



CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION 31 MARCH 2009

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Services

Waste Treatment Plant – Further Scrutiny of Proposals

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 For members to:
- a) consider the report
 - b) indicate whether it is their wish to hold a special meeting in order to consider and comment upon the Environmental Impact Assessment for the Waste Treatment Plant

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 At their meeting on 13 January 2009 Council Cabinet selected United Utilities and Interserve as the preferred bidder for the City Council's joint waste management contract with Derbyshire County Council.
- 2.2 United Utilities and Interserve have confirmed that a waste treatment plant would be used to treat the City and County's waste through recycling and heat treatment and that the plant will incorporate a facility for electricity generation. The next step in the process will be for the United Utilities and Interserve to submit planning application to the City Council.
- 2.3 The proposed waste treatment plant falls within the Climate Change Commission's portfolio. The Commission has already received some information about the waste treatment plant at its meetings on 27 October 2008 and 10 February 2009, and public information events have been held across the city. A Full Council presentation on the plant is planned for 30 March 2009.
- 2.4 At its meeting on 27 October 2008, the Commission confirmed that it would like to be involved in further scrutiny of the plant as it progressed through the Council's processes. It was hoped to provide detailed emission information to the Commission meeting on 10 February 2009 but this was not possible and members were told that the information would not be publicly available until the planning application was submitted.

- 2.5 The emissions information will form part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) the company is required to undertake as part of the planning application. The EIA will outline the likely environmental impact of the proposed development, and the measures it is proposed to take to mitigate any negative impact. The planning application is expected to be submitted in mid-April 2009. As part of the planning application for the proposed waste treatment plant, the EIA will be made publicly available on the planning website for 21 days from the date of submission for public comment.
- 2.6 It is suggested that the Commission should consider holding a special meeting after the planning application is submitted to consider the EIA for the plant and to submit members comments to the Planning Control Committee. This would give the Commission an opportunity to ensure that environmental factors which members consider to be relevant are taken into consideration as part of the planning process.
- 2.7 Further information on Environmental Impact Assessments is available on the Communities and Local Government website at www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/environmentalimpactassessment

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None arising from this report.

Legal

2. None arising from this report.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Effective scrutiny will benefit all the people of Derby.

Corporate Objectives

5. This report has the potential to link with all of the Council's Corporate Objectives: