

## **PROSIECT GWYRDD JOINT SCRUTINY PANEL – CALL FOR EVIDENCE**

Prosiect Gwyrdd is a partnership of local authorities (Cardiff, Caerphilly, Newport, Monmouthshire and Vale of Glamorgan) undertaking a complex procurement to secure a solution for the treatment of waste after composting and recycling are maximised. As part of the project's governance arrangements a Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Scrutiny Panel was established to oversee the project. The Joint Scrutiny Panel is responsible for the overview and scrutiny of the project but does not make decisions about the project.

The Joint Scrutiny Panel is undertaking an investigation into the Health and Environmental concerns associated with energy from waste incineration plants. The Panel would be interested in hearing the views of any individuals, groups or organisations who can provide information that is relevant to the investigation. This call for evidence is an open invitation and you are invited to forward this letter to any other individual, group or organisation that maybe interested in submitting their views.

This investigation aims to discover if there are Environmental or Health concerns associated with energy from waste incineration plants. The call for evidence will help inform the Joint Scrutiny Panel's investigation. The Panel will publish its findings and any subsequent conclusions. In providing a response to this call for evidence you are consenting to its disclosure and publication.

Whilst it is expected there could be evidence from across the globe, the Panel are interested in evidence of energy from waste incineration plants operating to the same or similar environmental and legislative requirements in force within the UK. The Joint Scrutiny Panel's terms of reference are given below:

*To conduct an investigation to evaluate:*

- a. Is there any validated scientific evidence that an energy from waste incineration plant operating within the UK's current statutory framework causes harm to human Health and Environmental damage?*
- b. If there are example(s) of validated scientific evidence, what are the causes of/effects on human health and the environment?*

Once the Joint Scrutiny Committee has considered responses to this call for evidence, they may wish to invite a balanced selection of witnesses to discuss their submission of evidence and take part in a question and answer session.

If you would like to submit written evidence, I would be grateful to receive it by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012. Please address any responses to me; Jonathan Jones, Democratic Services Manager, Caerphilly County Borough Council,

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If you would like to discuss this call for evidence, you can contact me on  
01443 864242.

Yours faithfully

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