

Why should Boroughs retain their membership of Alehm?

Alehm services include:

- 1) Established and coordinated voice representing environmental health in London.**
As all boroughs to date have retained their membership, Alehm provides a vital coordinated voice to raise the profile of pertinent issues on behalf of its members.
 - Collated responses to consultations on behalf of London,
 - Network for professional discussion to present a representative view for London,
 - Safe forum to voice emerging borough issues and concerns anonymously,
 - Alehm representatives attend strategic/development meetings on behalf of boroughs and technical liaison groups.
 - Routine liaison with other bodies for smarter enforcement and data sharing,
 - Regular feedback and summaries of developments across the field of EH,
 - Benchmarking of services.
- 2) Regional coordination. To assist boroughs to maintain competency or access competent officers across a range of services.**
 - Support and coordination of complex cross border investigations.
 - Project management of externally funded projects delivered across London,
 - Appointment of competent officers to undertake specific activities,
 - Delivery of statutory services of lower priority to local authorities.
- 3) Apply for funding for regional projects .**
 - Identify potential funded projects which may interest local authorities
 - Coordinate bids for funding for local authority activity.
- 4) Competency, training and access to expertise.**
 - Over 20 hours of CPD training offered each year to environmental health managers
 - Free update technical training days across the spectrum of environmental health, valued at £1000 per member authority per year.
 - Provides a programme of meetings to bring senior EH staff up to date with strategic developments across the field of EH and local authority activity,
 - Directs local authorities to relevant expertise,
 - Provide access to competent officers or trainees to assist and support local authority work programmes,
 - Development of specific training courses to meet local competency needs,
 - Provision of subsidised training with significant member discount valued at £800 in 2017
- 5) Student support/trainees and apprenticeships.**
 - Work with boroughs to find placement opportunities for students and trainees, to assist boroughs to undertake low risk activity and provide relevant experience for trainees.
 - Part of development team for apprenticeship scheme for regulatory compliance officers,
 - Appoint students and manage student placements on behalf of boroughs.

6) Technical groups, wider support

- Support for technical and liaison groups to enable them to operate effectively.
- Assist in the development of consistency, best practice and enforcement advice.
- Coordinate local projects for London providing wider service opportunities for boroughs.

Cost effectiveness of Alehm membership.

1. Provision of a wide range of services and opportunities that Local authorities no longer have the resources to do themselves,

- Provide experienced contractors where boroughs do not have local expertise, eg feed central coordination
- Work with recruitment agencies to find appropriate contractors for partnership projects
- Undertake funded work for boroughs, eg local food sampling programmes
- Assisting boroughs to recruit students for borough training placements
- Coordination of and operational resources for the London technical liaison groups, attendance and representation at strategic and operational forums
- Consultation responses which members can adapt and use to make their own local representation

2. As a coordinator of cross London services Alehm has accessed

- £35,000 for delivery of London's feed inspection services, with a minimum of £1000 of work provided to each borough to carry out statutory feed inspections and access to regional feed lead services.
- £30,000 for boroughs to increase display of FHRS stickers
- £12,500 for inter-authority auditing of compliance with the FHRS Brand Standard
- £50,000 available for regional food sampling, with over £1000 available to each borough to cover sampling and analysis costs.
- £10,000 for regional coordination of the healthier catering commitment to provide facilities and materials worth £400 for each participating borough.

3. Achievements, delivered outputs and reinvestment

- Regional feed delivery service and borough support to enable boroughs to meet their statutory feed responsibility. Central funding has been invested to provide an ongoing feed support service for boroughs to access as and when required. Examples are to assist with FSA feed audits and managing boroughs annual feed statutory returns.
- Launch of new web site and management of Khub for access to provide easy access to supporting documentation across the technical range of environmental health, examples of best practice, benchmarking and training resources .
- Coordination of regional projects, providing services which boroughs cannot fund locally. Examples include FSA funded projects for FHRS, coordination and/or delivery of regional investigation projects for health and safety using trainees.
- Coordination of London wide investigations including a rogue landlord project and a multi borough food fraud investigation involving illegally slaughtered meat.

Reinvestment into:

- In 2017 and 2018: Subsidised training courses including investigation skills, imported food and handling bereavement in investigations of fatal accidents, cooling tower training, legal training courses and self-protection course for field officers.
- Extended back office and technical support for technical groups.
- Developing feed procedures to assist boroughs in meeting feed inspection statutory duties and compliance with statutory Codes of Practice.
- Supporting students to complete their training portfolios and to enable local authorities to use high quality trainees to deliver local low risk activity.
- CPD offered includes 21 hours available for managers at 6 routine update meetings and 49 hours technical training provided including subsidised and free training courses.
- Coordination and support for the Healthier Catering Commitment Scheme