

**TO: JOINT WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD**  
**7<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

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**REPORT ON AMENDMENTS TO re3 JOINT WORKING AGREEMENT**  
**(Report by the Project Director)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the result of a review of the Joint Working Agreement (JWA) and proposed amendments.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **That Members approve the changes to the Joint Working Agreement as detailed at Appendix 1.**
- 2.2 **That Members approve the plan for formalising the amendments as described at 3.5 to 3.8 below.**

**3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Review of Joint Working Agreement**

- 3.1 There have been two previous substantive reports on amendments to the JWA (30 September 2008 and 18 March 2009). Upon each occasion, Members indicated their approval for proposed changes.
- 3.2 Since that time, each council has sought and received the approval to adopt a list of changes to the JWA from its respective Executive.
- 3.3 Subsequent to that approval, further changes were identified and precipitated a review of the process to date prior to the formal **sealing** of a new JWA (and adoption of it as a working document for the partner councils). The process of **sealing** the document is akin to the process undertaken upon 'signing' the joint waste PFI contract on October 31<sup>st</sup> 2006. The JWA is part of the PFI contract.
- 3.4 At the last JWDB Meeting on March 16 2011, Members asked that the proposed changes to the JWA be brought to this meeting. Those changes are included at Appendix 1.
- 3.5 Officers have reviewed all the changes previously approved by the JWDB and those which they deemed, through regular use of the JWA, to be necessary. Those changes are proposed to the JWDB for approval.
- 3.6 Subject to approval by the JWDB, the changes will be included in a new version of the JWA and each council will be asked to propose the date of an appropriate Executive meeting at which they will approve it.
- 3.7 Subject to those approvals, officers will arrange for a date upon which the new version can be sealed.
- 3.8 It is proposed that the agreed dates, mentioned at both 3.6 and 3.7 above, be reported to Members at the next JWDB Meeting.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Reports to JWDB (30<sup>th</sup> September 2008, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009 and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011)

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