

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

29 February 2008

Waste Treatment Project Update

1 Purpose of Report

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

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 residual waste.
- 2.2 On residual waste the County Council have received submissions from the Invitation to Submit Outline Solutions (ISOS) stage of the competitive dialogue process. The submissions received were all well thought out and realistic. Following careful evaluation by the Project Team the results were agreed by the Waste Treatment Board on 19 December 2007.
- 2.3 The full County Council discussed waste treatment on 8 January 2008. Councillors made a number of comments regarding waste treatment technologies and the contract. These were reported to the Cabinet on 15 January 2008.
- 2.4 On 15 January 2008 the Cabinet considered a report on the evaluation of the outline solutions and agreed the selection of participants for the next stage of the procurement - the Invitation to Submit Detailed Solutions (ISDS). The ISOS documentation stated that up to a maximum of four participants would be taken forward. After thorough evaluation of all the ISOS solutions, two leading solutions emerged. The participants to be invited to submit detailed solutions are as follows:
- Viridor Waste Management Ltd, with a solution based at Ardley landfill site
 - Waste Recycling Group Ltd, with a solution based at Sutton Courtenay landfill site
- 2.5 The Project Board is confident that this selection will enable a strong clear competition to be developed between the participants and will give the best opportunity for the remainder of the procurement process to be productive and efficient.
- 2.6 The selected participants will be invited to submit detailed solutions later this month. A dialogue between the council and participants will then take place to develop these solutions. These will be priced and prices will be taken into account in the evaluation alongside other technical (including environmental) and legal criteria. Detailed solutions are expected to be submitted in July. These submissions will be carefully evaluated and further dialogue entered into. Once the council is satisfied that all substantive issues have been resolved, the dialogue will be closed and final tenders called for. A preferred bidder will then be selected, and a contract is expected to be awarded in spring 2009.
- 2.7 Planning permission and Environment Agency permits will be required before any facility can be built. The county council as waste planning authority will determine the planning

