

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 projects.

2 Background

- 2.1 Following the publication of the OJEU Notice in October 2007, a bidders' day was held in late November, which was well attended by a range of waste management companies. Pre-qualification questionnaires were issued and submissions were subsequently received from 14 companies or consortia of companies. Evaluation took place which reduced the viable number to take forward to the next stage to eleven.
- 2.2 Drafting of Contract Conditions, Specification and other Schedules, and the Invitation to Tender (ITT) documentation was finalised in mid February with the invitations being dispatched on 19 February 2008.
- 2.3 The deadline for the receipt of completed tenders is 1 April (covering the statutory 40 day period) with a two month evaluation period scheduled. Award of contract is expected to be the beginning of June with Service Commencement from 1 April 2009 (unless an earlier date is agreed between the parties).
- 2.4 Although a start date is set, it is recognised that timescales may be regarded as short in terms of developing a dedicated facility from scratch; some bidders may not have in place a local facility to treat such waste by the Service Commencement Date, and so the contract allows for interim facilities to be used pending the provision of any intended facility. The solutions on offer will only become clear when tenders have been assessed.
- 2.5 One area of work shortly to be addressed is the development of agreements between the Waste Collection Authorities and the County Council to cover WCAs' commitment to collect and deliver food and garden waste under the contract.

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 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/ies, with penalty payments incurred for failure to meet these. Bidders have been advised of potential tonnages of waste expected to be available over the initial 10 year period of the contract, based on information provided by the district councils.

4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 County wide

