

ZERO WASTE MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 4 December, 2013 - Minute of Meeting of the ZERO WASTE MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE. Present: Councillor Jean Morrison MBE, Convener; and Councillors Cooney, Corall, Delaney, Donnelly, Jackie Dunbar and Finlayson.

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APOLOGIES

1. None were intimated.

DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

2. Prior to considering the matters before the Sub Committee, the Sub Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting for article 7.1 of the agenda so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the class described in paragraph 9 of Schedule 7(A) to the Act.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3. The Sub Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 9 October 2013.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to approve the minute as a correct record.

ENERGY FROM WASTE BUSINESS CASE

4. With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of the Sub Committee of 9 October, 2013, the Sub Committee had before it a report by the Waste and Recycling Manager and the Senior Finance Officer which provided an update in relation to the business case for Energy from Waste (EfW).

The Waste and Recycling Manager talked the Sub Committee through the report.

The report recommended:-

that the Sub Committee

- (a) agrees that the development of an Energy from Waste facility in the city remains the long-term objective for the management of residual waste and

- that a site or sites should be nominated for inclusion in the next Local Development Plan for an Energy from Waste Facility.
- (b) instructs officers to pursue the nomination of a site or sites owned or controlled by the Council in the next Local Development Plan for the management of residual waste.
 - (c) instructs officers to seek partners for the future development of an Energy from Waste facility in order to obtain better value for money for the Council.
 - (d) instructs officers to engage with colleagues in Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure to develop markets and delivery models for heat and power produced from an Energy from Waste facility and reports back to the Sub Committee and the Enterprise, Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee after the summer recess in 2014.
 - (e) instructs officers to report back in March 2015 with a review of the Business Case.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to approve the recommendations contained in the report.

IMPACT OF MIXED RECYCLING COLLECTIONS ON GENERAL WASTE CAPACITY

5. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Waste Strategy Manager and the Waste and Recycling Manager which provided information on the potential issues and opportunities associated with provision of a mixed recycling collection city wide.

The Waste and Recycling Manager talked the Sub Committee through the report.

The report recommended:-

that the Sub Committee notes the report and instructs officers to submit an options appraisal with recommendations on general waste frequency and capacity to the Sub Committee on 25 February 2014.

The Convener requested that the Sub Committee consider the following amendments to the recommendations:-

- (a) to note the content of the report; and
- (b) to instruct officers to submit a report on the plan to implement the integration of comingled recycling, fortnightly uplifts of general waste and container capacity to the Sub Committee on 25 February 2014.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to accept the amended recommendations.

SITES FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND UPDATE ON WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT VARIATION

6. With reference to Articles 5 and 6 of the minute of meeting of the Sub Committee of 9 October, 2013, the Sub Committee had before it a report by the Waste and Recycling Manager which presented the outcome from a site selection exercise undertaken to identify a site or sites for waste management infrastructure

and made recommendations on how to proceed. In addition, an update on the variation of the Waste Management Services Contract was included.

The Waste and Recycling Manager talked the Sub Committee through the report.

The report recommended:-

that the Sub Committee -

- (a) instructs officers to pursue the nomination of a site or sites owned or controlled by the Council in the next Local Development Plan for the management of residual waste, including the use of Energy from Waste technologies.
- (b) approves the selection of land at an undisclosed location or locations for the development of a Materials Recycling Facility, the Waste Collection Depot and a Refuse Derived Fuel Production Facility.
- (c) agrees to the purchase of an area of ground or grounds at an undisclosed location or locations to allow access to the adjoining site owned by the Council and agree to refer this matter to the Finance Policy and Resources Committee for approval.
- (d) instructs officers to make a response to the Planning Authority's Local Development Plan Main Issues Report.
- (e) notes the progress with the variation of the Waste Management Services Contract.

Councillor Finlayson requested that officers consider adequate screening for the farm next door when looking at the design of the site.

The Convener requested that the Sub Committee agree a further recommendation as follows:

- (f) to instruct Officers to ensure that the design of the facility contains adequate mitigation and screening.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve recommendations (a) to (e) in the report and the additional recommendation at (f) above; and
- (ii) to thank officers for all their hard work throughout 2013.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7. The Sub Committee noted that the next meeting was due to be held on Tuesday 25 February 2014 at 2pm.

- COUNCILLOR JEAN MORRISON MBE, Convener.