

# Information

for Somerset Waste Board Members

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To:	All Members of the Somerset Waste Board All Members of Somerset County Council Members of Partner District Authorities via the Senior Management Group Representatives
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## New Waste Treatment Facility Update

### Background

Since 2014 the Somerset Waste Board's Business Plan has included a target to seek long term affordable and sustainable alternatives to landfill for material that cannot be avoided or recovered. This aimed to reduce the overall environmental impact of residual waste, to introduce compliant, competitive and affordable arrangements for the transfer, haulage and treatment of residual waste and to meet Somerset County Council's MTFP savings target from 2016/17 onwards.

Following protracted negotiations with the incumbent residual waste service provider (Viridor Ltd), the New Waste Treatment Facility 2 Contract (NWTF2) was agreed and approved by the Somerset Waste Board as achieving its objectives, at its meeting in February 2017. The contract predicated on the provision, by Viridor, of an Energy from Waste plant at Avonmouth, serviced by two in county Waste Transfer Stations at Dimmer (Castle Cary) & Walpole (Pawlett), scheduled to commence April 2020.

### Update on Progress

Since signing the NWTF2 Contract with Viridor Ltd on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 (Agreement Date), we have now successfully achieved the 3 contract conditions;

- The contractor to obtain Planning Permission in respect of the construction of the Walpole Transfer Station – Planning Approval granted 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- No Procurement Challenge has occurred by the date which is six (6) Months after the Agreement Date – No Procurement Challenges were received by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017; and
- The Construction Contract to be executed by the Contractor and to have come into full force and effect – The appointment of CNIM S.A. and Clugston Construction Ltd was made on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017

As a result of satisfying the three (3) contract conditions we have formally exchanged notices with Viridor and have therefore invoked the 'Trigger Date', meaning that the contract is now in full force and that the achievement of the £1.3m annual MTFP savings to March 2020 are secured.

Good progress has been made with the construction of the Avonmouth Energy from Waste plant with;

- The secant piling having been completed to enable the excavation of the waste bunker, excavation having now commenced
- Piling has now commenced on the other areas of the site, for example the boiler hall
- An order has been placed for the boiler
- Temporary offices are on site and now in occupation
- Discussions continue with the local Highways Department over the planned road junction improvements at the Avonmouth site – this is likely to require more work than Viridor anticipated but this is not expected to be insurmountable

The next steps through this Winter and early Spring 2018 are;

- Works continue at Avonmouth, with a possible SWB Member visit to be arranged for Spring 2018
- Works are planned to commence to build the Dimmer Waste Transfer Station from February 2018, with a currently scheduled completion and operational date of February 2019
- Works are planned to commence to build the Walpole Waste Transfer Station from March 2018, with a currently scheduled completion and operational date of May 2019
- The likely impacts on the Recycling Centre network are being assessed in line with the NWTF2 contracts Waste Acceptance Protocol and changes will begin to be made during 2018 – new signage, different bin configuration etc
- The interdependencies with the new Waste Collection Contract are being assessed and will be kept under regular review – vehicle configurations to predominantly tip at a Waste Transfer Station rather than Landfill etc

### **Summary**

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. Further updates will be provided where appropriate.

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