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## Interested parties invited to answer key questions on waste

**Local organisations, groups and councillors are being asked to give their views on some of the issues being considered as part of the county council's strategic review of its Residual Waste PFI Project.**

The council was due to recommend the selection of two bidders to take forward to the next part of the procurement process, but this has now been deferred. Given the withdrawal of PFI credits, the Waste Project Board has approved a strategic review of the project.

The review has started and the results will be reported to Cabinet in the New Year.

Cllr Stan Waddington, Cabinet Member for Waste, said: "Since the government withdrew the PFI funding as part of the comprehensive spending review, we have to revisit the whole project and decide how to take it forward. Although this is not a formal public consultation, we are interested in gathering views to help inform the review. We have written to organisations such as CPRE, SWARD, GlosVain and Friends of the Earth and will report back in the New Year."

The issues under discussion include;

- Does Gloucestershire need an alternative to landfill?
- What are the affordable alternatives to landfill, and can you give examples of where this has worked?
- How would you make up for the loss of PFI credits to be able to afford the alternatives?
- How will your alternative solution enable Gloucestershire to meet current government targets and future policy for waste disposal?

For further information on the project visit:

[www.recycleforgloucestershire.com/real\\_rubbish](http://www.recycleforgloucestershire.com/real_rubbish)

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