

# The Green Stuff: An integrated approach to environmental services

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# Local Authorities Managing the Biomass Supply Chain

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# Introduction

- biomass as a heating fuel
- the introduction of the RHI
- a planned approach
- but what about the supply chain?



# Biomass

- biomass as a fuel
- growth in use
- constraints on biomass heating





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# Wood fuel demand

- use a hypothetical example;
- ECO project to refurbish 5 tower blocks;
- Including cladding, windows and new biomass boilers;
- demand of 5,000 tonnes of chip pa at 35% m/c





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# Availability of wood

- there are many sources including:
- urban woodlands;
- arboricultural arisings from parks and gardens;
- recycled wood;





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# Availability of wood (2)

- commercial forestry;
- energy crops;
- sawmills;



# Review Wood in the Area

- haulage to the process centre 20 miles;
- review availability of wood from the six sources within that radius;
- irrespective of ownership;



# Develop a Process Centre

- the concept of a process centre;
- advantages of a PC in your area;
- operation of the process centre;







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# The Business Case

## (a) Site

- size of land;
- type of site;
- shed;
- hardstanding;
- planning consent;



# The Business Case

(b)

## Supplies/Equipment

- wood supplies;
- drying the wood;
- the chipping machine;
- miscellaneous;



# The Business Case

- capital costs;
- revenue costs;
- cost per kwh (th) for heat



# How to Do It

- own and operate;
- separate company;
- outsource;
- partnering;
- risk management;



# Timescales

- you need about 18 months - 2 years;
- acquisition of site;
- planning of process centre;
- identifying wood supplies;



# Conclusions

- the idea started in Cornwall Council;
- now local authorities are looking seriously at it;
- differs from other biomass operations;



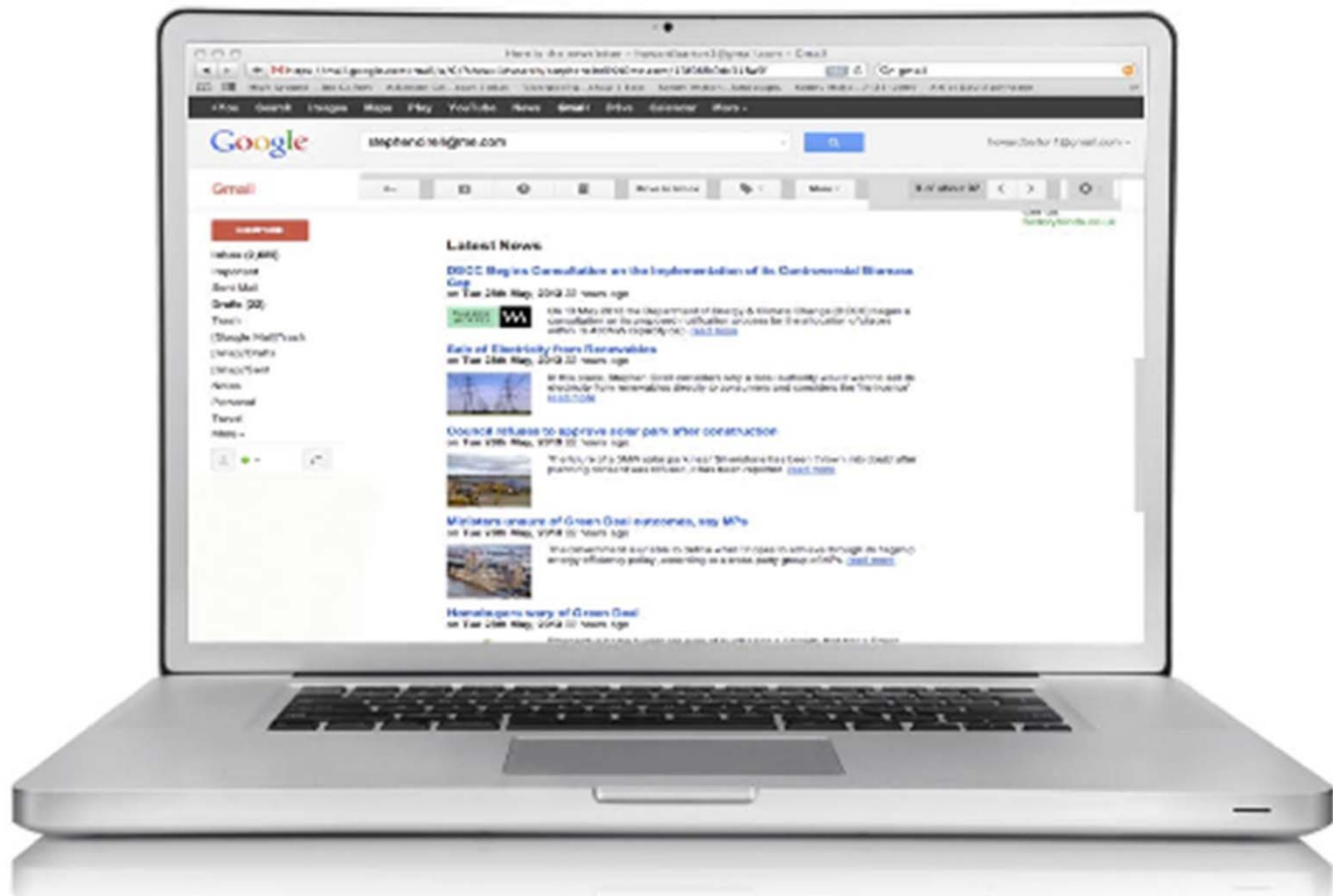
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