

TO: JOINT WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD
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JOINT WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD - PROJECT UPDATE
(Report by the Project Director)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Joint Waste Disposal Board (JWDB) of progress in terms of management of the joint Waste PFI contract since its last meeting on 5th June 2014.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That Members note the contents of this report.**

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Annual Environmental Report

- 3.1 It is a requirement of the PFI Contract that the Annual Environment Report (AER) is prepared within three months of the end of the Contract Year.
- 3.2 The AER is a document which is intended to review the performance of the Contract over the preceding year. By working together, the Contractor and the re3 Project Team have sought to ensure that it does so in an attractive and informative manner – in keeping with the standard of the facilities.
- 3.3 The AER details the statistics which describe the performance of the three councils and the Contractor over the 2013/14 year. It also provides information on the destinations of the different types of waste and the range of waste management processes utilised.
- 3.4 The AER for 2013/14 is appended to this report and can also be downloaded from the re3 website (re3.org.uk).

Sue Ryder

- 3.5 The re3 councils and PFI Contractor have an agreement to provide resaleable items of waste, delivered to the two Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC), to the charity, Sue Ryder.
- 3.6 Sue Ryder is a charity which provides hospice care and support for people with long-term and neurological illnesses and end-of-life needs. They provide support locally through Nettlebed Hospice and Duchess of Kent Hospice.
- 3.7 Between January 2014 and the middle of August, Sue Ryder was able to sell items retrieved from residents visiting the re3 HWRC's with a value of £16,000.
- 3.8 The arrangement enables the councils to contribute significantly to the 're-use' of waste items whilst not attracting customers away from the existing charity sector.

MRF Code of Conduct

- 3.9 The MRF Code of Practice is established by the Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) Regulations 2014 which come into force on 1st October 2014. Both emanate from the

EU waste Framework Directive (WFD) and the UK Waste Regulations which initially came into force in 2011.

- 3.10 An important excerpt from Article 11 of the WFD is shown below:

Member States shall take measures to promote high quality recycling and, to this end, shall set up separate collections of waste where technically, environmentally and economically practicable and appropriate **to meet the necessary quality standards for the relevant recycling sectors.**

- 3.11 The purpose of the legislation is to promote high quality recycling (as per the first bold section of text, above). The justification is the identified need to satisfy the requirements of the materials reprocessing industry (as per the second bold section of text, above).
- 3.12 It is the above excerpt which also establishes the basis of the Technical Environmental and Economic Practicability (TEEP) tests which principally relate to the collection services. The inter-relation between the MRF Code and TEEP should not be overlooked.
- 3.13 The MRF Code of Practice establishes a means of assessing both the input and output quality of recyclable material received and sorted at any MRF which sorts over 1000t of material in a quarter-year.
- 3.14 The initial measurement regime will involve sampling 60kg of input material for every 160t of material delivered by the councils. Output material samples (i.e. post-sorting) will also be taken to assess the quality of the MRF process itself. The sampling regime will be underpinned by inspections from EA officers. The re3 Management Team will also need to validate the sampling of input and output material.
- 3.15 It is a requirement of the new regime that the results of the sampling will be posted on a public register administered by the EA.
- 3.16 The re3 Project Team has briefed the councils throughout preparations for the MRF Code of Practice. The Contractor (who manages the operation of the MRF) has also been undertaking preparations and is prepared to operate in accordance with the legislation from 1st October 2014.
- 3.17 Officers will provide a further briefing on progress in the first months of the MRF Code of Practice at the next Joint Waste Disposal Board.

Green Machine

- 3.18 Green Machine is a Community Interest Company based in Bracknell. As part of a two year arrangement, Green Machine provided a paint re-use service for the re3 councils on the Community Repaint model.
- 3.19 The volume of waste paint generated locally is such that Green Machine is presently unable to secure re-use of it all. Accordingly, the remaining paint is sent to a waste management facility in Sheffield under the management of our PFI Contractor, FCC.
- 3.20 The existing arrangement ended earlier this year. Following discussions at the March 2014 meeting of the JWDB, officers have presented Green Machine with the terms of a new arrangement.
- 3.21 The new arrangement mirrors the costs which are charged by FCC for the processing of paint. This will mean a uniform cost of managing waste paint for the re3 councils.

- 3.22 A further element of the new arrangement is that Officers have negotiated with the PFI Contractor to facilitate shorter payment terms for Green Machine. They should now be paid on a monthly basis rather than quarterly.
- 3.23 Green Machine has now indicated its acceptance of the new arrangement. Officers will put in place the necessary processes and report back at the next JWDB Meeting.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

JWDB Reports for June 2014.

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