

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 18 January 2006 at 3.00pm.

Present: Councillors Barnacle, Barr, Baird, Barrett, Caddell, Coburn, Cowan, Gillies, A Grant, Lyall, McDonald, Mulheron, and Young.

In Attendance: J Irons, Executive Director (Planning and Transportation); W Ronald, Head of Service (Outdoor and Support Services); D Stewart, Head of Service (Environmental and Regulatory Services); K McNamara, B Reekie and J Renton (all Environment Services); S Aldred, A Wilson and Y Oliver (all Corporate Services); B Mayne, Mouchel Parkman.

Councillor Barnacle, Presiding.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener drew members' attention to the displayed vented kitchen caddy and liner for the collection of cooked and uncooked food waste in properties for deposit in the brown lidded bins.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

26. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee of 30 November 2005 (Arts. 876-882) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

27. STRATEGIC WASTE FUNDING AND LANDFILL ALLOWANCE SCHEME – RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBER OFFICER WORKING GROUP

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/22) highlighting impending pressures on the Council arising from delays in Scottish Executive Strategic Waste Funding, and the consequent impact on the Council of landfill allowance penalties.

Resolved:

- (i) The significant financial implications of all of the possible options for dealing with increasing waste arisings be noted.
- (ii) The Council continues to follow the Scottish Executive's process of applying for strategic waste funding, whilst making necessary preparations, rather than proceeding to immediate procurement of waste facilities without guarantee of funding.
- (iii) To note that a meeting is being sought, through the Council's Parliamentary Forum, with the Minister to clarify the Executive's position with regard to the Strategic Waste Fund.

*28. 2006/09 CAPITAL PROGRAMME OPTION APPRAISALS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Outdoor and Support Services (06/23) detailing the option appraisals for new capital projects included as part of Environment Services proposed 2006/09 capital budget with project values in excess of £50,000.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) The following options subject to the availability of resources be recommended to the Council meeting of 9 February 2006:

- (a) Friarton Depot – Container and Skip Replacement.

To create a container and skip replacement programme to improve amenity value and comply with health and safety requirements by adopting option (ii) – Programmed replacement over a period of 9 – 10 years to improve the container/skip stock, thereby reducing maintenance costs.

(b) North Perth Recycling Centre

To implement the creation of a recycling centre in the north of Perth by adopting option (iii) – Creation of a new Recycling Centre at North Perth, so splitting the tonnage between Friarton and the new site, and thereby reducing the load placed upon Friarton.

(c) Replacement of Litter Bins Including Cigarette Disposal Bins.

To replace obsolete and poor condition litter bins throughout Perth and Kinross over a three year period and to provide an acceptable quality and quantity of litter/cigarette bins in locations which maximise usage by adopting option (c) – Implement programme of improvements by following a planned programme of survey, identification and prioritised replacement.

(d) Heritage Cemetery Improvements

To implement a programme of improvements by adopting option (iii) which would allow a holistic approach to this historic resource.

(e) Computer Hardware Replacement Programme

To maintain the existing computer hardware replacement programme in order to optimise the benefits from advances in technology and to ensure that staff had access to modern hardware fit for purpose in a fast changing environment by adopting option (ii) – Continuation of computer hardware replacement programme with funding of £50,000 to be transferred from the Environment Services revenue budget to the capital budget, with effect from 2006-07.

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

29. REPORT ON THE TAYSIDE STRATEGIC WASTE OPTIONS REVIEW FINDINGS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (06/24) highlighting the Option Appraisal element of the Outline Business Case for submission to the Scottish Executive to seek Phase II Strategic Waste Funding for major waste infrastructure in the Tayside area.

Resolved:

- (i) The main content and outcomes of the Tayside Strategic Options Review and, in particular, the preferred solution for Composting Operations compliant with the Animal By-Products (Scotland) Regulations 2003, Materials Recovery Facility (MRF); and Energy from Waste facilities (EfW) be approved.
- (ii) An Executive Sub-Committee to approve the final content of the Outline Business Case for Tayside before submission to the Scottish Executive be convened.