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Budget		
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Summary
This paper provides an update on Resource London budget commitments.

Recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the current budget commitments and forecast budget position half way through the financial year. Approve the carryover to 2017-18 of c.£200,000 from the Communications and Behaviour Change work stream budget.

Risk Management	
Risk	Action to mitigate risk
Resource London does not have sufficient funds to achieve its objectives.	An outline budget was presented to and approved by the partnership Board on 07 March 2016. This budget is used to monitor programme expenditure.

Implications	
Legal N/A	
Financial Resource London has a total budget of £2.4 million for 2016-17 and an outline budget approved by the Partnership Board. However, spend will be fluid throughout the year on all workstreams and subject to changes depending on when projects are delivered and when boroughs come forward to take advantage of the offerings. The spend against forecast is therefore subject to variations.	
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Supporting Report

Purpose of the paper

To enable the Partnership Board to oversee programme expenditure.

Report

The Resource London budget has been allocated based on:

- Fixed resource allocation: comprising salaries and on-costs;
- External costs: comprising bought in services;
- WRAP / LWARB recharge; and
- Capital and target service grants.

The table below sets out the budget allocation by work stream and current commitment and spend at the half year point. Except for staff and overheads which is forecast to year end. Further commitments will be made throughout the next six months.

	Allocation (£)	commitment and spend
Service Reviews	£450,000	£191,360
Behaviour Change	£1,150,000	£597,534
Development and Innovation	£200,000	£120,026
Staffing and overheads	£466,000	£450,490
Evaluation, direct expenses & legal	£120,000	£50,849
Total	£2.4m	£1,405,430

Resource London's total budget for 2015-16 is £2.4million comprising £1.5million allocated and held by LWARB and £900k (including a carry-over from 2015-16) allocated and held by WRAP.

In addition, Resource London (with WRAP and Groundworks London) has been successful in securing EU Life funding for the TRIFOCAL project (detailed in the Communications and Behaviour Change paper). This award will see Resource London receive additional funding of €604,324 (£402,029 based on the exchange rate which is fixed at the time the application was submitted) between September 2016 to March 2019. In order to secure this funding Resource London must provide match funding of €402,883 (£268,020 based on the exchange rate which is fixed at the time the application was submitted) over the same period.

Resource London has made a number of significant commitments against the budget for 2015/16 including c.£190k in local authority grants and c.£62k commitment as EU Life match funding for Trifocal, and a number of major support contracts. To date, the main area of commitment and spend has been in the Behaviour Change work stream. A number of other commitments have

also been made within the Service Review and Development and Innovation workstreams.

It should be noted that due to delays in the delivery of the regional Recycle for London (RfL) campaign (detailed in the Communications and behaviour change paper) it is unlikely that budget of c.£200k originally allocated to this work stream for 2016-17 will be spent in year. Therefore subject to approval from the Partnership Board officers would like to carry these funds forward to 2017-18 to use for the same purpose.

The Partnership Board is asked to note this forecast underspend and approve that these monies be ring-fenced and carried over to the 2017-18 and allocated for the delivery of the RfL campaign.

Finally in acknowledgement of the internal audit recommendation this year's budget includes a separate line for staffing and overheads. As detailed in the General Update paper Resource London's officer team has also increased in 2016-17 and spend in this budget line have increased accordingly.

A budget update is provided at Appendix 1.

Further information

Appendix 1: Budget update
