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Local Authority Support	
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Summary
This paper presents an update on local authority support activities relating to service reviews in line with the Resource London 2018-19 programme delivery plan.

Recommendation
For information only.

Risk Management	
Risk	Action to mitigate risk
N/A – no decisions being made	

Implications	
Legal N/A – no decisions being made	
Financial N/A – no decisions being made	
Equalities N/A – no decisions being made	
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Supporting Report

Why the paper is being presented
To provide the Partnership Board with a progress report against programme output indicators.

Report				
Output indicator	1	2	3	4
Support boroughs to deliver bespoke reduction and recycling plans	G	A	G	G
The London Environment Strategy includes a requirement for all London boroughs to develop reduction and recycling (RRP) plans, the first of which will cover the four-year period from 2018 - 2022.				

- *Proposal 7.2.1.b: The Mayor expects local authorities to develop reduction and recycling plans by 2020, which should include local reduction and recycling targets that contribute to the Mayor's London-wide targets.*

It makes it clear that resources have been made available through LWARB (Resource London) to assist waste authorities in preparing these plans.

The boroughs have been placed into one of three phases. Phase 1 boroughs are required to submit their RRP's to the GLA by 31st March 2019, Phase 2 by 30th June 2019 and Phase 3 by 20th December 2019.

All the phase one boroughs have been supported with benchmarking or options modelling. Resource London officers have also reviewed and commented on draft RRP's submitted to them. Officers have also held one-to-one meetings with the majority of phase two boroughs and reiterated the support available.

Resource London and the GLA meet on a frequent basis to discuss progress with the RRP's and the boroughs.

All boroughs had the opportunity to attend training supported by the GLA on how to use the emissions performance standard (EPS) model. It is believed that all phase one and phase two boroughs were represented over the two separate sessions.

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Support boroughs to introduce service change that increases London's recycling rate. For example adding a new material to collections, boosting capture rates or piloting restricting residual waste.	G	G	G	G

1-2-1 borough support

Barnet: Tender applications were invited to produce a Service Options Review for Barnet (closing date 7/12/18), to compare several different options with their current service. The options will be reviewed in terms of cost, recycling rate potential, deliverability and environmental impact. The review will be completed by April 2019.

Hackney: Tender applications were invited to provide a survey of household properties to assess their potential for the accommodation of bins for containerisation of waste. The review will be completed by June 2019.

Haringey: A tender will be issued to carry out a service review for Haringey, who despite providing the recommended elements of a good collection service (weekly separate food waste, fortnightly residual and weekly recycling) are under achieving on their recycling rate.

Enfield: A meeting has taken place with Enfield's recycling and communications teams, to discuss service change towards the end of 2019. A full set of communications templates, along with examples of communications that other boroughs have produced in support of their own service change, have been provided and support will be ongoing as they develop their communications plan and service roll-out.

Westminster City Council: Support has been offered to Westminster to pilot domestic

food waste collections at their various property types. This project is in the very early stages.

Hammersmith and Fulham: Support has been offered to part-fund kerbside options modelling to include restricting residual waste and collecting food waste. Also, for a borough-wide kerbside property survey to ascertain the space for wheeled bins.

Further support is currently being developed for Islington and Redbridge.

As noted in the communications paper the London Recycles team are also planning a number of capacity building workshops in early summer.

This year we have also supported Lambeth to increase food waste capture, which they are now going to roll out borough-wide; RBKC with kerbside food waste pilots; Greenwich with an options appraisal to restrict residual waste; Hackney, Islington, Merton and Bromley – to boost participation and volumes collected in their separate food waste collections during our food waste quarter; and Enfield to carry out a survey of a selection of households to determine the fill rate of bins and the presence of side waste to inform their recent consultation on a service change. We also delivered a target food waste quarter with four boroughs – Hackney, Islington, Merton and Bromley – to boost participation and volumes collected in their separate food waste collections.

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Deliver and disseminate further targeted activity on contamination and quality	A	A	A	A

The results of the TCP on kerbside properties showed that feedback to residents was key, and that if they are made aware of the contaminants within their bin, they are less likely to contaminate in future. Resource London has developed a project – ‘Contamination Hit Squad’ – to pilot a central resource of contamination officers to deliver the Council’s feedback to householders that contaminate. The aim of the pilot is to provide a cost benefit analysis, comparing the cost to an authority of collecting contaminated recycling with the cost of employing a dedicated contamination officer, to ensure a higher quality of recycle. Full details are available in the 2019/20 programme plan. The proposal was put to LEDNET in early March

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Deliver activity to promote waste minimisation and the circular economy	A	R	R	R

This workstream has not progressed and is unlikely to due to resource constraints and other priorities.