



Dear Stakeholder,

Prosiect Gwyrdd is pleased to confirm that both Viridor and Veolia will be invited to submit a Final Tender for the Prosiect Gwyrdd waste contract.

The Project was due to de-select one company at this procurement stage, moving from three companies to two, however Covanta Energy Ltd withdrew from the procurement process in late October, two months prior to the short listing decision.

Cllr Mark Stephens, Chair of the Joint Committee, governing the Project, said: 'The two bids, which have passed the necessary requirements of the evaluation, are strong and credible. The process is very competitive and is designed to deliver a sustainable solution to the remaining waste, after significant front end recycling and composting takes place through local authority schemes.'

He continued: 'Local authorities are investing significantly in both recycling and composting collections and education to minimise and recycle waste. It is very important that the public use the recycling and composting facilities provided, so the various waste types can be diverted for reuse at the kerbside. Local authority partnerships are also carrying out a separate procurement for organic waste, with food and garden waste diverted separately for waste treatment, through either in vessel composting or Anaerobic Digestion.'

'The message from the European Union and National Government is clear, landfill is the least desired option. Each of the partners is committed to meet the legally binding recycling and composting targets set by the Welsh Government.'

'For the waste that cannot viably be recycled or composted, the market has brought forward highly efficient modern energy from waste systems. These facilities are sustainable, strictly regulated and are common place in many parts of Europe and Scandinavia using proven technology which is tried, tested and safe.'

The Project will be providing public events in the New Year so that members of the public can continue to engage with the Project. A press release will be sent to the local media advertising these events, posters will be put up in community areas close to where the events will take place, as well as advertising on local authority websites and www.prosiectgwyrdd.co.uk.

Following agreement from the Joint Committee, the Project will now issue the Call for Final Tender documents to both companies and further dialogue will take place in the New Year. It is expected that a Preferred Bidder for the Project will be identified in autumn 2012.

Yours Sincerely,

Prosiect Gwyrdd

