

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - December 1st

Dear Chair,

Please undertake a Review of EUNOMIA Consulting & Research's contract with CDC in respect of the site assessment work 2012-2015 for a new Waste Transfer Station.

In particular it would be helpful to advise the committee how the consultants were appointed in relation to the Council's rules at the time for such appointments, the terms and conditions of their appointment and the performance indicators used, including key milestones. You should be able to tell us Eunomia's total remuneration for each phase of the exercise, including fees, bonuses and expenses to set alongside the original budget for this work, together with the daily rates they charged for principals and assistants.

Some additional questions might be:

What were the criteria for long- and short-listing the sites were and were they objectively framed and scored?

How important was knowledge of the Cotswold environment and infrastructure in the choice of consultants for this work?

Given that the final recommendation was to purchase the SITA site in South Cerney for a new integrated WTS (which was the Council's preferred opinion at the start of the Review) how can this exercise be defended as good value for money, especially as this proposal is not now being followed up?

Why was the Cleud option not identified for the transport depot before the planning application was made and withdrawn, how much did this whole process cost and how was Eunomia involved?

In summary, it could be in the public interest to know how far procedures were followed, how the exercise represented value for money and whether the object of the exercise could not have been secured in another way. As such I believe this is a good use of the Committee's time.

Councillor Nigel Robbins

Monday 23rd November 2015