

**TO: JOINT WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD  
21<sup>st</sup> September 2010**

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REPORT ON READING BOROUGH COUNCIL SCRUTINY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS  
(Report by the Project Director)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to the Joint Waste Disposal Board, for consideration, the recommendations of the Reading Borough Council Scrutiny Panel review of the re3 Joint Waste PFI Contract.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**2.1 To note the recommendations of the Reading Borough Council Scrutiny Panel review of the re3 Joint Waste PFI Contract.**

**2.2 To endorse a partnership approach to addressing the Reading Borough Council Scrutiny Panel recommendations, as detailed at 3.9 below.**

**3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Scrutiny Panel review began towards the end of 2009. It consisted of a comprehensive report, put together by officers, followed by two sessions in which the Scrutiny Panel asked questions of, and invited contributions from, Members and officers.

3.2 Amongst those who gave evidence at the two sessions were Councillor Rob Stanton, Deputy Leader of Wokingham Borough Council and Chair of the Joint Waste Disposal Board, and Mark Moon, General Manager Place and Neighbourhood Services at Wokingham Borough Council and re3 Project Director.

3.3 In addition, the sessions were well attended by Members and officers from across the re3 partnership.

3.4 In practical terms, recommendations or proposals from an individual council can most easily and appropriately be addressed via the Joint Waste Disposal Board (the governing body established by the three councils for the purposes of the shared PFI contract).

3.5 At the Reading Borough Council Cabinet meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> 2010, it was agreed that the Scrutiny Panel recommendations should be presented to a future meeting of the Joint Waste Disposal Board. The intention being that consideration could be given, by the Board, as to how to address the recommendations as a partnership.

3.6 This report is intended to present the recommendations from the Reading Borough Council Scrutiny Panel to the Joint Waste Disposal Board.

3.7 The Reading Borough Council Scrutiny Panel recommendations read as follows

- a) The annual report produced by re3 include a section that looked at emerging technologies and considered what might be appropriate to incorporate in future years;
- b) Re3 investigate appropriate technology to sort out non-residents of the three councils and how a charge to cover re3 costs in disposing of waste be made;

- c) More effort be made by the three councils to educate their residents about what could and what could not be recycled and how to minimise their waste.

### **Recommendations**

- 3.8 Members are asked to consider how the recommendations could be addressed by the partnership.
- 3.9 One option is to await the agreement of the Work Programme for the Joint Waste Disposal Board for 2010/11. If the issues covered by the Scrutiny Panel recommendations are not covered in the Work Programme contents, they could be specifically added.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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