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To: Chief Executives of upper tier local authorities outside
London

3 April 2008

Dear Sir or Madam,

**WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL GRANT 2008/09 – 2010/11
REVIEW OF WASTE PERFORMANCE AND EFFICIENCY GRANT 2007/08**

This letter:

- provides upper tier local authorities outside London with information about Defra's Waste Infrastructure Capital Grant for the three years to 2010/11; and
- kindly requests headline information on expenditure as part of a light touch review of the Waste Performance and Efficiency Grant in 2007/08.

Waste Infrastructure Capital Grant 2008/09 – 2010/11

The Waste Infrastructure Capital Grant (WICG) replaces the Waste Performance and Efficiency Grant (WPEG) from April 2008/09. WICG will provide £185m in capital funding to local authorities outside London over the three years to 2010/11. The grant is being made available to upper tier authorities outside London in recognition of the pressure to invest in front-end infrastructure, such as recycling and composting facilities, in order to increase the diversion of biodegradable municipal waste from landfill and help England meet both its share of challenging targets under the EU Landfill Directive and its commitment to reduce carbon emissions by at least 60% by 2050. To assist authorities that wish to invest in facilities to help achieve the 2010 EU Landfill Directive target the grant will be front loaded and will therefore have a profile of £78.2m/ £78.2m/ £28.8m over the three years. London will receive a separate London Waste and Recycling Fund to be managed by a new London Waste and Recycling Board.

WICG is unringfenced in accordance with Government's policy of ensuring maximum freedoms and flexibility for local government and as such no conditions are attached to the grant. WICG is Supported Capital Expenditure (SCE) in the form of a capital grant (SCE(C)). A Grant Determination is attached at Annex A, setting out the details of the grant. A full list of allocations over the three years to 2010/11 is attached at Annex B. You do not need to apply for this grant, Defra will pay the allocated share of the grant directly to each of the listed authorities using details of the accounts to which WPEG was paid in previous years – if these details need to be changed please email information about the changes to: lawfg@defra.gsi.gov.uk. The grant will be paid annually in the first quarter of each financial year.



Grant awards for each authority are calculated by formula using the core driver for waste spend, population, adjusted to take account of commuters and day visitors, as well as the relative costs of waste operatives' wage costs, and are amalgamated at the upper tier level. This is the same formula used to calculate allocations of WPEG in 2007/08.

The Landfill Allowances Trading Scheme (LATS) and the new local government performance framework provide waste collection and waste disposal authorities with shared objectives and obligations to help England achieve the Landfill Directive targets and national targets to increase recovery of municipal waste to 75% and recycling levels to 50% by 2020. You will wish to consider how best to invest WICG to ensure that these shared goals can be achieved most efficiently, potentially including through partnership working.

At the end of each financial year Defra will write to upper tier local authorities to request information about investment of WICG over the preceding year. This information is invaluable to us and will be used to review the effectiveness of the grant and will feed into future spending reviews.

Review of Waste Performance and Efficiency Grant 2007/08

As part of a light-touch review that Defra is carrying out on the effectiveness of the Waste Performance and Efficiency Grant (WPEG) in achieving its stated objectives in 2007/08 we would like to request some information from your authority.

As you will be aware Defra has between 2005/06 and 2007/08 allocated more than £250 million to local authorities in England through WPEG to underpin and facilitate more effective use of core funding. The grant was unringfenced and issued with up-front certainty over levels of funding, no bidding process and no prescription on usage, giving local authorities the flexibility to deploy their allocation in a way which made most sense in their area. Since it was unringfenced there were no conditions attached to the grant requiring local authorities to return information about its use to Defra and it is in relation to this that we are writing to you.

As part of our commitment to improving waste policy and ensuring that resources are targeted effectively we are undertaking a light-touch review of the effectiveness of WPEG. As a recipient of WPEG in 2007/08 we would appreciate it if you could kindly arrange for someone to complete the form enclosed at Annex C. We would like some headline information about the use to which your authority has put the WPEG funding. This request should not be onerous, hopefully taking at most an hour or two of people's time. Anything you can supply is much appreciated as even the small amount of information we are requesting here can be very helpful in enabling us to evaluate the effectiveness of WPEG and better design waste grant funding in the future. We would appreciate a relatively quick response and I should therefore be grateful if you would arrange for a reply to be received by close of play on 25 April 2008.

Please be aware that there may be circumstances in which Defra will be required to communicate information to third parties on request, in order to comply with obligations

under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations. For these reasons we should therefore be grateful if you would indicate if, and supply a short explanation setting out why, you would have concerns about Defra releasing any of the information you supply as part of this exercise to aid our consideration in the event that a request for information in this area is received. Defra will not permit any unwarranted breach of confidentiality nor will we act in contravention of our obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998.

Please send completed forms, marked for the attention of Adam Hafizi, by email to lawfg@defra.gsi.gov.uk or by post to: 6E Ergon House, 17 Smith Square, SW1P 6JR.

If you wish to discuss anything relating to this letter please send enquiries by email to: lawfg@defra.gsi.gov.uk .

Yours faithfully,

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WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL GRANT DETERMINATION (2008/09): No 31/1214

The Minister for Climate Change, Biodiversity & Waste ("the Minister"), in exercise of the powers conferred on her by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, hereby makes the following determination:-

Citation

1) This determination may be cited as the Waste Infrastructure Capital Grant Determination (2008/09) [No31/1214].

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

Determination

3) The Minister determines as the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid, the authorities and the amounts set out in Annex A.

Treasury consent

4) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Minister obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Grant conditions

5) Pursuant to section 31(3) and 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003, the Minister determines that the grant will be paid subject to the conditions in Annex B.

Signed by authority of the Minister for Climate Change, Biodiversity & Waste.

Daniel Instone

[A senior civil servant within the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs]

3 April 2008

ANNEX A

Authorities to which grant is to be paid	Amount of grant
Barnsley	£ 389,953.57
Bath & North East Somerset	£ 324,949.63
Bedfordshire	£ 749,607.53
Birmingham	£ 1,859,328.71
Blackburn with Darwen	£ 255,170.60
Blackpool	£ 277,742.99
Bolton	£ 476,927.38
Bournemouth	£ 279,013.96
Bracknell Forest	£ 219,409.95
Bradford	£ 882,686.53
Brighton & Hove	£ 446,779.18
Bristol	£ 768,643.70
Buckinghamshire	£ 918,502.59
Bury	£ 325,097.67
Calderdale	£ 353,606.03
Cambridgeshire	£ 1,091,248.06
Cheshire	£ 1,244,259.66
Cornwall	£ 913,538.11
Coventry	£ 549,287.43
Cumbria	£ 860,359.52
Darlington	£ 175,051.43
Derby	£ 425,485.64
Derbyshire	£ 1,342,500.49
Devon	£ 1,292,183.83
Doncaster	£ 505,188.26
Dorset	£ 708,268.20
Dudley	£ 536,952.11
Durham	£ 867,469.80
East Riding of Yorkshire	£ 588,008.86
East Sussex	£ 900,920.05
Essex	£ 2,460,405.86
Gateshead	£ 338,762.31
Gloucestershire	£ 1,029,983.77
Halton	£ 211,434.60
Hampshire	£ 2,282,763.90
Hartlepool	£ 160,556.00
Herefordshire	£ 312,671.75
Hertfordshire	£ 2,027,478.23
Isle of Wight Council	£ 259,096.81
Isles of Scilly	£ 5,705.38
Kent	£ 2,468,038.76

Kingston upon Hull	£	454,055.62
Kirklees	£	703,873.43
Knowsley	£	262,244.23
Lancashire	£	2,063,774.50
Leeds	£	1,363,024.30
Leicester	£	543,867.04
Leicestershire	£	1,131,477.97
Lincolnshire	£	1,218,412.69
Liverpool	£	813,982.32
Luton	£	335,199.02
Manchester	£	953,052.31
Medway	£	447,129.53
Middlesbrough	£	243,399.73
Milton Keynes	£	440,088.06
Newcastle upon Tyne	£	520,155.89
Norfolk	£	1,456,655.28
North East Lincolnshire	£	275,422.88
North Lincolnshire	£	282,215.84
North Somerset	£	366,575.36
North Tyneside	£	341,485.27
North Yorkshire	£	1,051,189.19
Northamptonshire	£	1,197,213.50
Northumberland	£	542,583.12
Nottingham	£	570,224.31
Nottinghamshire	£	1,363,036.16
Oldham	£	392,170.67
Oxfordshire	£	1,188,911.43
Peterborough	£	314,339.88
Plymouth	£	427,324.23
Poole	£	237,511.80
Portsmouth	£	374,309.72
Reading	£	292,132.92
Redcar and Cleveland	£	240,954.26
Rochdale	£	374,105.90
Rotherham	£	442,909.23
Rutland	£	68,836.54
Salford	£	396,943.64
Sandwell	£	512,659.94
Sefton	£	491,915.08
Sheffield	£	930,097.40
Shropshire	£	508,507.85
Slough	£	246,404.08
Solihull	£	369,860.66
Somerset	£	916,008.84
South Gloucestershire	£	461,837.43
South Tyneside	£	261,255.03
Southampton	£	422,506.34

Southend-on-Sea	£	282,471.67
St Helens	£	313,564.45
Staffordshire	£	1,454,760.73
Stockport	£	502,297.35
Stockton-on-Tees	£	332,583.68
Stoke-on-Trent	£	424,395.18
Suffolk	£	1,217,849.83
Sunderland	£	485,172.35
Surrey	£	2,137,151.19
Swindon	£	343,223.04
Tameside	£	381,855.36
Telford and the Wrekin	£	290,619.42
Thurrock	£	280,109.23
Torbay	£	239,398.19
Trafford	£	394,854.36
Wakefield	£	571,759.21
Walsall	£	445,765.81
Warrington	£	355,981.45
Warwickshire	£	953,318.08
West Berkshire	£	279,786.93
West Sussex	£	1,374,233.47
Wigan	£	548,693.46
Wiltshire	£	817,252.50
Windsor and Maidenhead	£	284,652.41
Wirral	£	551,313.25
Wokingham	£	292,078.32
Wolverhampton	£	422,128.64
Worcestershire	£	970,550.55
York	£	359,838.71

ANNEX B

Grant Conditions

1. The grant is a capital grant and can only be used for capital purposes.

Annex B

Waste Infrastructure Capital Grant – Allocations for 2008/09 to 2010/11

Area	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Barnsley	£ 389,953.57	£ 389,666.42	£ 143,456.68
Bath & North East Somerset	£ 324,949.63	£ 325,469.82	£ 120,055.80
Bedfordshire	£ 749,607.53	£ 753,881.31	£ 279,270.42
Birmingham	£ 1,859,328.71	£ 1,856,727.24	£ 683,149.21
Blackburn with Darwen	£ 255,170.60	£ 254,823.04	£ 93,755.47
Blackpool	£ 277,742.99	£ 277,751.55	£ 102,345.77
Bolton	£ 476,927.38	£ 475,929.97	£ 175,000.41
Bournemouth	£ 279,013.96	£ 278,180.14	£ 102,198.75
Bracknell Forest	£ 219,409.95	£ 218,763.11	£ 80,369.20
Bradford	£ 882,686.53	£ 886,036.70	£ 327,652.50
Brighton & Hove	£ 446,779.18	£ 446,591.27	£ 164,468.64
Bristol	£ 768,643.70	£ 769,929.55	£ 284,119.77
Buckinghamshire	£ 918,502.59	£ 916,484.40	£ 336,891.85
Bury	£ 325,097.67	£ 324,246.95	£ 119,163.54
Calderdale	£ 353,606.03	£ 353,739.76	£ 130,379.27
Cambridgeshire	£ 1,091,248.06	£ 1,096,515.52	£ 405,817.62
Cheshire	£ 1,244,259.66	£ 1,242,774.82	£ 457,269.02
Cornwall	£ 913,538.11	£ 918,144.96	£ 339,916.76
Coventry	£ 549,287.43	£ 546,799.84	£ 200,572.29
Cumbria	£ 860,359.52	£ 858,737.02	£ 315,749.16
Darlington	£ 175,051.43	£ 174,727.02	£ 64,250.23
Derby	£ 425,485.64	£ 424,861.93	£ 156,313.36
Derbyshire	£ 1,342,500.49	£ 1,342,757.74	£ 494,790.19
Devon	£ 1,292,183.83	£ 1,297,554.81	£ 479,937.64
Doncaster	£ 505,188.26	£ 503,762.62	£ 185,082.36
Dorset	£ 708,268.20	£ 709,114.83	£ 261,588.74
Dudley	£ 536,952.11	£ 534,818.77	£ 196,259.81
Durham	£ 867,469.80	£ 863,815.95	£ 316,889.62
East Riding of Yorkshire	£ 588,008.86	£ 591,358.47	£ 219,038.04
East Sussex	£ 900,920.05	£ 902,649.32	£ 333,181.63
Essex	£ 2,460,405.86	£ 2,465,712.40	£ 910,305.43
Gateshead	£ 338,762.31	£ 336,675.19	£ 123,286.59
Gloucestershire	£ 1,029,983.77	£ 1,029,152.18	£ 378,852.59
Halton	£ 211,434.60	£ 210,532.86	£ 77,235.38
Hampshire	£ 2,282,763.90	£ 2,281,593.98	£ 840,156.73
Hartlepool	£ 160,556.00	£ 160,414.35	£ 59,050.88
Herefordshire	£ 312,671.75	£ 312,633.92	£ 115,151.56
Hertfordshire	£ 2,027,478.23	£ 2,029,091.63	£ 748,139.78
Isle of Wight Council	£ 259,096.81	£ 260,148.16	£ 96,223.72
Isles of Scilly	£ 5,705.38	£ 5,724.55	£ 2,106.75

Kent	£ 2,468,038.76	£ 2,474,087.74	£ 913,716.47
Kingston upon Hull	£ 454,055.62	£ 452,000.60	£ 165,822.50
Kirklees	£ 703,873.43	£ 704,375.46	£ 259,698.20
Knowsley	£ 262,244.23	£ 260,916.02	£ 95,631.72
Lancashire	£ 2,063,774.50	£ 2,064,346.83	£ 760,727.80
Leeds	£ 1,363,024.30	£ 1,362,991.65	£ 502,156.13
Leicester	£ 543,867.04	£ 541,775.66	£ 198,886.93
Leicestershire	£ 1,131,477.97	£ 1,132,962.30	£ 417,879.79
Lincolnshire	£ 1,218,412.69	£ 1,225,864.05	£ 454,296.43
Liverpool	£ 813,982.32	£ 808,332.16	£ 295,810.90
Luton	£ 335,199.02	£ 333,750.43	£ 122,449.99
Manchester	£ 953,052.31	£ 956,628.29	£ 353,631.66
Medway	£ 447,129.53	£ 447,086.55	£ 164,700.32
Middlesbrough	£ 243,399.73	£ 241,024.19	£ 87,959.16
Milton Keynes	£ 440,088.06	£ 442,338.25	£ 163,757.53
Newcastle upon Tyne	£ 520,155.89	£ 516,839.67	£ 189,222.42
Norfolk	£ 1,456,655.28	£ 1,461,608.73	£ 540,294.23
North East Lincolnshire	£ 275,422.88	£ 274,436.68	£ 100,759.12
North Lincolnshire	£ 282,215.84	£ 282,790.84	£ 104,391.43
North Somerset	£ 366,575.36	£ 368,806.04	£ 136,694.91
North Tyneside	£ 341,485.27	£ 341,331.57	£ 125,692.58
North Yorkshire	£ 1,051,189.19	£ 1,053,154.31	£ 388,658.13
Northamptonshire	£ 1,197,213.50	£ 1,202,032.71	£ 444,542.79
Northumberland	£ 542,583.12	£ 541,084.38	£ 198,781.22
Nottingham	£ 570,224.31	£ 569,482.74	£ 209,513.76
Nottinghamshire	£ 1,363,036.16	£ 1,363,600.38	£ 502,591.51
Oldham	£ 392,170.67	£ 390,888.81	£ 143,562.19
Oxfordshire	£ 1,188,911.43	£ 1,190,702.11	£ 439,290.11
Peterborough	£ 314,339.88	£ 314,753.93	£ 116,118.19
Plymouth	£ 427,324.23	£ 426,434.40	£ 156,772.90
Poole	£ 237,511.80	£ 236,210.20	£ 86,571.64
Portsmouth	£ 374,309.72	£ 374,548.93	£ 138,084.22
Reading	£ 292,132.92	£ 290,567.98	£ 106,500.52
Redcar and Cleveland	£ 240,954.26	£ 239,790.62	£ 87,915.93
Rochdale	£ 374,105.90	£ 373,823.18	£ 137,643.06
Rotherham	£ 442,909.23	£ 442,337.97	£ 162,749.95
Rutland	£ 68,836.54	£ 68,940.26	£ 25,453.64
Salford	£ 396,943.64	£ 395,061.48	£ 144,901.51
Sandwell	£ 512,659.94	£ 511,276.59	£ 187,876.15
Sefton	£ 491,915.08	£ 489,098.92	£ 179,167.12
Sheffield	£ 930,097.40	£ 927,444.66	£ 340,745.62
Shropshire	£ 508,507.85	£ 508,416.90	£ 187,261.60
Slough	£ 246,404.08	£ 244,783.72	£ 89,621.91
Solihull	£ 369,860.66	£ 369,208.14	£ 135,780.24
Somerset	£ 916,008.84	£ 918,929.95	£ 339,614.96
South Gloucestershire	£ 461,837.43	£ 463,647.05	£ 171,480.91
South Tyneside	£ 261,255.03	£ 259,190.78	£ 94,753.19

Southampton	£ 422,506.34	£ 422,785.43	£ 155,846.94
Southend-on-Sea	£ 282,471.67	£ 281,576.37	£ 103,437.89
St Helens	£ 313,564.45	£ 312,403.75	£ 114,666.02
Staffordshire	£ 1,454,760.73	£ 1,452,366.15	£ 534,125.56
Stockport	£ 502,297.35	£ 499,862.66	£ 183,308.88
Stockton-on-Tees	£ 332,583.68	£ 332,827.90	£ 122,696.49
Stoke-on-Trent	£ 424,395.18	£ 421,614.81	£ 154,340.19
Suffolk	£ 1,217,849.83	£ 1,221,225.58	£ 451,153.05
Sunderland	£ 485,172.35	£ 481,417.20	£ 176,013.28
Surrey	£ 2,137,151.19	£ 2,135,820.72	£ 786,386.77
Swindon	£ 343,223.04	£ 343,016.80	£ 126,296.15
Tameside	£ 381,855.36	£ 380,934.50	£ 140,033.69
Telford and the Wrekin	£ 290,619.42	£ 291,201.33	£ 107,478.31
Thurrock	£ 280,109.23	£ 280,591.39	£ 103,545.33
Torbay	£ 239,398.19	£ 240,618.83	£ 89,097.59
Trafford	£ 394,854.36	£ 394,062.83	£ 144,922.35
Wakefield	£ 571,759.21	£ 571,462.98	£ 210,448.89
Walsall	£ 445,765.81	£ 443,607.54	£ 162,642.03
Warrington	£ 355,981.45	£ 354,980.49	£ 130,416.47
Warwickshire	£ 953,318.08	£ 954,891.82	£ 352,371.07
West Berkshire	£ 279,786.93	£ 278,812.38	£ 102,366.29
West Sussex	£ 1,374,233.47	£ 1,374,285.19	£ 506,339.77
Wigan	£ 548,693.46	£ 547,441.57	£ 201,235.67
Wiltshire	£ 817,252.50	£ 819,156.81	£ 302,469.75
Windsor and Maidenhead	£ 284,652.41	£ 284,402.67	£ 104,715.93
Wirral	£ 551,313.25	£ 549,210.01	£ 201,578.66
Wokingham	£ 292,078.32	£ 291,571.68	£ 107,226.09
Wolverhampton	£ 422,128.64	£ 419,572.50	£ 153,660.22
Worcestershire	£ 970,550.55	£ 969,012.97	£ 356,436.65
York	£ 359,838.71	£ 361,122.65	£ 133,485.73

1. Local Authority:

2. WPEG funding allocated in 2007/08:

Capital: £

Revenue: £

3. Approximately how much WPEG revenue funding was committed to waste related work or projects? £

4. Please give some information about the type of work that WPEG revenue was used to fund (a couple of sentences)

5. If WPEG revenue was not committed to waste related work or projects please give some information about the reasons for this (a couple of sentences)

6. Approximately how much WPEG capital funding was committed to waste related work or projects? £

7. Please give some information about the type of work that WPEG capital was used to fund (a couple of sentences)

8. If WPEG capital was not committed to waste related work or projects please give some information about the reasons for this (a couple of sentences)

9. How much of the 07/08 funding has been carried over into 08/09?

Capital: £

Revenue: £

10. If funding has been carried over please give some information about the intended use (a couple of sentences)

11. From time to time we are asked for information on what funding has been received by a particular local authority and how it has been used. Under freedom of information laws, we are obliged to publish this information, except in specified circumstances. For these reasons, please indicate if any of the information you have supplied is sensitive and why.

Signed

(an officer suitably authorised to give information about waste expenditure)

Please send completed forms back to Adam Hafizi by email at: lawfg@defra.gsi.gov.uk or by post at: 6E Ergon House, 17 Smith Square, SW1P 6JR, by 25 April.