

Criteria	Comments
Quick response to changes	Any levy mechanism should not hinder a Borough's efforts on recycling, landfill diversion or waste minimisation. Boroughs should see an almost instant benefit for any innovation or improvement
Aids budget monitoring	With the present system of an estimated waste tonnage, supplemented by section 52(9) charges for additional tonnage, it has been difficult to predict an accurate outturn position, both for the Boroughs and the Authority. A new mechanism should improve this situation
Ease of estimation / Responsive Management Information	Linked to the point above, in any mechanism there will need to be an estimation of tonnages for the year. A mechanism that can encourage this and timely and accurate management information would be beneficial
Allows uptake of new waste streams	A levy mechanism needs to be flexible enough to cope with the introduction of new waste streams for materials being diverted from landfill, by whatever means
Administrative burden of invoicing/rebates	The current mechanism means an exchange of invoices between partners, so any new one should look to minimise the need for invoicing, etc.
Encourages recycling	Any mechanism should promote improved recycling and quickly reward efforts on this
Encourages waste minimisation	As above, the same is true for waste minimisation
Encourages composting	As the two points above
Encourages recovery / re-use	The current mechanism makes no allowance for the "reward" of recovery and/or re-use, but any new one should do
Tried and tested mechanism	There would be a risk to the partnership if any mechanism adopted did not have a history of success elsewhere
Transparency / ease of understanding	The current mechanism is fairly complex and hard to follow – a new mechanism should improve on this

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Recovery of the Authority fixed costs	It is vital that any mechanism adopted does not leave the Authority and its unavoidable costs exposed
Impact on LATS apportionment	A levy mechanism should provide a clear audit trail for the equitable and accurate apportionment of LATS, be that for purchase of LATS, their sale or the application of LATS penalties
Equity across Boroughs	With the current mechanism, there has been concern that the rebate scheme does not always provide equitable compensation for an individual Borough's efforts
Consistency of rates	If a mechanism provides for a schedule of rates to be charged dependent on how waste is treated, then those rates must be accurately calculated and be consistently applied, i.e. one rate for all partners for a particular waste treatment

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Status quo</b>	<b>Enhanced Rebate Scheme</b>	<b>"Pay as you throw"</b>
Quick response to changes	6.00	6.00	12.00
Aids budget monitoring	12.99	11.13	14.84
Ease of estimation / Responsive Management Information	14.13	14.13	14.13
Allows uptake of new waste streams	7.72	11.58	15.44
Administrative burden of invoicing/rebates	16.00	14.00	12.00
Encourages recycling	12.00	14.00	16.00
Encourages waste minimisation	12.42	12.42	16.56
Encourages composting	8.28	12.42	12.42
Encourages recovery	3.86	11.58	11.58
Tried and tested mechanism	12.15	9.72	4.86
Transparency / ease of understanding	8.86	4.43	17.72
Recovery of the Authority's fixed costs	14.84	14.84	11.13
Impact on LATS apportionment	9.42	14.13	18.84
Equity across Boroughs	9.14	13.71	18.28
Consistency of rates	8.86	13.29	17.72
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>156.67</b>	<b>177.38</b>	<b>213.52</b>