

Leicestershire County Council

Leicestershire County Council has recently submitted an EOI for PFI credits and is currently preparing its OBC. Leicestershire's long-term residual waste strategy is the proposed development energy from waste facilities in Leicestershire. Discussions have taken place with representatives from Leicestershire to discuss the potential for joint working, however the timing was not right for the Partners and Leicestershire had already committed themselves to their EOI and there appeared little scope for joint working in this capacity. .

Leicestershire County Council hosts a regional meeting where potential for collaborative working is discussed. A representative from the Partner authorities attends these meetings.

Gloucestershire County Council

Gloucestershire County Council have recently submitted an EOI for PFI credits and are in the process of preparing their OBC. Gloucestershire are technology neutral and have assessed a number of potential treatment options. Again due to not knowing the location of potential sites the scope for joint working is considered minimal.

Northamptonshire and Milton Keynes

Northamptonshire and Milton Keynes (N&MK) reference project is a biological mechanical treatment (BMT) facility. This treatment technology involves the process of biological stabilisation of waste, followed by the mechanical separation of its component parts. The compostable material from the BMT process can then be sent to an in-vessel composting (IVC) facility for further processing and stabilisation. The remaining material forms a refuse derived fuel (RDF) that is sent to a thermal treatment process such as gasification, where energy can be recovered through combustion. There are likely to be two BMT facilities, located in the region of Northampton and Milton Keynes with a single thermal treatment plant near Northampton.

Herefordshire and Worcestershire

Worcestershire County Council has been granted PFI credits, based initially on an EfW technology for a site that subsequently failed to obtain planning permission. The major element of the project is held within the 'standstill' arrangements within the contract until a solution can be found. The Councils' are considering two main options autoclave technology or 'out of county incineration' to treat its residual waste. These considerations are both time consuming and complicated and it is unlikely that they will progress in a timeline required for the Partnerships project. However dialogue will continue with Hereford and Worcester to see if any arrangements can be identified for the receipt of any of their Municipal Waste.

Oxfordshire County Council

Oxfordshire has recently tendered for residual waste treatment and is in the process of developing detailed solutions with its selected bidders. It is likely that Oxfordshire will pursue an EfW solution. Warwickshire has had meetings

with Oxfordshire to discuss the potential for joint working, however as the location of the proposed facilities was unknown at the time of the discussions (Oxfordshire is not providing sites for their treatment facilities) it was decided that there was little scope for joint working.

Staffordshire County Council

Staffordshire County Council have submitted an EOI for PFI credits and are in the process of putting together their OBC. Warwickshire is working with Staffordshire on this project and is proposing to input approximately 40,000 tonnes of waste into their proposed facility, which it is anticipated will be operational by 2013.

It is estimated that all of North Warwickshire's residual waste and approximately half of the residual waste from Nuneaton and Bedworth will be transferred to the facility.

WCC has provided supporting information for the development of Staffordshire's expression of interest and outline business case and has a representative at Project team meetings.

Birmingham City Council

Birmingham City Council has an existing EfW facility (Tyseley) which treats the majority of Birmingham's waste. Warwickshire has had meetings with Birmingham regarding their future plans for the facility. The facility currently operates on a two-stream basis, however Birmingham are giving thought to the development of a third-stream at the facility. At the last meeting with Birmingham they indicated that they would carry out a feasibility study into the development of a third stream and then decide on their course of action. It was decided that as Birmingham had no definitive timetable for carrying out the study that there was little potential for joint working.