

Central Bedfordshire Press Release

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Councillors support improvements to green services

Central Bedfordshire Council has today endorsed plans that will offer an improved and more efficient waste management service for the future.

Members of the Executive Committee have given the green light for the BEaR Project to include additional services as part of its waste tender. Bidders competing for the main waste treatment contract will be required to put forward proposals for the following additional services:

- Re-develop the Household Waste Recycling Centres at Ampthill, Biggleswade and Leighton Buzzard and re-locate the Dunstable site
- Provide gritting salt storage barns in strategic locations
- Provide a Waste Transfer Station so that various types of waste can be bulked up before being sent for treatment
- Provide for the treatment of organic waste in their main proposal

Councillor Budge Wells, Spokesperson for the BEaR Project said: "This is great news for residents in Central Bedfordshire and means that an improved and more efficient environmental service will be provided in years to come.

"Just upgrading the recycling centres alone offers many benefits, such as convenient drop-off bays without the need for steps, improved recycling performance, easier access and parking and a better customer experience overall.

"The approved services all offer clear benefits and the delivery of an integrated contract will ensure cost savings are made."

The BEaR Project is currently evaluating the first stage of the tender process so they can short-list the bidders to come forward with solutions that will best meet Central Bedfordshire's needs. Further announcements, related to the waste tender are expected to be made in October 2010.

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