

ZERO WASTE MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 6 October 2015 - Minute of Meeting of the ZERO WASTE MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Jean Morrison MBE, Convener; and Councillors Cooney, Corall, Delaney, Jackie Dunbar, Finlayson and Thomson (as substitute for Councillor Donnelly).

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APOLOGIES

1. Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillor Donnelly.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 23 JUNE 2015

2. The Sub Committee had before it the minute of the previous meeting of 23 June 2015.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to approve the minute as an accurate record.

NATIONAL WASTE POLICY UPDATE

3. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which provided an update on policy issues relevant to the waste sector in Scotland and how these may impact on Aberdeen City.

The report recommended:-

that the Sub Committee notes the contents of the report and provides feedback to officers which can help inform future consultation responses.

The Waste and Recycling Manager advised that the Scottish Government Zero Waste Taskforce has developed a draft Recycling Charter aimed at achieving a more consistent recycling collection service across Local Authorities in Scotland. The Charter and Code of Practice are expected to be finalised by November 2015 and then local authorities will be invited to sign up. The exact details of the code of practice are yet unknown and officers will be looking to analyse the final draft and report back to the Sub Committee to see if there is opportunity to sign the Charter. Once the details of the

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code of practice are known then Aberdeen City's strategy may need to be analysed to align with other local authorities but it wouldn't be expected to be immediate.

The Waste and Recycling Manager also advised on the Circular Economy Consultation issued by the Scottish Government. The document asks for responses to a number of proposed actions aimed at improving the economy and maximizing value from resources. Officers will contribute a response to this.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

- (i) to note the content of the report; and
- (ii) request that the clerk look into options to reduce the size of the agenda due to the size of EHRIA forms attached to some reports.

COMMUNAL MIXED RECYCLING PROJECT UPDATE

4. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which updated the members on progress with the planning and implementation of the communal mixed recycling project to residents across Aberdeen City.

The report recommended:-

that the Sub Committee considers the contents of the report and provides feedback to officers on the implementation plan and timescales.

The Waste Collection Services Manager advised that Aberdeen City Council have put in a bid from the Tenement Infrastructure Fund (TIF) to help roll out communal general waste and recycling facilities to 550 properties in Torry, Kincorth, Old Aberdeen and Mastrick. The timescales are not reliant on the funding and even if the bid is unsuccessful the project will still be going ahead.

The Sub Committee were advised that surveys of each individual site for the new communal mixed recycling container are due to be completed by December 2015. Consultation with the roads department and housing service is also being undertaken before the project is rolled out in 5 phases in January 2016, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

The main channel of communication with residents regarding the project will be in the form of a letter and leaflet. It was clarified to members that leaflets are available in other languages on request and that the leaflets were heavily pictorialized for ease of understanding.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to note the contents of the report.

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ZERO WASTE PROJECT ALTENS EAST UPDATE

5. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which updated the Sub Committee on the progress of the Altens East element of the Zero Waste Project.

The report recommended:-

that the Sub Committee notes the contents of the report.

The Waste and Recycling manager advised that they were running a week behind on the agreement for the Waste Management Services contract. The planning application for the site has been submitted and is due for consideration at the December Planning Committee. There has been a slight delay to the planning process due to a change in the design which was found to be more cost effective.

The Sub Committee:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to request that the Waste and Recycling Manager circulate drawings for the Altens East site to the members.

ZERO WASTE PROJECT JOINT WORKING UPDATE

6. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which updated members on the progress of the Energy from Waste Joint Working element of the Zero Waste Project.

The report recommended:-

that the Sub Committee-

- (a) note the contents of the report; and
- (b) approve the proposed expenditure for the procurement of external financial advisors, external technical advisors and a Project Director.

The Waste and Recycling manager advised that Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray Councils have agreed in principle to pursue a joint solution for the treatment of residual waste produced by the three authorities. Officers from the three local authorities have been working to develop an Inter- Authority Agreement (IAA) that if adopted will commit them to undertaking a joint procurement of an energy from waste facility to be built in Aberdeen. The scope of the IAA is currently being established and is expected to be reported to the December Council meeting.

He also advised that they are looking to form a Stakeholders group to engage with communities regarding the project.

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If the project goes ahead the three local authorities will be working together and sharing the cost of capital but it will be proportionate against the amount of waste from each authority.

External Legal Advisors have been appointed to act for the three authorities under the Legal Framework to assist in preparing an initial IAA and to prepare any further agreements and develop the procurement strategy required to allow the authorities to commence the process for a suitable contractor to build and potentially operate a EfW Plant.

The Sub Committee resolved:-
to approve the recommendations.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7. The Sub Committee noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 1 December 2015.

- **COUNCILLOR JEAN MORRISON, MBE, Convener.**

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