

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

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Food Waste Project Update

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update the OWP on progress on the food waste project.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Food Waste Treatment contract has now been signed and the project has moved to an implementation stage. Agrivert Ltd are the successful company with their variant bid to provide three food waste recycling plants within the County.
- 2.2 Collections have now started in South Oxfordshire, with just under 100 tonnes of food waste diverted from landfill in the first week. Feedback from all parties involved is positive with the collections going well, and the food waste being mostly free of contaminants. Oxford City and Cherwell will be the next Districts to roll out collections in the autumn, and interim arrangements are in place for the treatment of food waste from these schemes.
- 2.3 Following the decision at the OWP meeting in January, the written agreement between the County and Districts regarding the delivery of food waste and provision of facilities has been circulated and agreed in principle by the legal teams of each partner. This document confirms each party's commitment to delivery of food waste, and acknowledges the implications of any deviation from these plans to either party. The agreement is now ready for formal signature.
- 2.4 The first plant in Oxfordshire will be the In Vessel Composting plant in Ardley and is planned to open in January 2010.

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 As previously reported, shared commitment to this project is important as the contract will require the County Council to agree minimum tonnages to be delivered to a facility (or facilities), with penalty payments incurred for failure to meet these.

4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 County wide

5 Effect on Strategic Policies

- 5.1 The procurement of food waste processing capacity is in accordance with policy 6 of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, to increase recycling and composting.

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6 Options or Alternatives

6.1 N/A

7 Recommendations

7.1 To note and support the progress made on the procurement of the food waste treatment contract.

7.2 That Members of the OWP sign the WDA/WCA food waste agreement

8 Reasons for Recommendations

8.1 To demonstrate OWP support for the treatment of food waste within Oxfordshire.

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