

## DATA PROTECTION

Aurom understand that when Corporate and SME businesses consider how to dispose of surplus IT equipment, the route should be chosen with great care. Today, its disposal as general waste is not an option as dumping, otherwise known as “Fly Tipping”, is illegal and should not even be considered.

Furthermore data security is extremely important which is why a traceable disposal path in accordance with EU Legislation is always given by Aurom.

For all bodies disposing of IT equipment there are a number of key issues. Certainly from both financial and environmental aspects, reuse is a more beneficial option than recycling, and recycling must, in turn be considered better than waste disposal.

Some of the areas covered by Aurom include:

### Data Wiping

The 1998 Data Protection Act which came into force 1<sup>st</sup> March 2000, states in Chapter 29 Part II that Rights of Data Subjects and others, makes the Data Controller liable to make compensation to any individual who suffers damage or distress by reason of any contravention of any of the requirements of this Act. Hence, for any data containing equipment, the data controller must ensure that recorded information is effectively wiped from equipment by the disposer or his agent before being disposed of.

Aurom is fully compliant with this and any equipment such as disk drives etc will be data wiped in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1<sup>st</sup> March 2000.

### Software Wiping

Generally software should also be wiped from any data storage device before disposal. The End User Licence Agreement may only be transferable as part of a sale or transfer of the computer, together with all component parts, the media and printed material, any upgrade, the EULA and, if applicable, the Certificate(s) of Authenticity and the recipient agrees to the terms of the EULA.