

## **REMIT**

### **ZERO WASTE SUB COMMITTEE**

**22 NOVEMBER 2016**

#### **CHARTER FOR HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING IN SCOTLAND (ZWSC/16/7678)**

The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which provided a review of the Scottish Government's Charter for Household Recycling in Scotland (Recycling Charter) and associated code of practice and their implications for Aberdeen City Council.

#### **The report recommended:**

that the Sub Committee -

- (a) notes the aims and content of the Recycling Charter align with the Aberdeen City Waste Strategy;
- (b) notes that in signing the Recycling Charter, the Council commits to 'design our household collection services to take account of the Code of Practice for the variety of housing types and geography in our community. In doing so, over time, we will establish common collection systems';
- (c) notes that formally signing up to the Charter will not commit the Council to any expenditure, only to exploring the options developed from a transition plan to be developed with Zero Waste Scotland;
- (d) notes that the current and developing collection system does not match that of the Code of Practice and that the timeframe required to adopt fully the collections methodology is likely to be long without significant external funding to offset investment already made; and
- (e) recommends to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee on 1 December 2016 that the Aberdeen City Council signs the Recycling Charter.

Mr Lawrence, Waste and Recycling Manager spoke to the report and advised the Sub Committee that the Charter aimed to align waste and recycling collection services across Scotland's local authorities. He advised that the Charter and Code of Practice did not fully align to Aberdeen City's current and developing collection and recycling systems, however, the Charter did not aim to force changes which made no financial or service sense for an individual local authority.

Mr Lawrence further advised that additional funding to make changes to services was unlikely, however, by signing up to the Charter the Council would be able to apply for any available funding from Zero Waste Scotland in the future and the Council would be in a better position to engage with and influence the Scottish Government and Zero Waste Scotland by demonstrating current practice.

#### **The Sub Committee resolved:**

to approve the recommendations contained in the report.