

**TO: JOINT WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD
12 DECEMBER 2007**

**ENGINEERING PROCUREMENT CONSTRUCTION (EPC), PLANNING AND LICENSING
REPORT
(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 5 September 2007.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That Members note progress made in the areas of the Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) Contract and Planning since the last meeting on 5 September 2007.**

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

- 3.1 The Joint Waste PFI Contract was signed with Waste Recycling Group (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.
- 3.2 The Monthly EPC Progress Report for October is appended to this report for information.

EPC and Planning

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 the construction of the new Household Waste Recycling Centre(HWRC) and Transfer Station has progressed to the point where the facility is likely to be handed over to WRG in late November. WRG will undertake a period of commissioning and testing with the intention of opening the HWRC and transfer station on 19th January 2008.
- 3.5 As an illustration of the number of subcontracts managed by the Engineering Procurement Construction Joint Venture (EPCJV), the following subcontractors have been appointed to work on Phase 1 of the Smallmead development:

Bulk Earthworks – Killoughery
Pre-cast Concrete Piling – Stent
Structural steel – SCWS
Civil Concrete Works – Brenco Ltd
Cladding – Weatherwise

Fire Protection and Detection – Tyco
 Sheet Piling - Stent
 Fencing works- Bentley Fencing
 Gas Membrane Works – Prestige Air
 Pile Cropping Works - Conder Projects
 Lightning Protection – Protectis
 Mega doors – Crawford Doors
 Ventilation Roof Fans – Beatsons
 Weighbridges – Central Weighing
 Bliss Brickwork - Brickwork Envelope
 HWRC MCC in full please panel – Safronics
 Dust Control system – Mist-air Environmental
 HDD in full please Drilling to bridge - AMS No Dig
 Tarmac Surfacing – Spade Oaks
 Fire protection – CLN
 Attenborough Doors – Roller shutters to bulk bays
 Landscaping – Grace Landscapes
 Signage – Masson Sealy
 Armco Barriers – Berry Systems
 Sealants/Mastic pointing – Construction Sealants

3.6 Phase 2 at Smallmead is well underway and the EPCJV have been requesting Re3 Ltd to allow them access to the existing Civic Amenity Site in order that they can begin dismantling it. The existing Civic Amenity Site will not be dismantled until the new Household Waste Recycling Centre is open. That will not happen before January 10th 2008.

3.7 Work at Longshot Lane is scheduled to begin on 7th April 2008.

Planning and Licensing

3.8 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 to be a serious problem because the earthworks are simply being used to support a site perimeter fence and will be removed on completion of construction.

3.9 The Project Manager has undertaken negotiations with Re3 Ltd and their representatives in relation to the application for a new Waste Management Licence at Smallmead. A number of encroachments onto land which is theoretically not available to the contractor were highlighted and amendments made to the application. In addition, The Project Manager highlighted the need for a review of the operational hours previously applied for, to the Planning Authority. This is particularly important to Reading Borough Council because of the late evening work undertaken in the Town Centre but also to ensure that all parties can comply with the Lakeside EfW contract. As a result the contractor intends to apply for a Section 73 amendment to the Planning Permission.

3.10 Bracknell Forest Borough Council Waste and Planning Officers and the Project Team have been liaising with Re3 Ltd in relation to the communications plan submitted as part of the application for Longshot Lane. The presentation to this meeting of the JWDB will deal with this issue.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

EPC Progress Report (appended)

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