

- 2.1 The NLJWS is required to be in conformity with the Mayor of London's municipal waste management strategy for the capital, currently 'Rethinking Rubbish in London', Mayor of London, September 2003. This London-wide strategy is shortly due to be updated, but in the meantime the Mayor of London has published a document which sets out his vision for the environment more generally in London, entitled 'Leading to a greener London, an environment programme for the capital', Mayor of London, July 2009.
- 2.2 The document sets a framework for a range of environmental initiatives focussed upon three key challenges, namely:
- 1) Improving the quality of life for Londoners;
  - 2) Mitigating climate change;
  - 3) Adapting London to the impact of irreversible climate change.
- 2.3 'Leading to a greener London', identifies a range of issues and proposes a number of programmes and initiatives which will be reported upon more fully in programme specific strategies, such as waste. However, a number of relevant proposals included in the document are outlined here as they provide an indication of the likely future direction of travel in each area.

## **Leading the way in energy efficiency, supply efficiency and renewable energy and capturing the benefits of a low carbon economy**

2.4 'Leading to a greener London' identifies a need to stimulate the market and other public organisations to deliver a large proportion of the 60% CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction target by 2025 and the Mayor of London's target for 25% of London's energy to come from decentralised sources by 2025. Five energy programmes are identified to meet these targets including the creation of ten low carbon zones to test innovative measures for reducing emissions and deploying a decentralised energy programme. The latter includes the London Development Agency working with partners on 12 strategic projects to deliver local district heating networks, of which the largest is the London Thames Gateway Heat Network (LTGHN). Other proposals include investigating the opportunity of creating a 'revolving' green fund of £100 - £200 million that will invest in environment programmes focused on CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions and establishing a Mayor's prize for the best new ideas for low carbon technology from London's students. Further detail will be provided in the Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy, which will be published by the Mayor's Office later in the autumn.

## **Turning London's waste into an opportunity**

2.5 'Leading to a greener London' notes that the Mayor will publish a revised London Waste Management Strategy which will address all of London's waste, not just municipal. The document details an aspiration that zero waste goes to landfill outside London, managing as much of London's waste as practicable within London. The priority programmes for waste are listed as:

- 1) Improving consumer and business awareness of the value of waste reduction, reuse and recycling and how to implement it;
- 2) Facilitating reduction, reuse and higher recycling rates by putting the right incentives in place and improving services for waste producers;
- 3) Focusing on the opportunity that waste brings, rather than the cost;
- 4) Catalysing waste infrastructure in London, particularly new technologies.

- 2.6 Specifically, 'Leading to a greener London' notes that the Mayor of London will be reviewing and revitalising the 'Recycle for London' behavioural change campaign and that he will be working actively with RecycleBank<sup>1</sup> to develop a number of RecycleBank pilots in 2010. The document also notes that the Mayor is keen to work with major companies and official sponsors of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games to improve recycling in London. 'Leading to a greener London' notes that the Mayor of London will be developing a series of revenue-sharing recycling contracts in partnership with London boroughs and industry that London boroughs can easily adapt to their specific situations and that he will further investigate the economics of different recycling collection systems. Finally, the document notes the important role of the London Waste and Recycling Board (LWaRB) in catalysing the development of waste infrastructure in London, particularly new technologies. He would like to establish an exemplar anaerobic digestion facility to convert 30,000 tonnes of London's food waste into vehicle fuel (or energy) and 'compost' as soon as possible.
- 2.7 Further detail on the Mayor of London's proposals for waste will be included in the Assembly Draft of the Mayor's Waste Strategy which will be made available for public comment later in the autumn.

### **Annual Monitoring Report**

- 2.8 Since the adoption of the NLJWS in February 2009, the first Annual Monitoring Report reporting on progress towards delivering the NLJWS targets has been drafted. It had originally been planned to submit the Annual Monitoring Report to the September Authority meeting each year. However, as the information for 2008/09 for the Authority and its constituent boroughs on WasteDataFlow (the national database onto which local authorities report all their waste data and information) has not yet received final approval, it will be necessary to provide the Annual Monitoring Report in December, once the figures have been finalised. The draft annual Monitoring report containing draft figures has been circulated to boroughs officers for comment and the final report, as noted above, will be brought to the December Authority meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> RecycleBank is an incentive reward scheme for recycling, whereby residents receive vouchers, such as money-off vouchers for local stores, if they recycle more.

## **3.0 WASTE HIERARCHY OPTIONS**

### **Waste Prevention**

- 3.1 The North London Waste Prevention Plan 2008-2010 sets out the short term plans for delivering on the waste prevention 'implementation actions' within the NLJWS. The work programme for 2009/10 includes delivery of a Love Food Hate Waste campaign to reduce food waste, which is supported by funding from the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP); delivery of another 'Watch Your Waste Week' (17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October); participation in the European Week of Waste Reduction (21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November) and further work on furniture reuse, all of which are reported upon below.
- 3.2 Members may also be pleased to know that last year's waste prevention work of the Authority and the Boroughs has been short-listed in two national award schemes.

### **Waste Prevention - 'Love Food Hate Waste' Campaign**

- 3.3 Work is progressing on a North London food waste reduction campaign being funded (£193,000) by WRAP. Since the last Authority meeting, the campaign programme has been finalised and the contract signed with WRAP for delivering the campaign. An official launch for the campaign was held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September, at the Angel Canal Festival, Islington. The launch was attended by Cllr. Foxsmith and included a display about food waste, with solutions for reducing it, as well as a cookery demonstration of recipes made with 'leftovers'. A press release was issued before the launch and another one subsequently.
- 3.4 A series of 'roadshows' in the other six boroughs also took place just prior to and following the launch. Adverts were placed in local papers to publicise the events and a press release additionally included details of all the events.
- 3.5 A recipe competition is also being promoted across north London, with ideas being sought from residents for recipes made with leftovers. Twenty winning recipes will be included in a recipe book to be issued in November during the European Week of Waste Reduction. Other activities include encouraging residents to keep a 'food waste diary' to see how much food they throw away, details of which are on the Authority website, as well as providing tips and advice on food storage, portion control and sell-by and use-by dates. A new Love Food Hate Waste section of the Authority website has been produced and is at [www.nlwa.gov.uk/lovefoodhatewaste](http://www.nlwa.gov.uk/lovefoodhatewaste).
- 3.6 Between September and November, when the next round of Love Food Hate Waste roadshows will take place, a series of smaller events and presentations will be delivered in sports centres, in libraries, at community group meetings and in local businesses across the north London area.

- 3.7 The target for the campaign is to reduce the amount of food waste disposed in north London by the following amounts:
- Divert 5,143 tonnes of food waste in the 12 month period of the campaign.
  - As a result divert 8,208 tonnes of food waste by March 2011.

Whether this is achieved will be assessed by WRAP, based upon the number and type of activities delivered in north London and comparing these activities to those delivered by similar campaigns elsewhere, for which market research on impacts has been carried out.

### **Waste Prevention - Watch Your Waste Week (7<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October)**

3.8 Since the last Authority meeting work has progressed in order to deliver a series of waste prevention activities in north London during October 2009. The majority of the activities that will be taking place during the week will be delivered by borough and NLWA officers, but it was agreed that two activities would be tendered externally:

1. A series of 'give and take' days where residents give items that they no longer need and take away items that they would like, thus reducing the amount of waste that is thrown away. No exchange of money is involved.
2. Production of seven sculptures of 'people' made of rubbish, each representing the amount of rubbish produced by a person in a week (approximately 5kg by weight). The sculptures will be made by school children at seven day-long art workshops (one in each borough) consisting of eight 30-minute sessions in each school, and showcased as the launch of the week.

3.9 A request for expressions of interest was advertised through the London Community Recycling Network e-newsletter for organisations interested in delivering a series of four shared 'give and take' days across north London during Watch Your Waste Week. A specification was issued to all those organisations who expressed an interest in bidding for the work. This was subsequently evaluated on the basis of the 'most economically advantageous' bid which included :

- Experience in delivering Give and Take days
- Added value of the proposals
- Overall cost

An equal weighting was given to each of the above criteria.

- 3.10 As a result of the evaluation process the work has been awarded to London Community Recycling Network (LCRN) who submitted a joint bid with Forest Recycling Project (a furniture reuse project with experience of running give and take days), Restore Community Projects (another furniture reuse project based in and serving North London) and twenty%extra a creative agency; with LCRN taking the lead. (Twenty%extra has subsequently withdrawn from the grouping). The value of the contract is within the limit (£25,000) allowable for the Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts to award this work according to Authority standing orders.
- 3.11 A specification was also produced for the sculpture workshops and sculpture production. This was issued to a number of community artists who had previously worked with one or more of the constituent borough councils.
- 3.12 Following evaluation, this work has been awarded to Art in Education led by art educator Julie Beech, an experienced community artist who has previously worked with a range of schools on art and sculpture projects. The value of the contract is below £25,000 and therefore can be awarded by the Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts.
- 3.13 Members are asked to note the award of the above two contracts under delegated authority to London Community Recycling Network and Art in Education. Both contracts are within approved waste prevention budgets.

#### **Waste Prevention – European Week of Waste Reduction (21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November)**

- 3.14 During the European Week of Waste Reduction a further series of Love Food Hate Waste roadshows will be delivered and the launch of a cookery book containing winning recipes made with leftovers will take place.

#### **Waste Prevention – Furniture Reuse**

- 3.15 Work supported by the Authority and delivered by LCRN to identify third sector reuse organisations in north London and to analyse synergies and potential partnerships between groups to enable more materials to be diverted has recently been completed. This concluded that from seven reuse groups identified in north London:
- There is a relatively limited level of awareness amongst groups about the other reuse groups operating in the area.
  - There are a number of opportunities, identified by groups, for improving collaboration and thereby increasing the amount of material diverted. These suggestions included:
    - Three of the groups requesting the rotation of stock of unsold items between projects to increase the chances of resale.
    - A joint reuse marketing campaign (suggested by three of the groups).

- A request from two of the groups to use others as sales outlets for their goods (computers and paint).
- One group wanting to collect furniture from others when they are short of stock.
- One group wanting to pass on white goods to another.
- That 561 tonnes of bulky items are reused per annum in north London from the seven projects identified in the research. This represents about 10% of London's total. However, this level of reuse could potentially be increased by:
  - Collaboration between projects on marketing to the public for donations of furniture and appliances. This is particularly relevant at the time of recession to capture a diminishing volume of reusable items from entering the waste stream. A joint communications strategy and campaign is recommended.
  - Tightening up of the management of call handling of furniture offers from the public as a way of reducing the number of missed reuse collections. The work recommends that an agreement should be reached to formalise the cross referral between projects on offers of furniture and appliances so that anyone who rings offering items for reuse definitely has the opportunity of them being collected. It is recommended that a central database is created for donation offers.
  - Developing 'Give and Take' day partnerships. The research identified the potential to develop ways of involving Restore and other reuse organisations in Give and Take days delivered in the North London boroughs with the aim of providing the reuse groups with another outlet for unsold furniture.

3.16 Officers will work with LCRN and the reuse groups to develop a set of practical improvement actions. A copy of the full report is available on the Authority's website at [www.nlwa.gov.uk](http://www.nlwa.gov.uk).

### **Recycling – Biodegradable municipal waste Incentive Payments (BIPs)**

3.17 This scheme has been created within the context of the Landfill Allowances Trading Scheme, which applies to the Authority. It reflects the principle that the Authority should share the value of allowances created or saved as a consequence of constituent borough councils diverting biodegradable municipal waste (BMW) from landfill. The Authority has therefore been making BMW Incentive Payments (BIPs) to the constituent borough councils from 2006/07 onwards.

- 3.18 The agreed basis of the BIP scheme was that audited recycling and composting figures (biodegradable wastes only) from 2004/05 should form the base tonnages, and that increases against that base should be rewarded by the Authority through the payment of BIPs at 50% of the book value of tradable landfill allowances published by the Government. Unlike recycling credits that are payable only if the Authority has not paid for the treatment of the waste, BIPs are payable whether or not the Authority has paid for the treatment of the waste.
- 3.19 A total of 48,464 tonnes is eligible for payment in respect of the 2008/09 scheme year at a rate of £0.05 per tonne (i.e. 50% of £0.10) and a total cost of £2,423.20. This contrasts with the higher levels of payment in 2007/08 when the book value of LATS was £5 per tonne so the BIP payment was set at £2.50 per tonne.
- 3.20 Authority officers analysed the audited 2008/09 claims from the constituent borough councils and advised them which elements were eligible for BIPs, and how much they should therefore claim. The claims were subsequently confirmed by all.
- 3.21 It is therefore recommended that the following payments of BIPs should be made:

	Payments Proposed for 2008/09		Comparison with 2007/08	
	Tonnes	Payments	Tonnes	Payments
Barnet	12,444	£622.20	11,587	£28,967.50
Camden	3,988	£199.40	2,409	£6,022.50
Enfield	548	£27.40	2,251	£5,627.50
Hackney	6,321	£316.05	6,278	£15,695.00
Haringey	7,425	£371.25	6,081	£15,202.50
Islington	9,033	£451.65	9,179	£22,947.50
Waltham Forest	8,705	£435.25	9,782	£24,455.00
Total	48,464	£2,423.20	47,567	£118,917.50

### **Recycling - Third Party Reuse and Recycling Credits**

- 3.22 The Authority introduced a limited scheme to pay recycling credits to third parties in July 1997, but a new scheme started from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 to reflect new legislation<sup>2</sup> and government guidance. The Authority agreed a new policy in September 2006 for this purpose. Organisations seeking third party reuse and recycling credits are asked to register their interest by December of each year so that at the February Authority meeting Members can consider recommendations and budgetary provision for the forthcoming financial year. In relation to the applications for registration and claims for credits received for and in 2008/09, the Authority's policy approved at the September 2007 Authority meeting applies. Two profit-making companies were registered for reuse and recycling credits in 2008/09, but it has since been confirmed that no credits are payable to either company.
- 3.23 During 2008/09 claims were received from 11 third party organisations, all of whom are non-profit making. Checks were carried out on these claims and letters received from recycling merchants confirming the percentage of material recycled.
- 3.24 On the basis of the claims received and the tonnes verified, payments have been made as set out in the table below. For comparative purposes the table also provides information on payments made in 2007/08. The recycling credit payment for 2007/08 was £53.69 per tonne for 2008/09 it was £55.30 per tonne.

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<sup>2</sup> The Environmental Protection (Waste Recycling Payments) Regulations 2006

**Third party reuse and recycling credits payments made in 2007/08 and 2008/09**

Organisations registered for claims	Tonnes paid April 2007 – March 2008	Value	Tonnes paid April 2008 – March 2009	Value
Age Concern	Did not apply for registration		No claim made	
Barnado's	29.92	£1,606.41	51.75	£2,861.77
British Heart Foundation	Did not apply for registration		162.68	£8,996.31
Freightliners City Farm	3.88	208.32	Did not apply for registration	
Help the Aged	89.69	£4,815.46	79.85	£4,415.71
Minds Matter	Did not apply for registration		141.19	£7,807.81
North London Hospice	166.35	£8,931.34	175.00	£9,677.72
Oxfam	793.12	£42,582.61	1,099.77	£60,817.29
PDSA	78.73	£4,227.02	90.94	£5,028.98
Quaker Social Action				
Homestore	28.45	£1,527.48	17.33	£958.34
Restore Community Projects	176.03	£9,451.05	170.75	£9,442.48
Sue Ryder	16.43	£882.13	Did not apply for registration	
SCOPE	29.69	£1,594.05	56.54	£3,126.62
TRAID	281.63	£15,120.72	Did not apply for registration	
Woodland Trust	19.63	£1,053.93	15.72	£869.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,713.55</b>	<b>£92,000.52</b>	<b>2,061.53</b>	<b>£114,002.56</b>

**State of Separation Payments**

3.25 At the last meeting of the Authority Members deferred consideration of a report recommending the Authority introduces from 2010/11 a scheme for making payments to boroughs that deliver wastes to the Authority in a 'state of separation' (i.e. separately collected recyclable and compostable wastes). Since then further legal advice has been taken from Counsel to establish the legal basis for and methodology of the proposed payment scheme, and revised tonnage forecasts are being sought from constituent borough council officers; it will also be necessary to obtain collection cost information from constituent borough councils too. The timing of this is such that it has not been possible to bring this matter back to this meeting of the Authority, but it is intended to bring a full report to the December meeting of the Authority. It is expected that, subject to the revised tonnage projections, the financial impacts of the scheme will be broadly similar to that in the deferred report and are commented upon further in the Second Budget Review report elsewhere on this agenda.

## **4.0 MANAGEMENT OF OTHER WASTE STREAMS**

### **Waste Tyres**

- 4.1 The Authority needs to tender the service provided for the management of waste tyres delivered by the waste collection authorities to ensure best value and to comply with standing orders.
- 4.2 Initial work on this procurement suggests that it may be possible to make a small saving in the costs of providing this service but the number of contractors in the area that might be suitable is very small.
- 4.3 It is intended that this procurement exercise can be conducted in the current financial year with a view to entering a new contract during 2010. Meanwhile the existing service will continue and it is not anticipated that there will be any difficulty in supplying a service to Boroughs.

## **5.0 IMPLEMENTING THE BEST OPTION FOR NORTH LONDON**

### **Waste Collection Implications – Reuse and Recycling Centres**

- 5.1 Work on the bid to the London Waste and Recycling Board (LWaRB) for funding to enhance North London's reuse and recycling centre network is progressing, with the aim of submitting a bid for approval by Members at the February 2010 Authority meeting. It is possible that a suite of bids put forward by individual boroughs, but coordinated by the Authority will be the best way to progress, rather than a single larger bid submitted by the NLWA. The latter would require agreement from all on how to apportion the match funding costs (the LWaRB bid will only be for 50% of the capital costs – less site acquisition costs) of new reuse and recycling centres under the levy structure, whilst the former would enable the match funding requirements for new sites to be allocated to the boroughs in which the new sites were located. The matter will be discussed further with the constituent borough councils in order to agree the most appropriate way forward.

### **Waste Disposal Implications – Procurement of Services for Dry Recyclables Processing**

- 5.2 The Authority recently procured merchant MRF (Materials Recycling Facility) capacity for commingled material delivered by the constituent boroughs.

- 5.3 There were two successful tenders and contracts were awarded in (seven) Lots of between 5,000 and 10,000 tonnes per annum (Bywaters in Bow was awarded 3 Lots, with Greenstar Environmental in Edmonton being awarded 4 Lots). The contracts will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 and as well as delivering significant cost savings when compared against the existing services, our boroughs using this service will for the first time be able to ask residents to include (amongst other things) poly-coated and aseptic cartons (Tetrapak<sup>®</sup>) and mixed plastics (yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, etc.) within the commingled materials they already send for recycling.

### **Waste Disposal Implications - Procurement of Services for Organics Processing**

- 5.4 With regard to the procurement of additional short term organics waste processing capacity, an OJEU notice formally advertising the tender has not been issued since the last Authority meeting. However, now that the London Borough of Enfield has decided to commit its collected biodegradable waste to the Authority, the procurement can proceed.
- 5.5 The delays to the procurement programme means that it is now planned for the Authority to complete the tender process in June 2010. This is not expected to impact upon the collection of waste in the Boroughs as the interim arrangements that are in place can be extended to accommodate the need.

## **6.0 WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO DELIVER THE STRATEGY**

### **Community Fund**

- 6.1 Within the budget approved in February 2009, a £25,000 Community Fund was agreed (as in 2008/09) to support community organisations delivering reuse, recycling or composting projects which meet certain criteria. Since the last Authority meeting the Chair and group leaders have agreed the revised criteria for the Fund for this financial year (as outlined in Appendix 1). A meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> September for borough officers to hear about some of the ways in which last year's money was spent and what can be achieved; to generate some ideas for new proposals and to explain the new application process for projects. Awards will be made under delegated authority (December 2007) in consultation with the Chair and group leaders. Decisions will be reported at subsequent Authority meetings.

### **Cross Sectoral Events**

- 6.2 Following the decision at the last Authority meeting to cease funding to the Resource Forum; work is progressing to develop alternative proposals which meet similar partnership objectives, which will then be implemented after consultation with the Chair and group leaders.

## **Borough Partnership Working**

- 6.3 In order to lead and co-ordinate the activities of the seven constituent borough councils and the Authority, an officer group called the 50% Club has been established with Islington's Director of Environment as its chair. The thinking of this group will clearly have to be ambitious and far-reaching as it develops costed proposals to bring back to Members in the appropriate fora for decisions.
- 6.4 Authority Members may wish to consider if they wish to put forward any specific suggestions or priorities for further partnership working, or if they wish to engage directly in any way.

## **7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The Authority is recommended to:
- i) note the award of contracts under delegated authority to London Community Recycling Network (LCRN) and Art in Education for delivering elements of Watch Your Waste Week as outlined in paragraphs 3.8 – 3.13; and
  - ii) approve Biodegradable waste Incentive Payments (BIPs) to the constituent borough councils as at paragraph 3.21.

## **8.0 COMMENTS OF THE FINANCIAL ADVISER**

- 8.1 The Financial Adviser has been consulted in the preparation of this report and all comments are contained within the body of the report.

## **9.0 COMMENTS OF THE LEGAL ADVISER**

- 9.1 The Legal Adviser has been consulted in the preparation of this report and all comments are contained within the body of the report.

## **Local Government Act 1972 – Access to information**

<b>Documents used:</b>	North London Joint Waste Strategy, February 2009
	'Rethinking Rubbish in London', Mayor of London, September 2003
	'Leading to a greener London, An environment programme for the capital', Mayor of London, July 2009

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A Report Prepared by London Community  
Recycling Network for the North London Waste  
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Environmental Protection (Waste Recycling  
Payments) Regulations 2006

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Reuse and Recycling Credit Scheme', report to  
the Authority meeting, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2007,  
available at [www.nlwa.gov.uk](http://www.nlwa.gov.uk)

Recycling Credit and Incentive Payments –  
2007/08, report to the Authority meeting 26<sup>th</sup>  
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**Criteria for  
North London Community Projects Funding  
£25,000 for 2009-10**

**Background**

In February 2009 the North London Waste Authority approved a budget of £25,000 that would be available for financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 for community reuse, recycling and composting projects.

The Fund builds upon four previous years' support for community composting projects but extends the scope to include reuse and recycling projects also.

The support fund is available to provide direct financial support to reuse, recycling and composting programmes, initiatives and events which encourage better communication and understanding between the government, community and business sectors.

One example of a suitable event may be a local green fair where the community can visit stalls run by their local council as well as community sector and business organisations involved in recycling and waste management.

**Who can apply?**

The fund is not subject to an open application process. Instead applications must be made by borough officers nominating a small number of events/programmes/initiatives which they consider as suitable to receive support.

Proposals for funding should be submitted by the constituent borough councils with the written agreement and support of the community or other groups involved. Applications will not be accepted directly from community or other groups running eligible projects within the relevant borough.

Community groups interested in receiving support for a project or initiative should contact their local borough.

**Fund Criteria**

Funding applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. On what can boroughs spend the funds?

Funding may be used for capital or revenue costs, but applications should be for support for projects which involve the local community and which encourage waste reduction, recycling and/or composting.

In assessing applications, account will be taken of the number of people likely to be affected by the project, the longevity of the impact of the project and particularly the tonnes of waste reused, recycled or composted.

The project itself may be delivered with the support of the relevant constituent borough council, but should also involve wider partnerships with schools, community groups, religious organisations, or other community representatives, if relevant or possible.

## 2. Grant size

There is no minimum or maximum funding award, but applicants should note the overall size of the fund available - £25,000 for seven boroughs. Applicants should be aware that in making awards, the Authority's Head of Waste Strategy and Contracts, in consultation with the Chair and group leaders will have regard to the distribution of funding between the constituent borough councils, but that this condition may be relaxed in the last quarter of the year if there are unallocated monies remaining.

## 3. What types of waste are eligible?

The funds can only be used for projects that are able to demonstrate that they will increase municipal waste reduction, recycling or composting. Household garden waste composting and household kitchen waste composting are eligible materials.

All waste must be diverted from the municipal waste stream.

*Municipal waste:*

"This includes household waste and any other wastes collected by a Waste Collection Authority, or its agents, such as municipal parks and gardens waste, beach cleansing waste [recognised as not locally relevant], commercial or industrial waste and waste resulting from the clearance of fly-tipped materials."

(<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/statistics/wastats/mwb0304/wbannexe.htm>)

The above definition will be amended, if necessary, when the Government concludes its review of the legal definitions of relevant wastes.

## 4. Monitoring and evaluation requirements

Evidence of project spend will need to be provided in addition to estimates of material reduced, recycled or composted and a brief summary of how the money has been spent to the satisfaction of the Authority's Finance Officer and auditor.

## 5. Waste licences

Projects must have the written approval or agreement of the Environment Agency for any project which falls within their jurisdiction, and relevant planning permission.

### **Submitting an application for funding**

All submissions should be sent by the constituent borough councils to the Authority c/o Barbara Herridge, Policy and Development Manager, Lee Valley Technopark, Unit 169, Ashley Road, Tottenham, N17 9LN or email [barbara.herridge@nlwa.gov.uk](mailto:barbara.herridge@nlwa.gov.uk).

Each application should provide details of the project or initiative, when it is expected to take place, information about other groups involved and anticipated impacts.

Each application should also explain how it would be intended to monitor the outcomes and impacts of the initiative.

All submissions should be made on the Approved Application Form for 2009-10.

### **Deadlines for applications**

There are no specific deadlines for applications. Awards will be made on an ongoing basis throughout the year. All applicants will be notified as soon as possible about the outcome of their application.

### **Decisions on applications**

Authority has been delegated to the Head of Waste Strategy & Contracts, in consultation with the Chair and group leaders to approve direct financial support to borough community initiatives meeting the above criteria within a budget of £25,000 for 2009-10. This decision is final.

**Note:** It is expected that there will be approximate equality of funding among the seven constituent North London boroughs within the financial year (1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> March). However, if in the last quarter there is still money remaining and good projects submitted, the criteria about equality of spend may be relaxed

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