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## Cabinet to choose preferred bidder

**Next week, Gloucestershire County Council's Cabinet will be asked to select the final bidder for its residual waste project.**

For the past three years, the council has been working on finding a sustainable, environmentally friendly and affordable solution for dealing with Gloucestershire's residual household waste that is currently sent to landfill.

On Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup> December) Cabinet will choose between the final two bidders: Complete Circle – a consortium of John Laing, Keppel Seghers and Shanks — or Urbaser Balfour Beatty — a consortium of Urbaser and Balfour Beatty — to run the contract.

Both companies propose to design, build and operate an Energy from Waste (EfW) facility on Javelin Park near Haresfield.

The cabinet report explains the benefits to Gloucestershire of the proposed solution:

- Protection Gloucestershire's taxpayers from the rising costs of landfill, which are estimated to save up to £150 million.
- Reducing the effects of global warming by diverting 90% of the county's residual household waste from landfill.
- Generating renewable electricity equivalent to the needs of at least 20,000 homes.
- Potential to provide heat to local businesses and residents.
- Recycling of bottom ash into building materials
- Creating around 300 construction jobs and around 40 jobs once the facility is operational.

At next week's meeting, will outline the officer recommendations and put forward the preferred bidder for consideration.

Cllr Stan Waddington, cabinet project champion for waste, said: "For almost three years we have been working on this project exploring a range of technologies and talking to numerous companies to find the best solution for Gloucestershire.

"We've done a lot of work to make sure that we examined all the issues before any decisions were taken. That includes the impact on the environment and whether or not the solution is affordable."

If Cabinet agree to the preferred bidder next week, the contract will be awarded in the summer of 2012 with the planning application due for submission in the New Year.



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All being well construction will start in 2013 with the facility completed in 2015.

## **ENDS**

### **Notes to Editors**

Cabinet has already agreed to push recycling in the county with aspirations to reach 70% recycling by 2030.

The commonly known 'Three R's' has become 'Four R's – recycle, reuse, reduce and **recover** – with an emphasis on **recovering** energy from the remaining 30% of household rubbish.

The Cabinet report is available to view online at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk) .

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