



NWRWTP

North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project

AGENDA ITEM NO: 9

REPORT TO: NWRWTP JOINT COMMITTEE

DATE: 20th FEBRUARY 2013

REPORT BY: PROJECT MANAGER

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To update the Joint Committee on communication matters concerning the North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project (NWRWTP).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Joint Committee has requested regular updates on communication matters relating to the NWRWTP. This report provides an update on progress to date.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

3.1. Media Coverage

There were no press enquiries during December 2012, however in January 2013 Sita UK announced their decision to withdraw from the project, which led to a number of enquiries from specialist news websites such as Letsrecycle.com and Materials Recycling Weekly. An agreed response was given. See link below.

<http://www.letsrecycle.com/news/latest-news/councils/sita-withdraws-from-north-wales-procurement>

The Project team were contacted by the BBC on the 29 January, asking for a general update on the project as part of preparing for the expected announcement by Prosiect Gwyrdd of their preferred bidder on 1 February. The journalist in question was aware of Sita's withdrawal, and the agreed response was provided. Appendix 1 (separate document) is Prosiect Gwyrdd's Newsletter announcing their decision.

No further enquiries have been received to date.

3.2. Partner Authority Member Sessions with Welsh Government and the Health Protection Agency

Two sessions were held for Members of all partner authorities on the 6th and 7th of February 2013 (one "east" session in Mold and one "west" session in Bangor. The purpose of the sessions were for Welsh



Government to outline their waste strategy with regards to residual waste to put the NWRWTP in a National context, and for a representative of the Health Protection Agency to present their stance on the risk to health from Energy from Waste facilities.

Jasper Roberts from the WG gave a presentation and answered queries from a WG perspective, and Professor David Russell from the Health Protection Agency gave a presentation and answered queries from Members.

Feedback received from both sessions indicates that Members that attended both sessions found them very informative and helpful sessions. Jasper Roberts re-iterated his previous offers to Members of all partner authorities to attend future meetings of not only partner authorities but also local town / community Councils, and Professor Russell also indicated his willingness to attend such future sessions.

A "pdf" of the slides from WG's and the HPA's presentations will be made available to all partner authority Members.

3.3. Communication and Engagement Activities

The Joint Committee approved a communication plan for 2013 at their meeting of 13 December 2012, which included public drop in sessions in the Connah's Quay area during February / March.

The Project Team have booked a venue (the main room at Connah's Quay Town Council building) and external advisors to support the Project Team to answer queries from the public.

The dates are noted below:-

- Friday, 8th March 2013, 2pm – 8pm
- Saturday 9th March 2013, 10am – 4pm
- Friday, 15th March 2013, 2pm – 8pm
- Saturday 16th March 2013, 10am – 4pm

It is intended to advertise the sessions with a media release and to place and advert in the Flintshire local press prior to the sessions.

Copies of the Information pack will be printed to give those attending the sessions should they wish.

Please note that the above sessions are being funded by an additional grant from Waste Awareness Wales (see item 7 on the agenda)

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1. To note the content of this update report



5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Not applicable.

6. ANTI-POVERTY IMPACT

6.1. Not applicable.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.1. Not applicable.

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.1. Not applicable.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.1. Not applicable.

10. CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.1. See above.

11. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.1. Not applicable.

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Background Documents:

None

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