



London Borough of
Redbridge



Principal Accountant – East London Waste Authority

Additional Information

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EAST LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

<https://eastlondonwaste.gov.uk>

The East London Waste Authority (ELWA) was created by regulations made under the Local Government Act 1985. From 1st April 1986, ELWA assumed responsibility for the disposal of waste arising in the area covered by the London Boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Newham and Redbridge. The boroughs have a combined population of 1.1 million people living in over 400,000 households, and each is responsible for the collection of house waste in their areas for disposal by the Authority of over 460,000 tonnes. ELWA operates a number of waste disposal facilities across East London.

The East London waste treatment services are currently delivered by Renewi UK Services Ltd under a 25 year PFI contract which ends in 2027. The Authority, together with each of its Partner Authorities, has recently adopted the joint Strategy for East London's Resources and Waste management of the five Partner Authorities, and outlines how the Partner Authorities will work together to manage resources and waste between 2027 and 2057.

ELWA is funded mainly by a levy on the four Partner Authorities. The budget and levy is set annually and in February for the forthcoming financial year: <https://eastlondonwaste.gov.uk/wpcontent/uploads/04-02-2022-Authority-Agenda-Pack-Public-Part-1>

The Authority's Statements of Accounts and Budgetary Control monitoring reports can also be accessed on the ELWA website.

The London Borough of Redbridge's Corporate Director of Resources also holds the position of Finance Director for ELWA. The London Borough of Redbridge provides the full range of finance services to ELWA including budgeting, financial and management accounting, and treasury management. The Principal Accountant role works exclusively on the delivery of these services to ELWA, supported on a part time basis by the Head of Business Partnering, Senior Finance Officer and finance apprentice.

ELWA is a small organisation with a team of eight office-based staff. The Principal Accountant is an integral part of the ELWA team, which is based in Stratford less than 10 minutes' walk from Stratford Station, although currently operating hybrid working arrangements.