

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE**30 NOVEMBER 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 have received submissions from the Invitation to Submit Outline Solutions stage of the competitive dialogue process and participants have had an opportunity to present their solutions to the Waste Treatment Team. The submissions received are all well thought out and realistic, and will require careful evaluation before the results are presented to the Waste Treatment Board and Cabinet. It is anticipated that up to four participants will be invited into the detailed stage in February next year.
- 2.3 The County Council plans to release the names of the participants invited into the detailed stage in the same way as they were for the outline solution stage and a communications plan is being prepared to manage this and the on going media interest in this project.
- 2.4 On food waste processing, the OJEU notice was dispatched on the 30 October and we are now in the pre qualification stage. A bidder's day has been organised for 29 November and the deadline for return of pre qualification questionnaires is 8 December.
- 2.5 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) for the plant to be operational by April 2009, or before.
- 2.6 The contract is being structured to allow the provision of more than one facility and more than one technology. However we are reliant on what industry can offer.
- 2.7 Districts Councils colleagues have updated the tonnage information we are using to inform the food waste processing project. The issue of commitment of tonnages as been discussed by officers and by the OWP and District Councils will be asked to enter into agreements with the County Council in February next year to allow the letting of the food waste processing contract to proceed.

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 Additional internal and external resources have been made available to support both the procurement projects. Most notably Entec have been employed to project manage the food

