

TO: JOINT WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD
18 SEPTEMBER 2014

INVITATION TO JOIN IESE WASTE AND RESOURCES INNOVATION CLUB
(Report by the Project Director)

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 IESE is a nationally recognised organisation with links to Government organisations and other key agencies. It is a not for profit social enterprise whose members are local authorities. IESE is dedicated to improving local public services and reducing their cost.
- 1.2 IESE has recognised the importance of the re3 Joint Waste Disposal Board in regards to its experience in respect of waste management. IESE has invited the re3 Joint Waste Disposal Board to send two delegates to join its Waste and Resources Innovation Club.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Board considers the invitation from IESE so that, on behalf of the Board, the Project Director can respond accordingly.**
- 2.2 **That, subject to a decision to join the Waste and Resources Innovation Club, Members determine which expenses would be approved for attendance at the Club on behalf of the re3 Joint Waste Disposal Board.**

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1 None.

4 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Board needs to respond to the invitation and in so doing determine if appropriate who the delegates would be. If agreed, consideration should be given as to whether or not attendance at the meetings would thereafter be an approved expense and if so whether or not there are any restrictions.

5 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 5.1 The re3 Partnership has been invited to join the Waste and Resources Innovation Club. The invitation is for two members of the Board to attend the four meetings of the Waste and Resources Forum annually. The Forum provides the opportunity for networking and learning from colleagues and key guest speakers from government, government agencies and private sector organisations. The group seeks to examine and understand changing trends in the waste industry and to lobby on behalf of local authorities in response.
- 5.2 The 'Club' is a body which represents Waste and Resources partnerships across the country. It was specifically set up at the request of DEFRA and it is recognised by DEFRA as a group that speaks on behalf of the sector.
- 5.3 The other members of the IESE waste group include representation from Surrey, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Hampshire, Essex and Kent. The invitation to re3

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reflects the perceived value that our Board members can bring to a new and still developing group at a key stage in that process. The dominance of the shire's needs means that the potential contribution of re3 Board members coming as they do from unitary authorities gives a helpful additional perspective to the total waste agenda.

- 5.4 The scheduled meetings for the remainder of the year are 10th December 2014 and 11th February 2015.
- 5.5 Membership of the IESE Waste and Resources Innovation Club Planning meeting currently costs £995 per year. In addition there would be "approved" expenses. The Board might like to consider what expenses would be approved.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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