

ZERO WASTE MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 11 October, 2011. - minute of meeting of the ZERO WASTE MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE. Present: Councillor Malone, Convener; and Councillors Corall, Dunbar, Greig, Hunter, McCaig and Young.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Convener welcomed those present to the inaugural meeting of the Sub Committee. Thereafter, the Head of Environment Services, Mr Reilly, provided an overview of the remit and focus of the Sub Committee.

PROJECT INITIATION DOCUMENT (ZWM/11/001)

2. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which presented the project initiation document for the Zero Waste Management project.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

- (i) to note the Zero Waste Management project initiation document as appended to the report;
- (ii) to approve the development of a detailed project plan, communication plan and risk register based on the approved Project Initiation Document;
- (iii) to request the Project Board to explore all options for collection services and treatment infrastructure at this stage; and
- (iii) to request that minutes of the meetings of the Project Board be submitted to the Sub Committee and that the Sub Committee also receive regular updates on the project's progress.

POLICY DRIVERS AFFECTING THE ZERO WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT (ZWM/11/005)

3. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which provided a summary of the key legislative and policy documents currently driving changes in waste management, namely:

- Directive 2008/98/EC - Revised Waste Framework Directive (WFD)
- Directive 1999/31/EC – Landfill Directive
- Scotland's Zero Waste Plan (ZWP)
- Draft Regulations to Deliver Zero Waste (ZWR)
- Aberdeen City Waste Strategy 2010-2025 (ACWS).

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to note the content of the report.

OPTIONS APPRAISAL PROCESS (ZWM/11/002)

4. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which proposed an options appraisal process to be adopted as part of the Zero Waste Management project; and presented a base case against which the options appraisal would be conducted.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve that the base case for the options appraisal process was as follows:-
 - Municipal waste growth would be eliminated by 2015;
 - Source Segregated Municipal Waste Recycling and Organic Waste Treatment Targets were:- (a) 45% by 2013; (b) 50% by 2020; and (c) 56% by 2025;
 - Introduce organic waste collection for all households and develop treatment facilities within the Aberdeen area by 2013;
 - Municipal Residual Waste Treatment capacity (including Energy from Waste) should not exceed 50% by 2020 and 40% by 2025
 - No more than 5% of municipal waste should be land filled by 2025
 - That general refuse treatment systems would meet the requirements of the Zero Waste Regulations;
- (ii) to approve that all of the above targets be measured by the Scottish Government's carbon matrix and to note that this was an achievable target for the Council; and
- (ii) to note that officers would undertake the options appraisal in the form reported and therefore, that a report, with a preferred option, was to be prepared for the Sub Committee in early 2012.

ORGANIC WASTE BUSINESS CASE FOR ZERO WASTE SCOTLAND (ZWM/11/003)

5. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which provided an overview of the development of the organic waste business case for Zero Waste Scotland, and its main outcomes.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

- (i) to congratulate Ms Laura Blair, Waste Strategy Officer, on being named the Young Recycler of the Year at the Scottish Waste and Resources Conference;
- (ii) to commend the work undertaken by Mr Lawrence, and his team, in relation to the Council's waste strategy; and
- (iii) to otherwise note the content of the report.

STUDY VISIT (ZWM/11/004)

6. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which suggested that members participate in a UK based study visit of different waste collection and treatment services.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

- (i) to instruct officers to arrange a UK study visit, and that one member from each political group on the Sub Committee attend the visit ; and
- (ii) to request officers to provide the Sub Committee, via the Councillor's shared drive, with information on waste collection and treatment services being implemented in the UK and across Europe.

- COUNCILLOR AILEEN MALONE, Convener.