

Motion to Council re Waste Management Contract 2009

This Council welcomes the commitment of Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester shadow unitary authorities to manage jointly the process of creating a renewed waste disposal service for the people of Cheshire. We particularly welcome the decision to create a Joint Unit to undertake the Waste PFI Procurement and that waste contracts will be managed on a County-wide basis.

We call upon this joint body to ensure that the people of Cheshire benefit from any technological developments that occur that will increase the income from waste disposal during the long life of the PFI contract. For example, should there be returns from the mining of plastic from landfill sites in the future, benefits should be equably shared between Council Tax payers and the waste company carrying out the contract.

The Council also calls upon the new joint body which will conclude the contract in 2009 to be mindful of the full environmental impact of the waste disposal methods chosen and ensure that adverse environmental effects are minimised and that the waste disposal methods and arrangements will be safe, sustainable, encourage waste minimisation and be cost effective.