

TO: JOINT WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD
5 September 2007

WORKS DELIVERY PROGRESS REPORT
(Report by the Project Director)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Joint Waste Disposal Board of progress since the last meeting of the Board on 20 June 2007.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That Members note progress made in the areas of the EPC Contract and Planning since the last meeting on 20 June 2007.**
- 2.2 **That Members note there may be some delay in the commissioning of the Energy from Waste facility at Lakeside.**

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

- 3.1 The Joint Waste PFI Contract was signed with WRG on 31 October 2006. After a short mobilisation period, the service commenced on 4 December 2006, when WRG took on the management of the two Key Project Facilities in Bracknell and Reading and the Bring Banks within each of the three councils. The Contract also includes a major sub contract to access the Energy from Waste facility at Lakeside.
- 3.2 The Monthly EPC Progress Report for July is appended to this report for information.

EPC Planning and Lakeside

EPC

- 3.3 The EPC Contract, for the design and construction of the Key Project Facilities, is being undertaken via a joint venture (JV) between Earthtech and Clugston.
- 3.4 Since the last Board meeting, the JV have continued to make significant progress in the construction of the Smallmead Facility in Reading. The building is really taking shape now and the scale of the development is impressive. Most, if not all, of the steelwork is now complete in phase 1 (the HWRC and transfer station). Much of the Cladding on the HWRC is in place along with the exterior brickwork and the bulk bays at the rear of the facility are complete. Piling is now underway between gridlines 16 and 19 which is the area in which the MRF will be constructed.
- 3.5 The trommel screen – a 39 tonne, revolving, tubular screen for sorting mixed recyclables – was delivered from Poland early in August. Despite being part of the machinery in the MRF and because of its size, it had to be delivered prior to the construction works beginning in phase 2.
- 3.5 The following subcontractors have been appointed to work on the Smallmead development in areas where their total work will exceed £250,000:

Bulk Earthworks – Killoughery
Pre-cast Concrete Piling – Stent
Structural steel – SCWS
Civil Concrete Works – Brenco Ltd
Cladding – Weatherwise
Fire Protection and Detection - Tyco

- 3.6 In each case the JV have carried out a process of checking a number of subcontractors and then sought the approval of the Client to appoint.

Planning

- 3.7 Discussions are planned between WRG, the EPCJV and Prudential regarding a perceived encroachment of temporary earthworks into the flood relief channel alongside the Smallmead development. The issue is not considered serious at present because the earthworks are simply being used to support a site perimeter fence and will be removed.
- 3.8 Bracknell Forest Planning Department are considering a communications plan submitted as part of the application for Longshot Lane. The project team has responded to the consultation on the plan and preliminary discussions with WRG have opened the possibility of having limited facilities available during some weekday evenings.

Lakeside

- 3.9 A small number of the project team and some of WRG's staff have visited Lakeside to look at the progress being made on the Energy from Waste Plant. Good progress is being made but it looks as though there is now some slippage on the original programme. A revised programme has been requested to be able to understand what if any impact this may have on the re3 project. The PFI contract does have a significant timeframe before any delays in the availability of Lakeside impact on the contractual arrangements. It is essential however that the slippage be maintained.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

EPC Progress Reports (appended)

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