



**REPORT TO:** **NWRWTP JOINT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** **29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021**

**REPORT BY:** **CONTRACT MANAGER**

**SUBJECT:** **WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS REPORT**

## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1. To update the Joint Committee on progress on the development of the Waste Transfer Stations in Conwy and Denbighshire, and the resulting impact on the capital funding put aside by Partner Authorities for those developments..

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. It was agreed as part of the second Inter Authority Agreement that the development of Waste Transfer Stations (WTS) within Conwy and Denbighshire would be funded by the Partnership as a whole. A financial cap was placed on these developments, which was placed at £2.5m, which was to be split equally between the 5 partner authorities (£500k each) as part of their commitment to the Parc Adfer contract.
- 2.2. Conwy had initially identified a preferred site for a new WTS at Blackmarsh Road, Mochdre which was in local authority ownership and was used as a Highways and Fleet Depot. The intention was that this function would be transferred to a new site as part of project to consolidate a number of operational depots to a single site. This project is currently on hold, meaning the Blackmarsh Road site is not available and further work to identify and secure a new preferred site has been ongoing.
- 2.3. Denbighshire had initially identified a suitable site at Kinmel Park Depot, Bodelwyddan for a waste transfer station for the northern parts of the county. Since that site was identified, Denbighshire has carried out work with WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme) modelling future collection scenarios and the preferred waste model is to move a weekly kerbside sort recycling system (from the current “comingled” system) and reduce residual collections to every four weeks. This service change means that the requirements for the transfer of both residual waste and recycling materials changed significantly and needed to be considered together.

## **3. CONSIDERATIONS**

### Conwy and Denbighshire Waste Transfer Stations

- 3.1. As previously reported to the Joint Committee, both Conwy and Denbighshire plan on developing their own Waste Transfer Stations (WTS) as described in 2.1 to 2.3.



- 3.2. Both authorities have continued with their plans for the WTS's, with Denbighshire developing a combined recycling bulking and WTS site in Denbigh in order to help facilitate the move to kerbside sort recycling. The development of that site is expected to take place over the next 2 years, and should start receiving waste from spring 2023.
- 3.3. Conwy have since identified a new preferred site, which is within the ownership of the Authority. The provision of a WTS at this site, subject to further due diligence, was approved by Conwy's Cabinet on 24 November 2020.

#### Welsh Government Capital Funding

- 3.4. Following extensive discussions within the Partnership and with the Welsh Government (WG) in the latter part of 2019, a comprehensive application was submitted to WG for capital funding of the WTS's in early 2020.
- 3.5. It was acknowledged that should the application be successful, it would mean that the £2.5m (£500k per authority) the five partner authorities allocated to fund the residual WTS's for Conwy and Denbighshire would be funded by WG and therefore not be required any longer and the partner authorities would retain their £500k for their own use.
- 3.6. In June 2020, both Conwy and Denbighshire received notification from WG that the applications had been successful. Both authorities are now progressing their plans for developing their WTS's during 2021 and 2022 and beyond. Given the above, the capital funding is no longer required and the Joint Committee's approval is sought to allow the individual authorities to retain their own £500k share of the £2.5m for their own use.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1. The Joint Committee is asked to:-
  1. Note the content of the report.
  2. Formally approve that the £2.5m capital funding for Conwy and Denbighshire's WTS's is no longer required, and the individual authorities (£500k per authority) are able to draw on their share for their own use with immediate effect.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. As outlined within this report.

#### **6. ANTI-POVERTY IMPACT**

- 6.1 N/A

#### **7. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

- 7.1 The environmental impact of the Parc Adfer facility has previously been reported to the Joint Committee.



## **8. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

8.1 N/A

## **9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1. As described in the body of this report

## **10. CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

10.1 None.

## **11. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

11.1. As outlined in the report.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT 1985**

### **Background Documents:**

None

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