



HERTFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

MEMBERS' GROUP

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Item 7: Waste Infrastructure Capital Grant - Update

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To update the current schedule of projects approved for funding from the Waste Infrastructure Capital Grant.

2. Background

- 2.1. Previously the HWP agreed to allocate just over £2 million of capital funding to support the development of collection infrastructure by the boroughs / districts from April 2008 to March 2011.
- 2.2. 36 projects have had funding approved totalling £1,096,412. This is a small decrease since the last update in July 2009 and reflects the reconfiguration of a trade waste recycling proposal in Watford that no longer requires a dedicated vehicle. See Item 7a.
- 2.3. However, following the last update there has been a significant increase in the number of projects reaching fruition with 16 projects now complete, and payments totalling £380,164; compared to 8 projects completed and payments totalling £127,490 as reported at the July meeting.
- 2.4. Based on the current schedule and the number of projects due for completion in the next 6 months the total spend by the end of 2009/10 is anticipated to be £866,318.

3. Future Bids to Support Alternative Week Collections

- 3.1. Following the meeting of the Member Sub Group, (MSG) on Thursday, 26th August 2009, the selection criteria for the WICG has been amended to allow constituent authorities to apply for capital funding to support the purchase of bins for residual waste. However, this is subject to the following conditions :-
 - Approvals for capital support for residual bins will only be granted if the application is made as part of wholesale changes that result in either alternate weekly collections or restricted weekly collections.

- For authorities implementing alternate weekly collections, funding approvals will be based on a residual waste bin capacity of no more than 240 litres.
 - For authorities implementing restricted weekly collections funding approvals will be based on a residual waste bin capacity of no more than 140 litres.
 - Funding approvals will be for no more than 50% of the total capital cost of the bin. Costs associated with the delivery and / or roll out of residual waste bins will not be funded.
 - Constituent authorities migrating to either alternate weekly collections or restricted weekly collections should look where possible to align their specifications with similar models elsewhere in the County.
 - Where authorities are looking to purchase residual waste bins they do so on a joint basis with other constituent authorities where possible.
- 3.2. Given the potential magnitude of bids that could be submitted to take advantage of this change the MSG wish to ensure that the remaining funding is distributed on an equitable basis.
- 3.3. To this end the MSG has requested that constituent authorities submit any remaining bids that wish to attract funding in the period to March 2011 by the 27th November 2009. These bids will then be considered together at a meeting of the MSG scheduled for the 1st December 2009.
- 3.4. Following the amendment to the selection criteria letters were sent out to the Heads of Waste group confirming the change and advising the constituent authorities of the timescale for remaining bids as set out by the MSG.
- 3.5. This does not affect bids which have already been approved.
- 3.6. So far 9 new bids totalling £574,984 have been received as detailed in Item 7b. Taken together the schedules presented in tables 7a and 7b represent (subject to MSG approval) total possible expenditure of £1,671,396.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1. That the Members' group notes the report.
- 4.2. That the Members' group ensures that their respective authorities submit any further bids for capital funding by the 27th November 2009.