

Warwickshire Waste Partnership - 12th June 2007

INTERREG IVB Project - REDUCE

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy on behalf of the Officers Group

Summary

This report outlines the main objectives of a European funded Waste Minimisation project, and seeks Members approval to become a project partner if the funding is approved.

Recommendation

That Members approve the Warwickshire Waste Partnership joining the REDUCE partnership bidding to the North West Europe INTERREG IVB Programme.

1. Background

- 1.1 From 2003, Espace Environment based in Belgium, with Local Authority partners in France and England (West London) carried out basic trials on a earlier project funded by the EU through INTERREG on waste minimisation. The lead partner is now looking to submit a further bid, and is seeking partners.
- 1.2 The proposed objectives for the new project:-
 - (i) To improve knowledge and develop new fields of action in terms of waste prevention.
 - (ii) To test and optimise the transfer methodology issued from the first project on the new territories in Europe.
 - (iii) To re-enforce the trans-national pool of skills by building training programmes for elected people and technicians dealing with waste prevention in local, regional and national public services in Europe.
 - (iv) To articulate and implement actions at a larger scale between those partners.
- 1.3 The project will be over four years starting in 2008. The global funding for this project should be in the region of 10 to 15 million euros and Europe would fund 50% of the project. For our contribution, each partner is being asked to fund a

maximum of 200,000 euros over the 4 years period (that means 50,000 per year). The Waste Minimisation team at the County could be used for our funding part of our project, and a lot of the types of work being proposed within the project we are already participating in to some extent. Furthermore, the project would support our aims within our draft Waste Minimisation Strategy.

- 1.4 First calls are being made for proposals under the Transnational Territorial Co-operation's Programme (INTERREG IVB) for North West Europe and Espace Environment is keen to submit this project for funding. They believe the bid will need to be submitted by October 2007, and have the project accepted in December 2007, starting the project in June 2008.
- 1.5 The lead partner is looking for active partners who will have political, technical and financial approval by end of June 2007. Other proposed partners could include the City of Paris, Nord-Pas de Calais, Belgian authorities, Supermarket partners like Carrefour in France and Belgium, Universities, and possibly the city of Munich.
- 1.6 A scoping meeting was held in London late May with the lead organisation to build an action plan for this project. Officers will report back verbally on the outcome of this meeting.

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Background Papers: None.

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