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Dear Sir

Expression of Interest for PFI Funding

The three Unitary Authorities of Bristol, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire have formed a partnership which is committed to planning for and providing our area with modern, efficient and environmentally sound waste management systems.

Our Joint Waste Strategy comprises four phases:

- Phase 1 strongly emphasises our commitment to waste reduction, increasing re-use and to exceed the national recycling and composting targets of 40% by 2010, 45% by 2015 and 50% by 2020
- Phase 2 involves the procurement of short/medium term (5 to 10 years) treatment arrangements to divert waste from landfill
- Phase 3 is the focus of this Expression of Interest – the procurement of long-term (25 years +) treatment of MSW
- Phase 4 provides scope for dealing with changing technology, further improvements in recycling and changes in population over the longer term

Already each authority has made great strides in recycling and composting, reaching between 31% and 40% across the area in 2006/07, which is an excellent platform on which to build further improvements in performance. We are committed in Phase 1 of our Joint Waste Strategy to achieving, as a minimum, the 50% target set in the National Waste Strategy 2007.

We are working together to address the issue of managing residual municipal solid waste through both Phase 2 and Phase 3 of our Joint Waste Strategy by the procurement of new treatment facilities to address our Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme risks.

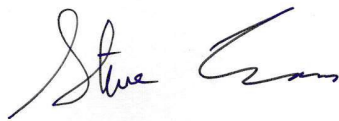
You should note that whilst this Expression of Interest is being submitted by the undersigned, the partnership also includes Bath & North East Somerset Council (B&NES). B&NES is unable to provide its support to this Expression of

Interest but has declared its continuing participation in the West of England Waste Management and Planning Partnership. It will be an active participant in, and fully committed to securing further improvements in waste minimisation and recycling and the procurement of short/medium term treatment capacity within both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Joint Waste Strategy.

We have pleasure in submitting this Expression of Interest for PFI credits to assist us in delivering the waste management infrastructure necessary to help contribute to meeting our LATS obligations.

This Expression of Interest has full support from Executive Members and Officers from each authority.

Yours faithfully

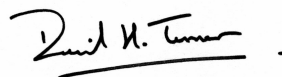


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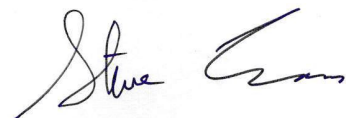
We the undersigned, offer our complete and unanimous support to this Expression of Interest.



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