

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT and GUERNSEY WATER

MEDIA RELEASE

The Public Services Department announces that it has awarded the contract to build Guernsey Water's new depot at the St Andrews Reservoir site to Charles Le Quesne Guernsey Ltd.

Five contractors submitted bids to carry out the works which include workshops and storage together with associated offices. There will also be a new roadway constructed through the site that will service both Guernsey Water's needs and that of future developments that may take place on the site.

The timing of these works looks set to deliver some exceptional good value for money with quality and price being prime considerations in the appointment. Rigorous efforts have been made to ensure that there will be as much local input to this project as possible thereby helping the local construction industry.

Andrew Redhead, Guernsey Water's director of water services, said that it was pleasing to see this new development now taking place after such a long time in the planning and preparation stages.

This £5.5m investment is being funded by Guernsey Water from the income generated over the past 10 years by the sale of non-operational assets and other commercially-generated income. It will enable Guernsey Water to further improve its efficiency by having all of its staff located in one place with the Town Office in South Esplanade also being sold off in due course.

Work on site will commence before Easter and will continue for about 18 months.

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