

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 5</b>
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## Report of Executive Director – Strategic Resources

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## Energy from Waste – Waste 2020 Update

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee to consider in line with 8.3 of Part 4, Section 9 (Scrutiny Procedure Rules) of the Council's constitution.
- 1.2 Under paragraph 8.1 of Part 4, Section 9 (Scrutiny Procedure Rules) of the constitution any Councillor may require that an item be placed on the agenda of a Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.3 The Chair of Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee has requested this matter be placed before the Committee for consideration.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 To note the contents of the report.

### 3. LINKS TO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY:

- 3.1 The proposed Energy from Waste Facility contributes to the following priorities in the Sustainable Community Strategy:-
  - Creating the UK's environmental capital; and delivering substantial and truly sustainable growth.

### 4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee requested a report on the progress of the Waste 2020 Programme, specifically progress on Lot 1 (Energy from Waste Facility) and Lot 2 (Materials Recycling Facility).
- 4.2 Following a presentation by Richard Olive on behalf of Friends of the Earth (PFoE) to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee, members requested a response from officers on the points raised in that report titled "A Study by PFoE of the costs of operating a 'Cyclerval' type incinerator in Peterborough".

### 5. LOTS 1 AND 2.

#### 5.1 Lots 1 and 2 Procurement Update

The Councils Lot 1 (Energy from Waste Facility) and Lot 2 (Materials Recycling Facility) procurements have been progressing. These procurements are currently in the final rounds of dialogue with the bidders, following the detailed solution stage. The final rounds of dialogue,

which entail getting bidders to refine their solutions and offerings, are due to close towards the end of the year. Once dialogue has closed, the next stage would be to call for final tenders for each of these procurements.

5.2 However, the council will continue to keep these procurements under review before any final tenders are called for.

## **6. RESPONSE TO PETERBOROUGH FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (PFoE) REPORT.**

6.1 Members are referred to appendix 1 of this report which sets out the points and assumptions contained within the report submitted by PFoE which is referred to in paragraph 4.2 above. That appendix also sets out the council's response to each of those points and assumption.

## **7. IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no direct implications arising out of this report.

## **8. CONSULTATION:**

8.1 The council has consulted ENTEC, its specialist advisors which are providing technical support on the Lots 1 and 2 procurements, in relation to the response to the points and assumptions made in PFoE's report and the result of that consultation is included in the councils response set out in Appendix 1.

8.2 Several attempts have been made to engage with Richard Olive on PFoE's report but to no avail, as detailed below:

- August 2010 – “A study by PFoE of the costs of operating a ‘Cyclerval’ type incinerator in Peterborough” was received from Richard Olive
- November 2010 – Email sent to Richard Olive requesting a meeting to discuss councils response
- December 2010 – Letter sent to Richard Olive requesting a meeting to discuss councils response
- January 2011 - Letter and Email sent to Richard Olive requesting a meeting to discuss councils response
- April 2011 – Asked during Richard Olive's attendance at a meeting between officers and Peterborough for Responsible Waste Management (ProFoRWM) to make arrangements to discuss the councils response

## **9. EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

9.1 There are no direct outcomes expected from the review of the PFoE report.

## **10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

ENTEC's Peterborough Waste Options Appraisal.

## **11. APPENDICES:**

There is one appendix to this report.