



SWDWP Joint Working Committee meeting
Project update report
22nd July 2010

This overview report provides a running update of the progress of the procurement and the project and highlights key milestones and activities.

19th July 2010 – Site visit to Marchwood EfW facility, Southampton

A visit to the Veolia EfW facility at Marchwood in Southampton took place. Attendees included Councillors, Project Executive members and Project Team members. The purpose of the visit was to give all concerned with the project an opportunity to see an operational EfW facility and discuss the plant with its operators.

16th July 2010 – MP briefing

The partnership held a MP briefing on the 16th July to provide an update on the project and answer any questions. All MP's from the Partnership area were invited.

7th July 2010 – Site visit to Lakeside EfW, Slough

Selected members of the project team undertook a technical visit to the Viridor/Grundon facility of Lakeside near Slough. The purpose of the visit was to review Viridor's role in the development and operation of the facility. The visit also included a technical review of an Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA) processing facility in Brentford, London.

5th July 2010 – Commercial Team Review by Defra

The project team discussed with Defra's Waste Infrastructure Development Programme (WIDP) team the process, format and team members required for the WIDP Commercial Team Review planned to commence in August 2010.

The WIDP Commercial Team will undertake to review the commercial positions the Partnership has secured with bidders on key issues. This process has to take place and WIDP have to accept negotiated commercial positions before the Partnership can close the Competitive Dialogue process. The Partnership intends to close dialogue during September 2010.

14th – 17th June and 3rd July 2010 – Public roadshows

Three roadshows were held during this period, with a fourth roadshow being held in on the 3rd July. The locations of the roadshows were:

- 14th June – Weston Mill
- 15th June – St Budeaux
- 17th June – Ivybridge
- 3rd July – Guildhall, Plymouth City Centre

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The roadshows were attended by approximately 180 people in total. The Environment Agency and the Health Protection Agency were also in attendance. The purpose of the roadshows was to update information on the project, timeframes for completion and to tackle specific areas of concern raised through queries received by the Project Team.

MVV Umwelt was in attendance at the roadshows on the 14th and 15th June and Viridor was in attendance at the roadshow on the 17th June.

18th May 2010 – Site visit to Portsmouth EfW facility

Selected members of the project team undertook a site visit to Portsmouth. The purpose of this visit was to review the EfW technical ability of this facility.

April to July 2010 – Ongoing Dialogue with bidders

Throughout April, May, June and July the project team have had regular dialogue meetings with the bidders to seek to close down all outstanding commercial issues. Dialogue meetings will continue until close of dialogue – expected in September 2010.

29th March – 31st March 2010 – Site visit to Mannheim and Leuna EfW facilities in Germany

Selected members of the project team undertook a technical visit to the MVV Umwelt operational Mannheim and Leuna EfW facilities in Germany. The purpose of the visit was to review the operational and the technical ability of the facilities.

15th March 2010 – Public announcement of MVV's withdrawal of their Ernesettle solution from the procurement

The partnership released a public press release statement confirming MVV's decision to focus on its North Yard solution in preference to its Ernesettle solution. This resulted in two solutions remaining in the procurement:

- MVV – North Yard Devonport site
- Viridor – New England Quarry site

12th March 2010 – MP briefing

The partnership held a MP briefing to provide an update on the project and answer any questions. All MP's from the Partnership area were invited. MPs Linda Gilroy, Alison Seabeck and Gary Streeter attended.

5th March 2010 – Participants submitted their detailed solutions in response to Invitation to Submit Detailed Solutions (ISDS) main stage

On the 5th March 2010 the Main Stage Invitation to Submit Detailed Solutions were received. The partnership has since reviewed these submissions to ensure the proposals meet the partnership's requirements with areas for continuing dialogue highlighted. The bidders continuing through to the Call for Final Tender stage were confirmed to the Joint Working Committee meeting on the 8th April.

8th & 9th February 2010 – MVV exhibition

MVV held a two day exhibition in Ernesettle and Weston Mill (North Yard site).

The partnership attended the exhibitions to provide members of the public with background information on the objectives of the partnership and the project.

January 2010 – March 2010 – Ongoing dialogue with participants

Throughout January and February the partnership had regular ongoing dialogue meetings with the participants. The dialogue meetings will continue throughout the procurement process.

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

SITA withdrew from the procurement leaving two bidders proposing solutions on three sites;

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

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.

9th November – 14th November and 9th December 2009 – Public roadshows

A series of exhibitions were held from 9 to 14 November, with the approximate number of total attendees being 192. The aim 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 covered the partnership background and objectives, project scope and timescales, the waste management issues under consideration, introduced the three companies currently bidding for the contract, site locations under consideration and the potential solutions being proposed.

There was an additional event held on the 9th December at the request of local residents and councillors around the North Yard Devonport site.

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

ISDS main stage documents and evaluation criteria issued to remaining participants for ongoing development of solutions.

9th October 2009 – MP briefing

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 2009 - 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 were accepted in the Joint Working Committee meeting on the 5th November in Part II and this list was 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 2009 – 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 2009 – 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.