

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Zero Waste Management Sub-Committee
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TITLE OF REPORT	Update on Waste Infrastructure Site Selection
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present work to date on identifying sites for Waste and Recycling Infrastructure.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Zero Waste Management Sub-Committee notes the report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications of the Zero Waste Project have been previously reported through report ZWM/12/005 Outline Business Case for Waste Treatment Facilities presented at the Sub Committee Meeting on 3 October 2012. The report identified that substantial investment is required to deliver these facilities and allocations have been made through the 2013/14 budget process, agreed at Council meeting of 14th February 2013.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None from this report.

5. BACKGROUND AND MAIN ISSUES

5.1 Site selection for Major Waste and Recycling Facilities

At the Zero Waste Management Sub-committee meeting on 30 April 2013, three areas were selected to take forward to the second stage of site selection:

Dyce
Bridge of Don
Duffshill, Portlethen

Since adoption of the shortlist, officers from the Waste and Recycling and Asset Management Services have been tasked with conducting negotiations with each developer to agree terms for the purchase of the site. These discussions have not resulted in a positive outcome for all the services identified in previous reports and a revised approach is being considered.

In particular, identifying a site for the Energy from Waste (EfW) element of the infrastructure requirement has provided the major challenge and consideration is now being given to decoupling the siting of the EfW facility from the other main facilities whilst retaining a 'cluster' approach to locating facilities. This would result in seeking a site for the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF), Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) and Collection Depot is identified whilst work is undertaken to secure a site nearby for EfW.

The advantage of this approach is that early deliver of the recycling and landfill diversion elements of the Zero Waste Project can be achieved. More details of this approach will be brought forward in a paper to the December Zero Waste Management Sub-committee.

5.2 Local Development Plan

The main issues report of the Local Development Plan (LDP) will include waste and recycling as a topic. The current LDP contains policies and Supplementary Planning Guidance on Waste and Recycling but there are not specific sites identified for major waste treatment infrastructure. Consideration will be given to seeking to nominated a site or sites in the Proposed Local Development Plan for major waste facilities including Energy from Waste.

5.3 Next Steps

Further negotiation and options assessment work is required to identify a preferred site for the MRF, RDF and Depot facility. This will be presented to committee in December, with the intention of seeking approval to proceed with securing a site.

6. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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