

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 26 May 2010 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, L Caddell, I Campbell, A Cowan (substituting for K Baird), B Ellis, C Gillies, T Gray (substituting for K Lyall), H McDonald, M Roberts (substituting for M Lyle), D Scott, L Simpson and A Younger.

In Attendance: J Irons, Executive Director (Environment); J Valentine, Depute Director (Environment); K McNamara, B Reekie, A Olejnik, E Scott and A Clegg (all the Environment Service); P Frazer and A Wilson (Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors K Baird, K Lyall and M Lyle.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

John Summers, Chief Executive, Keep Scotland Beautiful, presented an award to Perth and Kinross Council for being the top performing Council in Scotland in the National Spring Clean 2010. The award was accepted on behalf of the Council by the Convener.

### **300. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **301. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee of 31 March 2010 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

### **302. GREEN FLAG PARKS AND GREENSPACE SITES**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/265), (1) detailing the Council's current commitment to the Green Flag award scheme; and (2) recommending that selected sites were entered for the award scheme during the period 2011 to 2014.

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) The Council's current commitment towards the Green Flag Award Scheme, be noted.
- (ii) The continued entry of selected principal greenspace sites for the award scheme during the period 2011 to 2014, and as detailed in Paragraphs 9 and 10 of Report 10/265, be approved.

### **303. THE WASTE COLLECTION COMMITMENT**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/266), (1) outlining the Waste Collection Commitment produced by the UK Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP), setting out in plain English the principles which should underlie domestic waste and recycling collection services; and (2) recommending that Perth and Kinross Council signed up to this voluntary service commitment.

**Resolved:**

That the Council signed up to the WRAP Waste Collection Commitment be agreed.

### **304. RECYCLING INCENTIVE SCHEMES REVIEW**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/267), (1) highlighting the results of the evaluation of the recycling incentives scheme; and (2) making recommendations for future recycling incentives in Perth and Kinross.

**Resolved:**

- (i) Revised proposals outlined in report 10/267, including the provision of bus travel to the Waste Education Boardwalk for local schools, be approved.
- (ii) The Depute Director (Environment) be instructed to submit a report on the use of recycling incentive vouchers by community groups to Committee, in due course.

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

### **305. REVIEW OF COMMERCIAL WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/268), (1) outlining the success of commercial waste and recycling services to date; and (2) proposing a range of actions to allow the Council to continue to provide sustainable waste and recycling services to local businesses.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The introduction of a dry mixed recycling service for businesses, be agreed.
- (ii) The trial of a food waste collection service for businesses, be agreed.
- (iii) That the Depute Director (Environment) be instructed to submit a further report to Committee on the outcome of the food waste collection trial.

### **306. RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT PROCUREMENT UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/269), (1) providing an update on the Council's residual waste treatment procurement; and (2) proposing that Perth and Kinross Council was named on the long-term residual waste treatment procurement Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) Notice along with the Zero Waste Partnership of City of Edinburgh and Midlothian Councils

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in order to give the Council an option, but not an obligation, to use that outlet for the treatment of its residual waste.

**Resolved:**

That Perth and Kinross Council engaged with City of Edinburgh and Midlothian Council Waste Partnership to be named in their Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) Notice for the procurement of long term residual waste treatment facilities (beyond 2015).

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