

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 28 November 2007 at 10.45am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, L Caddell, A Cowan, C Gillies, J Law, K Lyall (from Art. 730), M Lyle, H McDonald, W Robertson (substituting for M Barnacle), D Scott, L Simpson and A Younger.

In Attendance: Councillor B Vaughan (until end of Art. 731); J Valentine, Depute Director (Environment); D Stewart, K McNamara, B Reekie, C Stewart and T Brydone (all The Environment Service); S Aldred (Corporate Services); A Wilson and Y Oliver (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors M Barnacle and D Melloy.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

729. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

730. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee of 29 August 2007 (Arts. 510-515) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

731. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE – SIX MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2007

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/785) reviewing service performance against the Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2007 to 30 September 2007.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 07/785 be noted.
- (ii) The elements of the Environment Service Performance Report for the period April to September 2007 relating to the Committee, as detailed in the Appendix to Report 07/785, be accepted.
- (iii) Reports detailing performance during 2007-2008 and each subsequent year of the Business Management Improvement Plan 2007-2010, be submitted to future meetings of this Committee.
- (iv) Report 07/785 be submitted to the Standards and Scrutiny Committee for scrutinising and noting.

732. COLOURED SEGREGATED GLASS RECYCLING FROM COMMERCIAL WASTE CUSTOMERS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/796), (1) highlighting the dual impact of changes in glass recycling markets and Strategic Waste Funding upon the Council's commercial glass recycling service; (2) detailing the outcome of a colour segregated recycling trial; and (3) recommending as to the future funding and delivery of this service.

Resolved:

- (i) The commercial glass recycling service continue to be operated from the general revenue account, without Strategic Waste Fund grant support.
- (ii) The provision of a glass colour segregation recycling service be extended to all current glass recycling customers.
- (iii) A new charging structure for colour segregated glass and mixed glass as detailed in Option D in the section of Report 07/796 entitled 'Proposed Charging Arrangements' be implemented.

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

733. COLLECTION OF SUB CONTRACT WASTE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/797), (1) highlighting the impact on the Council of providing commercial waste collections contracted by private waste management companies (sub-contracts); and (2) recommending the discontinuation of this Service in its current format.

Resolved:

The proposal to withdraw from accepting sub-contracts from private waste companies, from 1 April 2008, as detailed in Option 3 of Report 07/797, be approved.