

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 13 June 2007 at 11.00am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, M, Barnacle, L Caddell, A Cowan, C Gillies, J Law, M Lyle, E Maclachlan (substituting for Councillor Lyall), D Melloy, H McDonald, D Scott, L Simpson and A Younger.

In Attendance: D Stewart, K McNamara, J Renton, B Reekie and E Scott (all the Environment Service); A Wilson and J Dickson (Chief Executive's Service); J Irons (Executive Director (Environment)) (until Art. 336); Councillor K Lyall (from Art. 337).

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

332. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

333. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee of 7 March 2007 (Arts. 155-164) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

334. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Convener reported on the need to appoint five members to the Executive Sub-Committee.

Resolved:

Councillors A Grant, L Caddell, M Barnacle, C Gillies and H McDonald be appointed to the Executive Sub-Committee.

335. EAST CENTRAL SCOTLAND WASTE OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/404), (1) on the outcome of the Council's Strategic Outline Case bid to the Scottish Executive for Phase Two Strategic Waste Funding; and (2) making recommendations on future arrangements to progress with the next phase of the bidding process.

Resolved:

- (i) The current position in relation to the Strategic Waste Funding bidding process be noted.
- (ii) The Strategic Waste Management Member/Officer Group, comprising Councillor A Grant, L Caddell, M Barnacle, C Gillies and H McDonald along with appropriate officers, be re-established to act as the Project Board for the delivery of the long term waste facilities for the Council.
- (iii) The Convener write to the Minister for Environment highlighting the Council's concerns in relation to Strategic Waste Funding and Landfill Allowance Penalties.

J IRONS LEFT THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

336. IMPLICATIONS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY CHANGES TO THE REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/405), (1) recommending measures to minimise health and safety risk issues in relation to how waste is presented for collection and the assisted lifts service that had arisen from recent directions from the Health and Safety Executive; and (2) setting out a Waste and Recycling bin policy for Perth and Kinross in response to these issues.

Resolved:

- (i) The Waste and Recycling Bin policy, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 07/405, be approved.

- (ii) A risk based approach be taken to assisted lifts by continuing the service for collection of both general waste and recyclable/compostable materials, whilst working with the Housing and Community Care Service to minimise the risks to Council employees in providing this service.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973

COUNCILLOR K LYALL ENTERED THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

***337. A STRATEGY FOR MANAGING THE LANDFILL ALLOWANCE SCHEME**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/406), (1) providing an update on the Landfill Allowance Scheme and its implications for Perth and Kinross Council until 2010 and beyond; and (2) recommending an approach for (a) managing the Council's landfill allowances and (b) taking advantage of opportunities available within the Scheme.

Resolved:

- (i) The potential implications of the Landfill Allowance Scheme on Perth and Kinross Council be noted.
- (ii) The approach for managing the Council's Landfill Allowance Scheme allocation of permits, until 2010, as set out in Report 07/406 be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Environment) be authorised to borrow and trade permits within a framework agreed with Legal Services and Financial Services, as outlined in Section 4 of Report 07/406.
- (iv) Reports outlining proposals to manage commercial waste streams to assist in meeting the Council's Landfill Allowance Scheme obligations be submitted to future meetings of the Environment Committee.