

## NOTE AND FIRST DRAFT AGENDA FOR MEMBER TOUR

### Purpose

**The following extract from an Enviros (service provider) brochure explains the rationale as follows:**

*“The Defra New Technologies Supporter Programme delivered a programme of study tours for officers and members to advanced waste management facilities in Europe, mainly Germany. The up-close experience allows officers and members to see, hear and smell the technologies as well as understanding the issues associated with the outputs, costs, transport and political aspects which will be provided by the host local Authority.*

*For budgetary reasons the Defra support of the programme has been discontinued although the provider of the programme, Enviros Consulting still provide the tours as a charged service with very substantial demand. Enviros have gained considerable connections in the host countries and with facility operators and with host local authorities. The tours enable participants to ask questions at first hand of the hosts and consider from direct experience the applicability of the relevant technologies in a UK context.*

*Coach journeys will take a good proportion of time on the two day tour and therefore this time will be used to give briefings and debriefings on the technologies. In addition to the briefings the Programme will facilitate structured discussions on the technologies and how they can fit into an authority’s waste management strategy, bringing in wider issues and personnel from the authority such as planning and sustainable development. Three waste management consultants from Enviros will be on hand at all times on the tour to brief and answer any questions regarding the technologies”.*

**Draft Agenda of Study Tour to Waste Facilities in Germany (Available dates 12-14 February or 26-28 February)**

**Day 1: London Airport to Hamburg to Neumunster.**

Departing: Mid afternoon

Arriving: Late afternoon/early evening

Coach leaves airport at approximately 18.00 and will travel to Neumunster for the first night. The travel time to the hotel will be approximately 1.5 hours and we aim to arrive about 19.30. A buffet will be available at the hotel from 20:30.

**Day 2: Neumunster, Lubeck and Minden.**

08.45 Depart Hotel for Neumunster MBT Plant  
*Briefing on MBT*

09.15 Arrive at Neumunster MBT Site  
*Introduction to the site and processes*  
*Q&A session*  
*Guided tour of the site*

12.15 Depart Site

13.45 Arrive at Site – Lubeck MBT Plant  
*Introduction to the site and processes*  
*Q&A session*  
*Guided tour of the site.*

16.45 Depart site - *Debrief of sites visited.*

20.15 Arrive at Holiday Inn, Minden.

**Day 3: Minden & Hanover**

09.30 Depart hotel Pohlsche Heide MBT Plant

10.00 Arrive at Site  
*Introduction to the site and processes*  
*Q&A session with local politicians*  
*Guided tour of the site.*

12.45 Depart Site for Hannover.

14.30 Arrive at Hannover MBT Plant  
*Introduction to the site and processes*  
*Q&A session*  
*Guided tour of the site*  
  
*Opportunity for a debrief of Study Tour*  
*Discussion of any issues,*  
*Clarification of things seen,*  
*How you should interpret some of the things seen*  
*Potential issues if technology used in the UK.*

17.30 Depart Site for Hanover Airport

18.00 Arrive at Hannover airport

Depart Hannover Airport : 20:30

Arrive London Airport: 21.10