

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 4 June 2008 at 10.00am.

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

In Attendance: J Valentine, K McNamara, A Olejnik, B Reekie, D Stewart, E Scott and J Cockburn (all the Environment Service); A Wilson and V Jones (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apology for Absence: Councillor L Caddell.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

334. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

335. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee of 26 March 2008 (Arts. 183-191) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

336. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE ANNUAL SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2007/08

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/305) reviewing Service performance against the Environment Service Business Management and Improvement Plan for the period of 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008.

Resolved:

- (i) The elements of the Environment Service Annual Performance Report 2007/08, relating to the Environment Committee, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 08/305, be accepted.
- (ii) The Report be submitted to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 11 June 2008 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

337. INTRODUCTION OF RECYCLING INCENTIVES

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/320) proposing four potential schemes for incentivising the use of local recycling centres, points and kerbside facilities by members of the public.

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Resolved:

The trial of four incentive schemes for the public, to encourage increased recycling at recycling centres and points, and at the kerbside for an initial period of one to two years (dependent on the incentive), be approved.

338. REVIEW OF PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL SKIP HIRE SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/321), (1) presenting an option appraisal of the Council's skip hire services; and (2) recommending conversion of the existing skip hire service from one accepting general waste to only collecting recyclable or compostable materials.

Resolved:

- (i) The conversion of the existing skip hire service from one accepting general waste to only collecting recyclable waste or compostable materials, be approved.
- * (ii) To recommend that the Council delegate authority to the Executive Director (Environment) to set the charges for the range of recycling and composting skip hire services to be offered.

339. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/322) detailing the tenders accepted and works awarded for schemes within the remit of the Environment Committee by the Executive Director (Environment) under delegated powers during the period 1 October 2007 to 31 March 2008.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 08/322 and the contracts awarded, as detailed in Appendices 1 to 4 to Report 08/322, be noted.

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 WAS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1973

340. RECYCLING CENTRE PROVISION FOR PITLOCHRY

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/318) outlining a proposed approach for developing improved recycling centre facilities for the Pitlochry area.

Resolved:

The implementation of the proposed improvements to recycling centre facilities in Pitlochry, as detailed in Report 08/318, be approved.

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