

PROSIECT GWYRDD JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

25 June 2019, 10.00 am

LOCATION: Monmouthshire Council Offices - Room M4 (County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA)

Present:

Elected Members:

Councillor Michael, Cardiff Council

Councillor Weaver, Cardiff Council

Councillor Gordon, Caerphilly County Borough Council

Councillor Murphy, Monmouthshire County Council

Councillor Truman, Newport City Council

Councillor King, Vale of Glamorgan Council

Councillor Williams, Vale of Glamorgan Council

Officers:

Carl Touhig, Monmouthshire County Council

Sian Humphries, Cardiff Council

Andrew Williamson, Prosiect Gwyrdd

Marc Falconer, Cardiff Council

Gareth Harcombe, Cardiff Council

Hayley Jones, Caerphilly County Borough Council

Andrea Redmond, Cardiff Council

Silvia Gonzalez Lopez, Newport County Council

Colin Smith, Vale of Glamorgan

Matt Wakelam, Cardiff Council









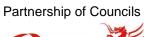




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1	To Note the Membership of the Joint Committee 2019/2020
	RESOLVED: To note the membership of the Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee for 2019/20.
2	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors George, Jeavons and
	Pratt.
3	Declarations of Interest
	None received.
4	Minutes
	The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2018 were agreed as a
	correct record and signed by the Chairperson.
5	Heat Network Update
	Members were advised that the delivery of a heat network arising from the
	Viridor plant has been a longstanding aspiration for Prosiect Gwyrdd. An
	extensive feasibility study examining the potential for a heat network in Cardiff
	was completed by a leading consulting engineering firm on behalf of Cardiff
	Council in 2017. This study was funded by the Heat Network Delivery Unit
	(HNDU) of the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) with additional Welsh Government support. Subsequently in 2018, Cardiff
	Council's Cabinet approved an Outline Business Case for the heat network.
	This clarified the Council's strategic interest in the scheme and authorised
	further work to establish a heat network, subject to concluding the necessary
	agreements, obtaining capital funding and presenting a Full Business Case
	back to Cabinet for approval.
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	The proposed Cardiff Heat Network is envisaged to run through large parts of
	the Bay area before crossing the main Cardiff to London railway line. It will
	then skirt the southern edge of the city centre and finally end in the western
	parts of Newport Road. The proposed primary heat source for the network is
	envisaged to be the Trident Park Energy from Waste (EfW) plant.
	Andrew Williamson and Gareth Harcombe provided Members with a
	presentation on the Cardiff Heat Network which highlighted key points such
	as the requirements of the contract; Major Benefits; Network Illustration;
	Potential Additional Private Sector Loads; details of Phase 1 and Outline
	Business Case Approval; Details on the establishment of the Delivery Team
	and Welsh Government Funding; Viridor Agreement; Purchase of Heat; Heat
	Exchanger Installation and the Heat Exchangers.
	The Chairperson invited questions and comments from Members:
	Members asked if customers would need to install heat exchangers and were
<u> </u>	advised that the initial public sector customers would have these installed free

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	of charge as a recognition of committing to the scheme. Other private customers would incur a connection and maintenance fee. Officers explained the benefits of the heat exchangers as being financial (slightly cheaper than gas); less service and maintenance than gas boilers and the carbon footprint benefits. It was noted that some customers would keep their gas boilers initially, but this would be phased out. It was also noted that the footprint of the heat exchanger is much smaller than a gas boiler.
	Members asked about the risk of getting customers to sign up, noting that the income would be needed to repay any loan or grant for the scheme. Officers advised that there would be legal clauses in the contracts to stop customers pulling out. It was reiterated that the carbon benefits of heat exchangers was 60% benefit and this was a great incentive to the customers.
6	RESOLVED: to note the contents of the presentation. Update Report
8	Members were provided with an update on the following aspects of the Prosiect Gwyrdd Contract;
	During 2018/19 a total of 167,998.42 tonnes of residual waste was sent to the Prosiect Gwyrdd Contract against a projected profile of 167,767 tonnes.
	From the waste delivered 27,741 tonnes of the Incinerator Bottom Ash was recycled, 1,491 tonnes of the Air Pollution Control Residue was recycled, 2,915 tonnes of ferrous metals was recycled and a further 508 tonnes of other metals were recycled. During the year 33 tonnes of contract waste was sent to landfill and 290 tonnes of Air Pollution Control Residue was landfilled.
	In 2018/19 Viridor achieved all of the five Key Targets:

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	Key Target	Target Percentage	Actual Percentage	
	The Contractor's Guaranteed Unprocessed Landfill Target Percentage	0.0%	0.0%	
	The Contractor's Guaranteed Maximum Percentage of Contract Waste to Landfill	2.1%	0.2%	
	The Contractor's Guaranteed IBA Recycling Target Percentage	100.0%	100.0%	
	The Contractor's Guaranteed BMW Diversion Target Percentage	100.0%	100.0%	
	the Contractor's Guaranteed Unreprocessed IBA Target Percentage	0.0%	0.0%	

As a requirement of revenue support from WG the facility is required to be CHP ready and to achieve and maintain R1 Status. Trident Park submitted the final stage 3 report to Natural Resources Wales confirmed with an annual figure of 0.76 which is in excess of the 0.65 requirement.

The Incinerator Bottom Ash is currently being recycled by Days Aggregates at their facility in Avonmouth.

The Air Pollution Control Residue is currently either being recycled by Carbon8 Aggregates at their facility in Avonmouth or landfilled by Grundon (Waste) Ltd at their Gloucestershire facility.

Community and Community Benefit Fund

2018/19 the Prosiect Gwyrdd Community Benefits Fund Panel met three times where a total of £59,498.21 was awarded between twenty-eight community initiatives based with the Prosiect Gwyrdd Partnership Local Authority areas. A breakdown of the projects supported in 2018/19 is detailed in the table below.

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Breakdown of 2018/19 Prosiect Gwyrdd and Viridor Community Fund

Authority	Number of Projects	Total Value
Caerphilly County Council	1	£2,958.00
Cardiff Council	12	£30,081.08
Monmouthshire County Council	4	£7,375.67
Newport City Council	3	£3,942.76
Vale of Glamorgan Council	2	£2,290.70
Projects working across all	5	£12,850.00
areas		

Members were asked to encourage local groups to apply for the fund. Details criteria and how to apply funding can https://viridor.co.uk/our-operations/energy/energy-recovery-facilities/cardifferf/community

During 2018/19 the number of groups visiting Trident Park was 46, with a total of 593 visitors. It was noted that visitor numbers were slightly down on last year. Viridor have employed an Education Officer with the aim of increasing the number of educational visits to the site next year.

The Chairperson invited questions and comments from Members;

Members asked if many applications to the Community Fund were rejected, and if so for what reasons. Officers explained that some applications are rejected, usually due to the applicant wanting to use the funding for Capital/Build which is outside of the terms of reference of the fund. Examples of what the fund can be used for are now shown on the website; feedback is also provided when applications are rejected as well as advice on how to apply successfully in future.

RESOLVED: To note the content of the report.

Unaudited Annual Financial Return for Year Ended 31 March 2019 7

Members were advised that this report presents the draft, unaudited Financial Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2019 prior to the statutory deadline of 30th June. The Joint Committee will be asked to approve the unaudited Annual Return and following their approval, the document will be available for public inspection and then submitted to the Wales Audit Office (WAO) to undertake the external audit of this return.

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Regulation 14 states that smaller local government bodies (those with annual income and expenditure below £2.5 million) can prepare their accounts in the form of an Annual Return replacing the obligation to produce a full Statement of Accounts.

Table 1 below provides a comparison of the 2018/19 outturn with the budget. This highlights a gross expenditure outturn of £147,735, a decrease of £105,507 compared to the original 18/19 gross expenditure budget of £253,242. After including the Partner Contribution rebate of £50,000 (£10,000 per partner) the net underspend for 2018/19 is £55,507.

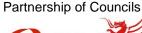
Table 1: 2018/19 Summary Monitoring Position

	2018/19 Budget £	2018/19 Outturn £	2018/19 Variance £
Project Team	193,542	155,661	-37,881
Supplies & Services	22,510	12,152	-10,358
Committee & Support Services	10,350	6,090	-4,260
External Advisors	46,010	0	-46,010
Contingency	20,000	0	-20,000
Organics Contribution	-39,170	-26,168	13,002
Gross Expenditure	253,242	147,735	-105,507
Partner Contributions	-185,000	-135,000	50,000
Net Expenditure	68,242	12,735	-55,507
Appropriations (from) / to Joint Committee Reserve A/c	-68,242	-12,735	55,507
Projected Balance of the Joint Committee Reserve A/c as at 31.03.2019		331,347	

The variance is largely due to underspends previously reported to the Joint Committee in the Month 7 monitoring report in particular underspends due to the lack of spend against the contingency and external advisors budgets, as well as savings associated with staff turnover and recruitment delay. Consequentially the projected budgeted drawdown from the Joint Committee Reserve Account of £68,242 was reduced to £12,735. The balance of the reserve account as at 31st March 2019 now stands at £331,347 and the

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	options for the utilisation of an element of this reserve will be presented firstly to Contract Management Board and then the Joint Committee as part of the 2020/21 budget report as has been the case in previous years.		
	RESOLVED:		
	I. To note the outturn position for the financial year ended 31st March 2019.		
	II. To approve the Annual Return, and consequently authorise the Chairman to sign the Annual Return on behalf of the Joint Committee, and its subsequent submission to WAO to commence the 2018/19 audit.		
8	Date of next meeting		
	The date of the next meeting was to be confirmed. Andrea Redmond would		
	set up a meeting in late November/early December at Newport City Council		
	Offices.		









