



## **ON BEHALF OF SOUTH WEST DEVON WASTE PARTNERSHIP**

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For immediate release

South West Devon Waste Partnership has released new information to the public about the costs for the proposed energy from waste plant.

The partnership, which has signed a contract with MVV Umwelt has released new information into the public domain that was previously withheld due to commercial sensitivity.

MVV will supply a 25 year solution to deal with the region's residual waste after recycling has taken place. The company is proposing a 245,000 tonne energy from waste plant located in North Yard at Devonport Naval Base to treat waste from Plymouth, Torbay and South West Devon.

As part of the Business Case, the partnership estimated that an energy from waste solution would cost around £825m. However, because MVV are able to sell the electricity and steam from the process to the Dockyard, the actual cost of MVV's solution over the life of the contract is £436m, which is £389m less than expected.

In addition, through the three Councils working together, the partnership has secured central Government PFI credit support worth a further £177m over the life of the project. This means the Partnership councils only have to fund £259m for the waste solution instead of the £825m original estimate.

In comparison, the cost of continuing with landfill and recycling is estimated to be £1,701m. The cost of MVV's solution and recycling is £1,026m, which equates to a potential saving of £675m.

Before any development can take place, planning consent will be required; the planning application will be submitted in late spring (2011).

More information on the work of the partnership can be found at [www.swdwp.co.uk](http://www.swdwp.co.uk)

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### **Notes to Editors**

The South West Devon Waste Partnership is a collaboration between Plymouth City Council, Devon County Council and Torbay Council. The main objective is to deliver a sustainable long-term waste treatment solution for the communities of Plymouth, South and West Devon, South Hams, Teignbridge and Torbay.

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