

# **Executive Committee**

## **15 December 2016**

### **Dorset Waste Partnership Draft Revenue Estimates 2017-18**

#### **For Decision**

##### **Portfolio Holder**

Councillor Alan Thacker – Community Safety & Access

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##### **Statutory Authority**

Environmental Protection Act 1990

Dorset Waste Partnership Inter-Authority Agreement

#### **Purpose of Report**

- 1 For your committee to consider and respond to the Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) draft revenue estimates for 2017-18.

#### **Officer Recommendations**

- 2 To consider the approval in principle of the Dorset Waste Partnership draft revenue estimates for 2017-18 including the council's contribution.

#### **Reason for Decision**

- 3 The DWP Inter-Authority Agreement (IAA) requires all partner councils to formally consider and approve the draft revenue estimates so that the budget can be set. DWP Joint Committee will consider partner responses at their meeting on 16 January 2017. Your consideration also allows the councils contribution to be built into the council's 2017-18 budget.

#### **Background and Reason Decision Needed**

- 4 The draft revenue estimates, revised Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and capital programme were considered by DWP Joint Committee at their meeting on 7 November 2016. The Joint Committee recommended the draft revenue estimates to partner councils for approval.
- 5 The proposed revenue budget for 2017-18 is £33,100,000 compared to the 2016-17 budget of £34,204,683. This is a reduction of £1,104,683. Through the cost sharing agreement this would give a contribution by the

council for 2017-18 at 8.99% of £2,977,268. This is a reduction of £94,313 for the council on the 2016-17 contribution.

- 6 The DWP Joint Committee report is attached as Appendix 1 to this report and provides information and assumptions upon which the estimates are based. The detailed appendices to the DWP Joint Committee report are not reproduced here but are available as background papers and also via <http://dorset.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=260&MId=950&Ver=4>
- 7 Issues of particular note include;
- Inflation on contracts and annual pay award – assumptions may be challenged following the Government decision to leave the European Community and uncertainty in the financial markets (para 3.5 & 3.6).
  - Recyclate price – the price paid to DWP for good quality recyclate varies upon international economic factors. Recently, DWP have incurred cost rather than income (para 3.8).
  - Savings in 2016-17 – significant in-year savings have been achieved partly through route optimisation in the east of the county. These have been built into the 2017-18 estimates (para 3.13).
  - Host authority (DCC) support service costs have been reviewed and reduced (para 4.2).
  - Savings in 2017-18 – savings from the new Household Recycling Centres contract and reduced opening hours are built in (para 4.3 & 4.4).
- 8 Your officers consider the draft revenue estimates for 2017-18 to be realistic given the assumptions outlined in the DWP Joint Committee report. The saving of £1.1M on the 2016-17 budget is welcome despite your officers pressing for more. The DWP Joint Committee reports on the revised Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme can be found via the link in paragraph 6 above or from the author.

## Implications

### 9 Corporate Plan

Contributes to 'enhancing the quality of life of people living and working in the district'.

### 10 Financial

The contribution to Dorset Waste Partnership for 2017-18 is proposed to be £2,977,268.

## **11 Environmental**

The contribution pays for household waste and recycle collection and disposal and street cleansing.

## **12 Risk Management (including Health & Safety)**

Due to the assumptions upon which the draft revenue estimates are based, there is a risk to the council that the budget will be overspent. Officers will work with DWP to minimise this risk and reports will be made through the business review process and directly to your committee as appropriate. DWP maintains a risk register which is reported to the DWP Commissioning Group where your officers are present.

## **Consultation and Engagement**

In accordance with the DWP Inter Authority Agreement, partner councils are being consulted on the draft revenue estimates for 2017-18.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – DWP Joint Committee report, 7 November 2016 ‘Draft Revenue Estimates 2017-18’.

## **Background Papers**

Appendices 1 & 2 to the report listed above containing the detailed draft revenue estimates and cost share for each DWP partner.

## **Footnote**

Issues relating to financial, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.

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