

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 March 2008 at 11.00am.

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

In Attendance: J Irons, Executive Director (Environment); J Valentine, J Walker, A Olejnik, K McNamara, B Reekie and S Aldred (all the Environment Service); G Fogg (Corporate Services); A Wilson and J Dickson (both Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

183. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor L Simpson declared a financial interest in Art. 188, Review of Trade Waste Disposal Service, Friarton.

184. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee of 30 January 2008 (Arts. 27-35) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

185. REVIEW OF RECYCLING CENTRE OPENING HOURS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/168) proposing an increase in the opening hours for the redeveloped Perth and Kinross Council Recycling Centres.

Resolved:

The revised opening times for the Recycling Centres, as detailed in Report 08/168, be approved.

186. NEW WASTE INITIATIVES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/183) proposing the introduction of new initiatives and activities to reduce, re-use and recycle the Council's waste, in order to improve the Council's landfill diversion performance.

Resolved:

The programme of initiatives and activities, as detailed in Report 08/183, to improve the Council's recycling/composting rate, and reduce its liability for financial penalties under the Landfill Allowance Scheme, be approved.

187. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/169) 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 April 2007 to 30 September 2007.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 07/169 and the contracts awarded, as detailed in Appendices 1 to 4 to Report 08/169, be noted.

HAVING DECLARED A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 6 COUNCILLOR L SIMPSON WITHDREW FROM THE CHAMBERS.

188. REVIEW OF TRADE WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICE, FRIARTON

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/170), (1) presenting an option appraisal of the Perth and Kinross Council trade waste disposal services at

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Friarton, Perth; and (2) recommending discontinuance of this service for general waste whilst retaining the service for recyclable/compostable materials.

Resolved:

- (i) The trade waste disposal service at the Friarton Depot be discontinued.
- (ii) The service, for recyclable and compostable materials at the Friarton Depot, be retained.

COUNCILLOR SIMPSON REJOINED THE MEETING AT THIS STAGE.

189. CONSULTATION ON 'THE FUTURE OF FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT IN SCOTLAND'

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/171) setting out a proposed response to the Scottish Government's Consultation on 'The Future of Flood Risk Management in Scotland'.

Resolved:

Appendix 1 to Report 08/171 be approved and submitted to the Scottish Government as the Council's formal response to the Scottish Government's consultation on 'The Future of Flood Risk Management in Scotland'.

190. WASTE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL – PROCUREMENT OPTIONS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/172), (1) reviewing the complex factors surrounding the procurement of the Council's future requirements for waste treatment and disposal in preparation for the expiry of the existing waste disposal contract in March 2009; and (2) recommending use of various procurement approaches and timescales to secure each of the services required.

Resolved:

- (i) Procuring future waste processing, treatment and disposal services, as outlined and summarised in Section 14 of Report 08/172, be approved.
- (ii) An approach be made to other Scottish Local Authorities to assess their interest, in principle, to jointly procuring residual waste treatment services.

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

191. CLAIMED PEDESTRIAN PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY, STRATHVIEW TERRACE TO CUILC BRAE, PITLOCHRY

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (08/184) reviewing a previous decision to pursue a claimed public right of way from Strathview Terrace to Cuilc Brae, Pitlochry which recommended abandonment of the action of declarator raised in Perth Sheriff Court as a result of the additional evidence obtained.

Resolved:

The action of declarator to assert a claimed public right of way between Strathview Terrace and Cuilc Brae, Pitlochry be abandoned in view of the advice from the Head of Legal Services that there is no longer any reasonable prospect of the action succeeding.

NOTE: Councillor Melloy moved that the action to assert the claimed public right of way continue to be pursued. On failing to find a seconder, his motion fell.