



Meeting: Executive
Date: 8 December 2009
Subject: Bedfordshire Energy and Recycling Project (BEaR)
Project – PFI Outline Business Case Approval

**Response of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date – 24th November 2009**

1. Following an overview of the report, a presentation on the affordability position and a question and answer session, the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended that the Executive agree all of the recommendations included in the Overview and Scrutiny report. The recommendations were as follows:

that the Executive:

- (a) Notes the revised Outline Business Case (OBC) for Private Finance Initiative (PFI) funding;
- (b) Approves the revised affordability envelope, procurement costs and application for PFI credits;
- (c) Gives delegated authority to the BEaR Project Board to commence the procurement of a waste treatment solution on a technology neutral basis following PFI approval;
- (d) Re-affirms its commitment to achieve recycling/composting targets laid down in the Waste Strategy 2007 and where possible exceed these targets with the aim of achieving 60% recycling in the long-term future.

that the Executive commits to:

- (a) Central Bedfordshire's division of the Reference Project cost over the period between 2016 and 2041, in the total sum set out in the exempt Appendix B; and
 - (b) Bridging the affordability gap to the sum indicated in exempt Appendix B based on the Reference Project assumptions and affordability envelope.
2. An additional recommendation was added during the meeting that is now included in recommendation 1.e. of the Executive report. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended that the Executive approve the revised Joint Working Agreement.
3. The recommendations in the Overview and Scrutiny report have subsequently been amended in the final report to the Executive to seek delegated authority to the Director of Sustainable Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Communities to approve the documents.

