

**TURNING A PROBLEM INTO A RESOURCE**  
**Public Events will be held in October**

Public events will be provided by the Partnership during October to further engage with the public as the procurement for the contract continues.

'Drop in Information Sessions' will take place to give information to residents living in close proximity to where sites have been proposed by the companies bidding for the contract. In partner authority areas where sites haven't been proposed, roadshows will take place to continue to give residents the opportunity to engage with the Project in these areas.

The events have been organised to ensure that those who work are still able to attend and discuss the procurement with staff. The following events will be provided:

- 3 October:** Drop in Session at Llanwern Village Hall, Llanwern. (11 am till 2 pm)
- 6 October:** Drop in Session at Llanwern Village Hall, Llanwern (5 pm till 8 pm)
- 11 October:** Drop in Session at Fochriw Community Centre, Fochriw (5 pm till 8 pm)
- 13 October:** Drop in session at St David's Community Centre, Rhymney (11 am till 2 pm)
- 15 October:** Roadshow at Barry King Square, Barry (10 am till 4 pm)
- 18 October:** Drop in Session at the Norwegian Church, Cardiff Bay (11 am till 2 pm)
- 20 October:** Drop in Session at Star Leisure Centre, Splott (5 pm till 8 pm)
- 22 October:** Roadshow at Magor Square, Magor (10 am till 4 pm)

The Project is currently evaluating the detailed bids submitted by the three companies bidding for the contract. The Partnership anticipates that following this evaluation, the *two highest scoring bids* will proceed to the next stage of the procurement process with a public announcement anticipated in December this year.

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## Notes to Editors:

### Procurement, funding and waste flows

- The Participants which remain in the procurement process are (in alphabetical order):

**Covanta Energy Ltd:** Covanta Energy Ltd is proposing a merchant Energy from Waste (EfW) facility located at Brig y Cwm, Merthyr Tydfil.

**Veolia ES Aurora Ltd:** Veolia ES Aurora Ltd is proposing an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) located at Bowlease Common, South of the existing Corus Llanwern Steelworks, Newport.

**Viridor Waste Management Ltd:** Viridor Waste Management Ltd is proposing a merchant Energy from Waste (EfW) with Combined Heat and Power facility located at Trident Park, Cardiff.

- The procurement of this project is envisaged to take approximately Two (2) years, the indicative timetable is summarised below:

OJEU advertised to the market – November 2009  
Prequalification Questionnaire –spring 2010  
Dialogue with bidders – spring 2010 to spring 2012  
Preferred bidder – autumn 2012  
Contract finalised and planning –2012

- Prosiect Gwyrdd has developed a website to give information to the public and stakeholders: Please visit [www.prosiectgwyrdd.co.uk](http://www.prosiectgwyrdd.co.uk)
- Funding has been secured from WAG through the Outline Business Case (OBC) in the form of a grant and will contribute 25% of the future gate fee up to a maximum of £9.124m in a full year of operation depending upon approval of the final business case for the project. The level of grant awarded for Prosiect Gwyrdd is based on a projection of the estimated cost of providing the facility and will vary in line with the actual costs when the Final Business case is approved. The actual calculation must remain commercially confidential as the project will be subject to a commercial tender process.
- Waste Arisings' that make up 'residual waste' have been analysed in 2003, June 2009 and November 2009 by AEA Technology. The research in 2003 was used to compose data for the OBC for Cardiff, Monmouthshire and Vale of Glamorgan, while specific composition data was available for Caerphilly and Newport. WAG commissioned AEA technology to carry out further research in June 2009 and November of 2009. This new research will be evaluated to inform the procurement and participants of the quantity and composition of 'residual waste'. A 'Waste Arisings' briefing is available on the Prosiect Gwyrdd website.
- As reported to the Joint Committee, the waste flow modelling will continue to be assessed at each stage of the procurement process. A Guaranteed Minimum Tonnage (GMT) will be set but the GMT will be agreed with the successful Preferred Bidder at the end of the procurement, after further reviews and assessments have taken place.

### Stakeholder consultation

- Stakeholder days and surveys were conducted between September and December 2009 to engage with key stakeholders on the Evaluation Criteria. Specific issues were discussed and assessed seeking views on the priorities of technical, social, financial and legal aspects of the Evaluation Criteria.

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## Regulation and research into perceived health effects

- The Environment Agency regulates all energy from waste facilities, and information on the process of this regulation can be downloaded from their website, [www.environment-agency.co.uk](http://www.environment-agency.co.uk).
- All waste processes which involve burning have to comply with the Waste Incineration Directive (WID). This law sets stringent controls on emissions of all types of energy from waste technologies, including Pyrolysis, Gasification and Energy from Waste with Combined Heat and Power (Incineration). These technologies are required to monitor emissions to ensure that they comply, as a minimum, with the limits in the EU Waste Incineration Directive (2000/76/EC) which sets strict emissions controls for pollutants. The Directive has been implemented in England and Wales by the Environmental Permitting (EP) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007. From April 2008 these replaced the Pollution Prevention and Control (PPC) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000'. The guidance on this legislation can be viewed through the following link: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/industrial/eu-international/wid/>
- The Health Protection Agency has published two reports on the health effects of modern, well managed incinerators. The reports can be viewed through the following link: <http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/prosiectgwyrdd/english/events.html>
- The comparative impacts on health on different methods of waste disposal have been considered in detail in a report prepared for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra 2004). A summary of this extensive research can be reviewed through the following link: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/publications/2011/03/26/health-report-pb9052a/>
- This research, 'The Review of the Environmental and Health Effects of Waste Management Municipal Solid Waste and Similar Wastes', 'considered 23 high quality studies of the patterns of disease around EFW plants and four peer review papers looking at the health effects of EFW plants. It concluded that there is no convincing link between EFW plants and adverse effects on public health' <http://www.defra.gov.uk/publications/files/pb9052a-health-report-040325.pdf>

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