

# OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

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## Food Waste Treatment Contract Update

### 1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update the OWP on progress on the food waste treatment procurement project.

### 2 Background

- 2.1 Invitations to Tender for the Food & Garden Waste contract were sent out in February with a 1<sup>st</sup> April deadline for the receipt of bids. This deadline was extended into May following the last minute receipt of a large number of clarification questions from bidders.
- 2.2 A total of 7 bids were received from 5 companies (i.e. this included two variant bids) which were then evaluated on the basis of technical content, deliverability, and financial cost.
- 2.3 A number of bids elicited a series of clarifications, answers to which were sought from the bidders. The variant bids entailed a number of contractual variations which required further consideration to determine their acceptability.
- 2.4 Evaluation was largely completed by early June with a preferred bidder and solution emerging. As there are still contract processes to be completed it would be premature to declare the outcome, but OWP will be informed as soon as possible.
- 2.5 The Award of contract is now likely to be about early August with Service Commencement still set for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 (unless an earlier date is agreed between the parties). Full, local treatment services are not necessarily likely to be in place on that date but bidders were required to detail their interim and contingency arrangements to cover such eventualities.
- 2.6 Waste Collection Authorities have been kept in touch with the procurement process throughout to try to ensure that, as far as possible, collection and treatment contracts complement each other. Wayne Lewis sits on the project board and has ensured appropriate liaison.

### 3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 As previously reported, shared commitment to this project is important as the contract will require the County Council to agree minimum tonnages to be delivered to a facility (or facilities), with penalty payments incurred for failure to meet these. Bids have been received on the basis of tonnage bands in the knowledge of the indicative potential tonnages provided by the Authorities in the Invitation to tender and Contract.

### 4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 County wide

### 5 Effect on Strategic Policies

