



PROSIECT GWYRDD PRESS RELEASE

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Partnership working for a long term solution to waste

Cardiff Council, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Monmouthshire County Council, Caerphilly County Borough Council and Newport City Council are committed to recycling and composting as much waste as practically possible for the foreseeable future to meet the challenging recycling and composting targets ahead of us.

As the partners strive to meet the targets, the partnership is working together on a regional solution to recover value from the remaining waste (residual waste) which will not be able to be recycled or composted.

A common report has been written by all 5 local authorities and will be discussed at the relevant Executive/Cabinet Business Meetings at each authority during early January. The recommendations are for the 5 authorities to approve the Outline Business Case, based on the affordability gap and funding requirements from the Welsh Assembly Government for a residual waste treatment solution which is technology neutral. The options include:

- Anaerobic digestion
- Autoclave
- Energy from Waste with Combined Heat and Power
- Gasification
- Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT)
- MBT with Energy from Waste,
- Pyrolysis

Landfill has always been the primary way of dealing with waste in Wales and it is widely recognised that this cannot continue. The facts are clear, there is very little land to continue this waste disposal method, it is not a sustainable option and when waste decomposes in landfill in the absence of air, methane is produced which is one of the main contributing factors to climate change.

Councillor Colin Mann, Chair of The Members Steering Group of Prosiect Gwyrdd "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 before working together to recover value from the waste which cannot be practically recycled or composted. This is an important local government partnership, with a collaborative working agenda to meet the challenging targets set by the European Union. This is a significant capital project in light of the up and coming economic recession."