

**TO: JOINT WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD
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**JOINT WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD - PROJECT UPDATE
(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 **To note progress made since the last meeting on 5 September 2007.**

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.

Operations

- 3.2 The two main sites, Island Road in Reading and Longshot Lane in Bracknell have been operated satisfactorily.
- 3.3 During the months since the last Joint Waste Disposal Board (JWDB) meeting, the Civic Amenity (CA) Site at Island Road in Reading has been operated under increasingly difficult circumstances.
- 3.4 As the construction of Phase 2 of the Smallmead Facility has moved on, the Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) contractor has requested more space. Waste Recycling Group Berkshire Ltd (WRGB Ltd), the site operator, has managed the situation well and patrons are unlikely to have noticed the difficulties of managing the movements of construction vehicles and those serving the CA Site.
- 3.5 The most recent Monthly Performance Report (September) is appended.
- 3.6 There were only 12 failures in respect of Bring Bank sites and this is an area where the service has clearly improved.

Financial

- 3.7 Monthly monitoring reports are produced based on draft information prior to the formal quarterly reconciliation process. The year end projection is regularly updated as a result and shared with colleagues from the three councils. A number of meetings have been held to share information and discuss issues.
- 3.8 The projection of full year spend has fallen by over £200,000 since your last meeting. The major variances are outlined in the attached table. After deducting Reading's non-

contract (trade and other internal) waste the total projected variance from that modelled at financial close is around £200,000. The main factors are additional inflation and WEEE disposal costs, the latter being offset by grant income of £53,000, resulting in a variation of just under 1%.

- 3.9 Discussions have taken place with the contractor resulting in a revision of the waste flow forecast in the light of experience to date and the anticipated effect of the restricted operation of the CA site at Longshot Lane during the construction period.
- 3.10 The Councils are currently on target to meet their 2007/08 LATS allocations, and also hold surpluses from previous years. However LATS performance for 2007/08 is running slightly below that modelled in the Waste Flow Model and must be closely monitored to ensure that the benefits of the contract are fully realised.
- 3.11 The financial monitoring process has been greatly strengthened with the addition of Contract Monitoring Officer to the project team. Her knowledge of operational detail and investigate invoices has proved invaluable.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Reports to Joint Waste Disposal Board, 5 September 2007

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