

SWDWP Joint Working Committee meeting Project Update Report - 21st January 2010

This report provides a summary of key project events and activities over the last three months with most recent events being shown first. A record of the previous three months activities is also included for continuity purposes.

1. 8th January 2010 – Public announcement of SITA's withdrawal from the procurement

SITA formally withdrew from the procurement on 24th December 2009 leaving two participants (bidders) proposing solutions on three sites;

- MVV Ernesettle and North Yard Devonport site
- Viridor New England Quarry site

2. November 2009 - January 2010 – Ongoing dialogue with participants

Throughout November, December and January the partnership had regular dialogue meetings with the participants. The dialogue meetings will continue throughout the procurement process.

3. 9th to 14th November and 9th December 2009 – Public roadshows

A series of exhibitions were held from 9 to 14 November, with the approximate number of attendees being around 200 in total. The aim of the roadshows was two fold – to communicate information about the project and partnership, and to gather comment and opinion from local residents and the community. The exhibition presented information centred on various topics: the partnership background and objectives; project scope and timescales; the waste management issues under consideration; an overview of the three companies still bidding for the contract; site locations under consideration and the potential solutions being proposed.

An additional roadshow event was held on the 9th December at the request of local residents and councillors located near to the North Yard Devonport site.

6th November 2009 – ISDS main stage documents issued to participants

Following the approval of the SWDWP Joint Committee on the 5th November 2009, the Invitation to Submit Detailed Solutions (ISDS) was formally made to the three remaining participants (bidders) who were proposing solutions based on four sites:

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- MVV Ernesettle and North Yard Devonport site
- Sita South Yard Devonport site
- Viridor New England Quarry site

9th October 2009 – update briefing for MPs

The partnership held a MP briefing on the 9th October to provide an update on the project. All MP's from the Partnership area were invited. Alison Seabeck, Gary Streeter and Hugo Swire attended

2nd October - participants submitted their first stage Invitation to Submit Detailed Solutions

On the 2nd October the First Stage Invitation to Submit Detailed Solutions were received. The partnership has since been ensuring the proposals fulfil the partnership's requirements. The bidders going through to the IDSD main stage will be released in the Joint Working Committee meeting on the 5th November in Part II. This will be released into the public domain on the 6th November.

15th August 2009 – Public Exhibition

As part of the public information process, the partnership held a one day event in the Guildhall Plymouth to provide an update on the project. The event was a brief update prior to a series of roadshows across the region in November which will provide further details on the project. Over 200 people attended the briefing to ask questions about the proposals, including the potential locations, technology and timescale for the project.

August and September – Dialogue with participants

Throughout August and September the partnership had regular dialogue meetings with the participants. The purpose was to ensure the participants understood the requirements of the partnership and that the partnership understood the participants' proposals. The dialogue meetings will continue throughout the procurement process.

16th July – Decision made on shortlisted bidders through to the Invitation to Submit Detailed Solutions (ISDS) stage

In July 2009 three companies and five solutions were shortlisted to go forward to the ISDS stage.

The private companies that were shortlisted and invited to submit detailed solutions were:

- MVV Umwelt
- SITA UK
- Viridor

The proposals involve facilities based at four locations; Ernesettle, North Yard Devonport, South Yard Devonport and New England Quarry. MVV Umwelt and SITA have offered proposals for both Ernesettle and Devonport whilst Viridor has put forward its own site at New England Quarry.