



COUNCIL - 8TH OCTOBER 2013

SUBJECT: ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RECEIVED UNDER RULES OF PROCEDURE 10(2)

1. **Project Gwyrdd** - To the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services from Councillor Mrs. Blackman

As Cabinet Member for Corporate Services will Cllr Reynolds outline what work the Directorate has undertaken to ensure that Project Gwyrdd will deliver value for money for the Council Taxpayers of Caerphilly County Borough Council?

RESPONSE FROM THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES - COUNCILLOR K.V. REYNOLDS

Full Council considered a very comprehensive report on 26th February 2013 on "Prosiect Gwyrdd - Appointment of Preferred Bidder, Final Business Case and Joint Working Agreement (2)". There was a substantial amount of information contained in the report and its associated appendices. In addition, members were given the opportunity to view exempt information prior to the council meeting. The information provided to members included the final business case which sets out the strategic case, economic case, commercial case, management case and financial case. Consequently, I would draw your attention to this report and relevant appendices.

2. **Disposal of Household/Commercial Waste/Recycling** - to the Cabinet Members for Corporate Services and Community and Leisure Services from Councillor Mrs. Blackman.

(Responses from the Cabinet Members for Corporate Services and Community and Leisure Services, Councillors K.V. Reynolds and D.V. Poole are set out under each question).

1. How much did the Council allocate for the disposal of household and commercial waste in its budget for the financial year 2012/13?

Response: £3,165,000

2. What were the overall tonnages of household and commercial waste for disposal in the financial Year 2012/13?

Response: Total to landfill was 32,191 tonnes

3. Have the tonnage figures for household and commercial waste for 2012/13 gone up or down against the tonnage figures for the previous financial year 2011/12? If so, by how much in tonnage and percentage terms?

Response: Residual waste It has gone up by 3.23% or 1,008 tonnes

4. How much of the Council's waste in tonnages and percentage terms was recycled in the financial year 2012/13?
Response: Recycled 38,943 t (39.56%) and composted 17,144 t (17.42%)
5. Providing a financial breakdown of the income earned from the various recycled components sold on, What income was earned by the Council from waste recycling in the financial year 2012/13?

Response: £83,379
6. How does the income earned for 2012/13 compare with the income that was earned by the Council per recycled components in the financial year 2011/12?

Response: It went down by £9534.
7. In the financial year 2012/13, how was the earned income from recycling used by the Council?

Response: It was used as one element in balancing the overall waste management budget.
8. How much of the Council's household and commercial waste was sent to landfill in the financial year 2012/13 and what was the cost to the overall budget provided by the Council.

Response: See answers to questions 1 and 2 above.
9. Having regard to the expectation of Welsh Government that recycling will increase while landfill should decrease, will the Council's income from recycled household and commercial waste be used to subsidise the costs of continued landfill and incineration re Project Gwyrdd? If so, by how much?

Response: As stated above all income is used to offset expenditure across all of the headings covered by the global waste management budget.
10. By how much did the Council increase the budget for household and commercial waste disposal for the financial year 2013/14?

Response: £36,000.