

**Date: 30/04/2021**

Ref: CAM1418

Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information dated 01/04/2021 about North London Heat and Power Project (NLHPP). We have dealt with this under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested. The answers to your questions are below.

**I respectfully make a Freedom of Information request for financial information relating to the North London Heat and Power Project (NLHPP) / Edmonton Incinerator rebuild.**

**Reviewing the NLHPP website I note that the project will cost a total of 1.2bn <http://www.northlondonheatandpower.london.gov.uk>. I also note from the NLHPP website that the project will be paid for via a levy on council taxes in the 7 relevant local authority boroughs, namely Barnet, Haringey, Enfield, Waltham Forest, Islington, Camden and Hackney. <http://www.northlondonheatandpower.london.gov.uk>**

**Could you please provide me with details on the following:**

Please note, NLWA have also responded to this FOI. Their detailed response and a copy of the IAA will be available on their web site <https://www.nlwa.gov.uk/ourauthority/scheme-of-publications> from 30th April 2021.

**• What proportion of this £1.2bn will be paid by Camden, and over what timeframe will the cost be spread?**

Payments for the capital costs of the project will be spread over varying time periods, with repayments made as and when the various facilities in the project become operational. The first repayments for the energy recovery facility (ERF) will be made from 2026 when the new ERF is operational and extending to a maximum date of 2065.

Camden's contribution, along with the other six boroughs, will be collected via the levy and charges mechanism, through which NLWA's expenditure is re-charged now.

There is an inter-authority agreement (IAA) in place which sets out how the apportionment of costs is calculated. How much each borough will pay will also be determined by the tonnages of waste that they provide to NLWA for management.

- **What is the total contribution that has been paid by Camden, to 31 March 2021?**

It is standard practice to reflect capital costs in charges (known as the minimum revenue provision) in the financial year after the assets become operational. Camden has not been charged anything to date for the capital costs of the project.

- **What is the total contribution that will be paid by Camden, from 1 April 2021, and over what timeframe will this payment be split?**

The new ERF will generate electricity and heat which will be sold to generate an income. Other costs will be met by the levy and charges. An explanation of the difficulty of providing the proportion of the charges to be incurred is indicated above. Repayments for the ERF will be made from 2026 when it is operational, running to 2065.

- **Is the entirety of the cost attributed to Camden (retrospective and prospective) to be recovered via council taxes?**

Camden will cover the costs from its General Fund. This is funded by a mixture of business rates, council taxes and fees and charges.

#### **Further Information:**

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Yours sincerely

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