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## Transport and Technical Services Department

### **Ministerial Decision**

Decision Reference: Green Waste Composting – Outcome of Stage 1 and Stage 2 Site Assessment			
Decision Summary Title (File Name):	MD-T-2007-0113	Date of Decision Summary:	11 December 2007
Decision Summary Author:	Will Gardiner (Director of Waste Strategy Projects)	Decision Summary: Public or Exempt?	Public
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Written Report Title (File Name):	Green Waste Composting – Stage 1 Sites Assessment Green Waste Composting – Stage 2 Sites Assessment	Date of Written Reports:	11 December 2007
Written Report Author:	Will Gardiner (Director of Waste Strategy Projects)	Written Report : Public or Exempt?	Public

**Subject:** The site selection and evaluation process for development of new green waste composting sites.

**Decision(s):** The Minister for Transport and Technical Services is recommended to:

- 1. approve the four potential public reception sites proposed to go on to a third stage of assessment to identify a preferred permanent site or site(s) to be co-located with permanent Re-use and Recycling Centre collection facilities.
- 2. approve the selection of La Collette industrial area as the confirmed preferred location for the replacement enclosed composting facility and commercial green waste reception site, subject to a full Environmental Impact Assessment and Health Impact Assessment.
- 3. approve Compound 6 / Field 1491 in Bellozanne Valley as the preferred location for a temporary public green waste collection facility for a period of 4 years until a permanent facility or facilities can be introduced.

**Reason(s) for Decision:** To progress the identification of green waste composting sites in order to implement commitments within the Solid Waste Strategy.

#### **Resource Implications:**

A capital allocation of £4.212 Million was awarded to the Department in 2006 for development of a replacement (enclosed) in-vessel composting facility. Following the award, the Minister agreed to await the outcome of the Working Party into Composting and then the outcome of the full site

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evaluation process on potential private and States-owned sites before progressing the development of a replacement facility. The delay in implementing this project means that the available budget may no longer be sufficient for all available process technologies, but it is still thought possible to develop a suitable enclosed facility within the funding allocated.

The States Business Plan 2008 - 2012 includes £1.452 Million for the development of a permanent Re-use and Recycling facility in 2010. The Solid Waste Strategy envisaged the advantages of combining green waste collection with the permanent Re-use and Recycling Centre and this budget will be used to deliver a permanent combined green waste and Re-use and Recycling Centre facility to that timescale. Capital and revenue and funding for the operation of a second facility to minimise transport of green waste by the public around the island has not yet been identified. However, it may be that the introduction of an Environmental Tax in 2009 would facilitate the operation of a second site and the available budget may be sufficient for two sites to be developed subject to the third stage of detailed financial assessment.

The outcome of a risk assessment into the possibility of a Vapour Cloud Explosion at the fuel farm at La Collette has precluded the use of that site for public green waste collection facilities in future. A temporary public green waste collection site has therefore been sought and, following a review of potential sites, the recommended site is Compound 6 within Field 1491 in Bellozanne Valley. This site has the advantages of requiring limited capital investment to become operational. It is estimated that approximately £56,000 of civil works will be required and twelve custom-made collection containers purchased. It is requested that a total of £100,000 be earmarked from the existing Temporary Re-use and Recycling Centre capital allocation for the works. The revenue implications of approximately £113,400 for three extra staff and £12,339 leasing costs of vehicles required to operate this site will have to be met from mid 2008 from existing Transport Technical Services budgets.

#### Action required:

The Director of Waste Strategy Projects is to:

- 1. Conduct the third stage of review for the four sites identified in the Stage 2 Assessment Report to identify the permanent public green waste collection site or sites / Re-use and Recycling Centre facility and report back to the Minister for Transport and Technical Services on the outcome.
- 2. Progress the development of a full environmental impact assessment, health impact assessment and planning application for the preferred site the La Collette Industrial Area for the permanent enclosed in-vessel compost facility and commercial green waste reception, seeking a further Ministerial Decision before submitting the planning application
- 3. Progress the development of a planning application for the temporary public green waste reception facility at Compound 6, Field 1491, Bellozanne Valley, seeking a further Ministerial Decision before submitting the planning application.

Signature:	Position: Minister
Date Signed:	Date of Decision (If different from Date Signed):