TO: JOINT WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD 18TH March 2009

THE BUSINESS RESOURCE AND EFFICIENCY AND WASTE (BREW) CENTRE 2009/10 FUNDING ROUND

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Joint Waste Disposal Board of the bid submitted by Wokingham Borough Council on behalf of re3 and partners for funding as part of the BREW Centre 2009/10 funding round

2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 To note the bid submitted by Wokingham Borough Council on behalf of re3 and partners as shown in Table 1 of this report.

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Applications for funding as part of the BREW on proposals for the 2009/10 funding round had to be submitted by 9th March 2009.
- 3.2 Organisations could apply for up to £30,000 and were able to work in partnership with others to apply for multiples of £30,000 . e.g. 4 authorities working in partnership could receive up to £120,000.
- 3.3 In an earlier bidding round the project team of re3 and Business Link secured funding to develop a Business Waste Strategy and Action plan and engaged the services of the consultant Scot Wilson to carry out research and preparation for the project.
- 3.4 Wokingham Borough Council in partnership with the other re3 partners, Reading Borough Council, Bracknell Forest Borough Council, Business Link and the Corporate Environmental Advisory Centre (CEAC) have submitted a further bid to implement some of the projects suggested in the action plan that meet the priorities identified in the strategy.
- 3.5 Table 1 below identifies proposed projects, the strategic priority that they fulfil the lead organisation that will deliver the project and the associated funding required.
- 3.6 Table 2 sets out the priorities identified in the Draft Business Waste Strategy.

<u>Table 1</u>

Project	Priorities	Delivery group	Lead	Funding Requirement
Communications campaign	supported 1,2,3,5,6,7,9	Scott Wilson	Organisation Wokingham	Requirement
 Development of business information leaflet utilising the information from existing 	1,2,3,3,0,7,9	Scott Wilson	Borough Council	
survey resultsre3 Website Development				£8,000
 Local recycling directory Deliver information campaign on Duty of Care and signposting 	1,2,3,5,6,7,9	Re3/Wokingham Borough Council	Wokingham Borough Council	£8,000
Direct waste management support for businesses • Awareness & signposting	1,2,5,8,9	Business Link and other Partners	Wokingham Borough Council	
 Discounted waste training courses for businesses 				
 Business waste audits Follow up and ongoing support Activity & outcome reporting 				£25,000
 Other Projects Carry out further investigations into the feasibility of collecting and processing food waste 	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9	Scott Wilson	Wokingham Borough Council	£6,000
 Encouraging businesses to work together to reduce waste management costs. Trialling 	1,2,3,4,6,9	Scott Wilson	Wokingham Borough Council	£3,000
 project on local business park Manage project outcomes on behalf of re3 	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9	Wokingham Borough Council	Wokingham Borough Council	£8,000
			Total Project	£58,000

<u>Table 2</u>

Priorities Identified In The Draft Business Waste Strategy.

Councils will support awareness rising of the legal obligations of businesses with respect to waste.
 The re3 councils will seek to support business in reducing their waste.

3. The councils will seek to encourage and support local reuse /reprocessing of waste materials including support of third sector organisations where appropriate.

4. The re3 Councils will seek to either directly provide or facilitate the provision of suitable recycling collection and bring services to businesses

5. re3 will seek to consolidate the individual Councils provision of information relating to business waste.

6. The councils will seek further opportunities for joint working on waste issues –between the three local authorities. As well as across the business and household waste streams.

7. The re3 Councils will seek to support the progress of the waste data strategy and influence legislative developments.

8. The Council will seek to support the collection of Business contact data to facilitate communication with business via their partnership with Business Link.

9. The Councils will assign resources to drive the strategy forward and where possible, monitor progress.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Draft Business Waste Strategy

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