



PROSIECT GWYRDD PRESS RELEASE

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Councils agree waste plan

Cardiff and four local authority partners have agreed to move forward on a project looking for a solution to waste after recycling and composting has been maximised in each area. The Executive of Cardiff Council and its equivalents in Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport and the Vale have each approved the outline business case for Prosiect Gwyrdd (Project Green).

The 5 authorities deal with 475,000 tonnes of waste each year, which is 40 percent of the total waste produced in Wales.

The partners are committed to recycling and composting as much waste as possible, but there is always going to be waste left over after recycling has been maximised. The partnership is looking for a solution to the remaining waste, as landfill is not a sustainable option.

When waste decomposes in the absence of air, methane – one of the main contributors to climate changes - is produced.

No decision has yet been made on the technology or site for the facility but it could be land already owned by one of the councils or by others including the Welsh Assembly Government.

The partnership has looked at 27 potential methods or combinations of dealing with the waste but no decision has been made on the technology choice.

The outline business case has to be approved by the Welsh Assembly Government which will also have to agree to bridge the gap between the cost and what the partnership can afford. Cllr Colin Mann, Chairman of the Members Steering Group, said: “Prosiect Gwyrdd is an effective partnership looking at a solution to residual waste.

“The aim has clearly been set for each authority to recycle and compost as much waste as possible while working together to recover value from the waste which cannot be practically recycled or composted.”