



## **NORTH WALES RESIDUAL WASTE JOINT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 2.00pm  
Conwy Business Centre

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### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Brian Jones	Denbighshire County Council
Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill	Denbighshire County Council
Councillor Aaron Shotton	Flintshire County Council
Councillor Carolyn Thomas	Flintshire County Council
Councillor Gareth Wyn Griffith	Gwynedd County Council
Councillor Bob Parry	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Councillor Donald Milne	Conwy County Borough Council

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

#### **Flintshire County Council**

Colin Everett (Lead Chief Executive)

#### **Conwy County Borough Council**

Andrew Wilkinson (Head of Neighbourhood Services)

#### **Denbighshire County Council**

Tony Ward (Head of Highways and Environmental Services)

#### **Gwynedd Council**

Medwyn Williams (Senior Manager – Waste Treatment)

#### **Isle of Anglesey County Council**

Dewi Williams (Head of Service Highways, Waste and Property Services)

#### **North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project**

Steffan Owen (Regional Contract Manager)

#### **Wheelabrator Technologies Inc**

Apostolos Sarandidis, Julian Harrison

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Gareth Owens (Flintshire County Council), Councillor Sam Rowlands (Conwy County Borough Council), Stephen O Jones (Flintshire County Council), Lisa Brownbill (Flintshire County Council)

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**



No declarations of interest were made.

### 3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes were accepted as a correct record.

**RESOLVED:** *the minutes of the meeting of the North Wales Residual Waste Joint Committee held on 27 July 2017 be approved as a correct record.*

### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Colin Everett (CE) (Lead Chief Executive) suggested that the Joint Committee meet quarterly for the next 12 months in the lead up to Parc Adfer coming on line. No further matters arising.

**RESOLVED:** *Quarterly meeting dates to be set for the next 12 months*

### 5. PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT AND BUDGET FOR 2018/19

Steffan Owen (SO) went through the report and draft proposed budget for 2018/19. CE noted that the costs will change from operations onwards (2019/20). Budget to be worked through and detailed with the Project Board.

**RESOLVED:** *That that the draft budget be approved.*

### 6. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE REPORT

Apo Sarandidis(AS) and Julian Harrison of Wheelabrator Technologies Inc (WTI) gave presentation on progress on the construction of Parc Adfer. It was noted that it was currently in line with the programme with commissioning to begin in May 2019.

Julian Harrison (JH) noted that 2 jobs fairs were to be held. One in May for the construction and one in June for the operation of Parc Adfer.

AS and JH noted that current estimates indicate around £4m in local expenditure on the construction, with over 60 local suppliers to date. The local labour figure (within a 30 mile radius) varies over time but current estimates are around 50%.

AS gave update on other areas – the Power Purchase Agreement (for electricity sales from Parc Adfer) was now in place, and other 'off take' agreements (e.g. bottom ash) are being develop and will be in place soon.

Questions to WTI:-

Cllr Brian Jones (BJ) – construction seems to be developing well, do WTI foresee any problems?



AS – they have got through the winter and a number of key milestones have been reached, however a number have yet to be reached – e.g. connection to the national grid which is scheduled for September however has a very narrow time ‘window’ in which to be carried out

BJ – what are the potential problems with the grid connection?

AS – should the ‘window’ be missed due to delay, it would mean waiting until March 2019 for connection, which would not be preferable.

BJ noted that it is evident that it is a well run site, and thanked WTI for the presentation.

CE gave background to the protests carried out by Union activists, and noted that the protests were now officially endorsed by the GMB and Unite. He noted that he and the Contract Manager were in regular contact with the Unions on behalf of the Partnership. He noted that the Partnership’s contract with WTI was a service contract for a residual waste treatment service and that the build was a contractor responsibility.

CE added that the Partnership’s role was to hold WTI and its construction contractor, CNIM, to account on their practices, facilitate discussions and scrutinise. He also noted that WTI’s own human resources team are currently auditing CNIM’s contracting and employment processes.

CE pointed out that it was important not to confuse the issue of the NAECI agreement with meeting best practice in terms of employment and contracting.

AS – responded that it was important to recognise the work the Flintshire County Council has carried out as Lead Authority on this issue. He noted that reputation, trust and confidence were important.

A discussion was held on allegations made by the Unions about worker ‘exploitation’, local workers being excluded and the Partnership being ‘uncaring’. It was noted that evidence of good practice would allow Joint Committee Members to become advocates locally.

CE – a practical action to get information in the public domain would be to release some information demonstrating local benefit.

Cllr Carolyn Thomas – things such local contractors list would be helpful.

JH – agreed this could be shared.

AS noted that some work is inevitably specialist and therefore some workers will be from mainland Europe.

BJ – how do the contracts get awarded.



AS – CNIM let the contracts, however things such as bidders days, contact with local businesses and organisations etc. Where possible, contracts will be let locally.

CE – a fuller public statement is therefore needed based on facts from the site.

7. **INTERIM SERVICES, HAULAGE CONTRACT AND WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS REPORT**

SO went through the report.

Andrew Wilkinson (AW) noted that Conwy were looking at a number of options for their waste transfer, including carrying out a site search for both authority owned site and privately owned sites and private sector options.

Tonw Ward (TW) noted that the modelling work on collection systems was still on going and would need to be complete before their waste transfer station was able to proceed.

SO highlighted the work required to procure the haulage contract and issues to consider when doing so.

BJ asked could we buy our own fleet?

SO replied that if the Partnership wished to do so, yes. It is within our gift.

DW noted that there were plenty of local private sector options.

SO noted that the Technical Officer Group would be hosting an informal bidders day to get feedback from local companies on haulage and waste transfer options for the partner authorities.

**RESOLVED** *Note the update*

**RESOLVED to move to Part 2 and to exclude the press and public Proposed – Cllr Brian Jones, Seconded, Cllr Aaron Shotton**

8. **CONTRACT MANAGEMENT REPORT**

This discussion was held under Part 2 with the press and public excluded.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

(The meeting ended at 4.00 pm)

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