

**OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE****25 MAY 2007****WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT UPDATE****1 Purpose of Report**

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

**2 Update**

- 2.1 The official notice for the Waste Treatment Contract was dispatched to the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) on the 30 March. This marks the start of the formal tendering process.
- 2.2 An industry day was held on 23 April 2007 at the Said Business School in Oxford to help generate market interest in the contract. This was very well attended by a wide range of over 50 waste management and technology companies. Cllr Kieron Mallon and Wayne Lewis both gave presentations which were well received.
- 2.3 The closing date for Pre Qualification Questionnaires was 14 May. A process of evaluation is now being undertaken and it is proposed that approximately 9 companies will be invited to submit outline solutions (ISOS) in July.
- 2.4 The Waste Treatment Board last met on 8 May and attendees included Wayne Lewis, Mike MacKay, and Geoff Melotti.
- 2.5 The Project Team are continuing to develop work on the allocation of risks for the contract, the output specification, and evaluation criteria.
- 2.6 Work on food waste processing has been slower than desired because of the resources needed to support the residual waste treatment contract. The project continues to be supported by technical advisors, Entec, and the last meeting of the project team took place on 10 May at which the draft contract specification was commented on.
- 2.7 A timetable for procurement was previously presented to the OWP which indicated that a facility will be provided by April 2009. This date has not changed.
- 2.8 The planning process makes up quite a large part of the delivery timetable. If a contractor with existing planning, or advanced planning, won the tendering process then the time to deliver a facility could be reduced. However, the County Council can not guarantee that this will be the case. Therefore, other options are being investigated in the short term. Two companies have been identified that could deliver short term food waste processing within a reasonable delivery distance of Oxfordshire. These contractors are at an advanced stage in the in their delivery processes but the facilities they are delivering have not been built yet and are unlikely to be delivered before April 2008.

**3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications**

- 3.1 A comprehensive risk register exists for the procurement which is updated and reported to

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the Waste Treatment Board at appropriate intervals. A key area of concern is the relationship between the waste treatment procurement process and preparation of the Minerals and Waste Development Framework, Waste Sites and Policies Document, which will have an impact on when any facility could be expected to receive planning consent.

### **4 Areas Affected**

4.1 County wide

### **5 Effect on Strategic Policies**

5.1 The procurement of waste treatment and food waste processing capacity is in accordance with and implements policy 9 in the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, which states that the OWP will provide a system for recovering value from residual wastes in order to meet LATS targets.

### **6 Options or Alternatives**

6.1 N/A

### **7 Recommendations**

7.1 The OWP are recommended to note the progress made on the procurement of residual waste and food waste treatment.

### **8 Reasons for Recommendations**

8.1 NA

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