

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE**28 SEPTEMBER 2007****Waste Treatment Project Update****1 Purpose of Report**

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

2 Background

- 2.1 Diversion of waste from landfill is essential to reduce the risk of fines for exceeding targets for limiting the amount of biodegradable waste that is landfilled under the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS). The County Council is proceeding with the procurement of waste treatment capacity for both residual and food wastes.
- 2.2 On residual waste the County Council invited 8 companies into the Invitation to Submit Outline Solutions (ISOS) stage of the competitive dialogue process. A copy of the press release announcing this is attached at Annex 1.
- 2.3 A series of clarification meetings has now been completed and market interest has been good. A number of ISOS submissions are expected by the 19 October deadline. These will be carefully evaluated before the results are presented to the Waste Treatment Board and Cabinet. Up to four companies will be invited into the Invitation to Submit Detailed Solutions stage early next calendar year.
- 2.4 Because of the heavy workload of the OWP Coordinator it was decided to appoint a substitute to the Waste Treatment Team. Mike Mackay (VOWHDC) has volunteered. This provides very good coordination as Mike is also a Waste Treatment Board Member and also leads on the joint collection procurement project.
- 2.5 On food waste processing an external Project Manager has now been appointed. A small project team has been formed with representatives from legal, financial and procurement sections of the County Council, representatives from the Officer Strategy Group and the Environment Agency, and ENTEC (County's technical consultants).
- 2.6 Visits have been made to both Buckinghamshire and Warwickshire County Councils who are going through similar procurements and lessons learnt incorporated for Oxfordshire. Indications are that there will be sufficient interest to provide for competitive bids.
- 2.7 Draft tender documentation has now been prepared. It is expected that the project will be advertised in October, with pre-qualification documents to be returned in November and shortlist drawn up.
- 2.8 Tenders should be issued December/January 2008, with contract awarded February/March 2008. The successful tenderer will apply for planning & other consents (unless already received) and for plant commissioning by March 2009 (or before).

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

