

# Waste Project

## Newsletter



East Midlands  
Improvement and  
Efficiency Partnership

Phase one, of the EM IEP waste project focused on data collection and analysis of cashable efficiencies being delivered across the region. The University of Northampton carried out the research providing a report which formed the basis of the 'Improving Efficiency in Waste Collection' event held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010. Please follow the link below for more information.

<http://www.eastmidlandsiep.gov.uk/procurement-events/>

Phase two of the project is now underway with a focus on four key priorities; member engagement, sharing good practice, improving communications and supporting efficiencies with in waste collection authorities.

Next month work will be in full swing to develop three detailed case studies highlighting the waste collection service provided by three local authorities with good performance and average to low costs. The case studies will examine why and how these authorities are able to achieve high performance standards whilst keeping spend low, and illustrate how other authorities can adopt similar practice to reduce costs and improve performance. The observational case studies will not only discuss operational processes, but also investigate both corporate, managerial and member procedures. The case studies also aim to examine the attribution of overheads etc in the local authorities costs for waste collection.

Currently we are looking for local authorities to express an interest in being involved with a number of key projects which will be developing over the autumn. For example:

- **Facilitated Efficiency Challenge** - A facilitated workshop with associated tool to enable senior managers to challenge their efficiency agenda and to identify actions towards the realisation of efficiency savings.
- **Support for authorities to reduce costs in pilot working group** - A pilot group will break down their current waste collection costs and establish how they would be able to reduce costs and create efficiencies based on target cost per household. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting - discuss setting a realistic (but challenging) target cost per household, 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting - bring breakdown of costs and discuss with working group areas where costs can be cut, 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting - meet to discuss progress towards target cost.

**If you are interested in taking part in these projects please contact the project manager:**

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Finally, the EM IEP will also be delivering a free regional event for waste and recycling officers on 18<sup>th</sup> of November. This event included presentations on 'Understanding the New Legislation and Requirements', 'Collaboration on Procurement County and Regional Level', 'Minimising waste arising', 'Understanding Partnership Working' and examples of good practice.

For more information on this project, useful links and websites and forthcoming events follow the link below:

<http://www.eastmidlandsiep.gov.uk/waste/>