

Energy From Waste Update

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Summary:	<p>In February 2017 the Somerset Waste Board approved proposals to cease disposal of Somerset's household residual waste in landfill and switch to a new energy from waste facility, to be operational from May 2020.</p> <p>The Joint Waste Scrutiny Committee are invited to discuss and comment on progress as out lined in the member briefing circulated previously (Appendix A).</p>
Recommendations:	Information only
Reasons for recommendations:	N/A
Links to Priorities and Impact on Annual Business Plan:	
Financial, Legal and HR Implications:	All implications considered prior to entering agreement.
Equalities Implications:	Equalities Impact Assessment completed prior to entering agreement and included with Board papers.
Risk Assessment:	Risks assessed prior to entering agreement

1. Background

- 1.1. In line with the Somerset Waste Board's longstanding commitment to reduce the overall environmental impact of our residual waste, through moving away from highly taxed landfill, we are progressing well with this project. The overall contract and build schedule for the New Waste Treatment Facility and Waste Transfer Stations continues to remain on track, with plant commissioning tests expected to commence toward the mid to end of 2019 in preparation for the April 2020 start date. In addition to the environmental benefits, this will deliver £1.3m annual MTFP savings from now until March 2020 to the disposal authority (Somerset County Council).

2. Background papers

2.1. Appendix A - Member Information Sheet; New Waste Treatment Facility