

## **COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 12 JULY 2013**

**Statement from: Councillor R A Shore, Executive Councillor for Waste, Recycling**

The contract to design, build and operate the Energy from Waste (EfW) facility with our contractor FCC at North Hykeham is nearing completion. The EfW facility is starting commissioning with a view to be fully operational in December 2013.

The new facility will be processing up to 150,000 tonnes of non-recyclable municipal rubbish from Lincolnshire's 700,000 residents – reducing the requirement for landfilling, and making significant savings on the landfill tax incurred. Over the course of the 25 year contract, the Authority will save over £30m when compared to landfill. This £30m figure takes into account all EfW/Waste Transfer Stations land purchase, project, construction and financing costs. The end product from the facility will be electricity for the grid, and the potential to provide heat locally in the form of a District Heating Scheme.

The Waste Transfer Stations (WTSs) which are required to service the EfW facility have been completed on programme and within budget. The District Councils will use these as their disposal locations as we divert the waste from landfill to the EfW facility. Recruitment of staff has taken place to operate the WTSs and wheeled loading shovels are currently being delivered to each site.

A new haulage contract has also been procured and these measures will allow the WTSs to be ready to send waste to EfW when hot commissioning starts in July. Additionally, solar panels are being installed at these WTSs to allow these buildings to be carbon neutral and save running costs from increasingly expensive electricity bills.

Work is currently under way for the design of a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) adjacent to the Sleaford WTS due to the operational problems associated with the existing HWRC facility. The intention is to submit for planning permission in August and be able to start construction in December. Hopefully the HWRC should be operational in April 2014.

We continue to support schemes to reduce waste at source with the Real Nappy Network, Love Food Hate Waste and Swishing (fashion swap shops).

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