

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 7 March 2007 at 11.00am.

Present: Councillors Baird, Barnacle, Barrett, Bushby, Caddell, Coburn, Cowan, Ellis (substituting for Barr), Gillies, Grant, Lyall, McDonald and Mulheron.

In Attendance: J Valentine, J Renton, K McNamara, B Reekie, A McGee, and M Nicoll (all The Environment Service); T Cornet, (Corporate Services); A Wilson and Y Oliver (Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor Barnacle, Convener, Presiding.

155. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

156. MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF 17 JANUARY 2007

The Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee of 17 January 2007 (Arts. 35-40) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

157. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/185) detailing the tenders accepted and works awarded for Environment related schemes by the Executive Director (Environment) under delegated powers during the period 1 October 2006 to 31 December 2006.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 07/185 and the contract awards as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2, in respect of Environment related schemes, be noted.

158. HOME COMPOSTING PARTNERSHIP

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (07/186) (1) informing members of changes in the delivery of the Home Composting Scheme, operated in partnership with the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP); and (2) seeking approval to continue the partnership, in view of these changes.

Resolved:

The continuation of the partnership with WRAP, through the nationally run home composting scheme, with a delivery charge to householders being applied to the supply of home composters, be agreed.

159. GARDEN AND FOOD WASTE KERB COLLECTION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/187) detailing (1) the Council's approach to the collection of food waste from households; (2) the current status of its bid for Strategic Waste Funding; (3) funding to participate in national food waste trials; and (4) assessing the options and risks associated with introducing a food waste collection service across the majority of households in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The acceptance of Scottish Executive funding to operate a mixed food and garden waste trial, and separate food waste trial for one year in the geographical areas outlined in Section 3 of Report 07/187, should the Council's bid for Strategic Waste Funding be successful, be approved.
- (ii) It be emphasised to the public that Strategic Waste Funding must be secured to allow the separate food waste trial to go ahead.
- (iii) The implementation of the New Kerbside Recycling Service to 55,000 households, but with the collection of food waste being excluded (Option 1 in Section 4), pending the results of national food waste trials, and a subsequent bid for Strategic Waste Funding, be approved.

- (iv) The Convener write to the Scottish Executive, urging rapid progress in the taking of decisions affecting Perth and Kinross Council's bids for Strategic Waste Funding.

160. WASTE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS 2006 – IMPLICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (07/188) (1) outlining the impact of new regulations covering the collection and disposal of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE); and (2) considering whether the Council should join a national scheme, and adapt its network of Community Recycling Centres and depots, to provide WEEE facilities for separate collection of electrical and electronic equipment.

Resolved:

- (i) Joining the national compliance scheme, and establishing its Recycling Centres as Designated Collection Facilities for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), subject to acceptance by CoSLA of the national arrangements for this scheme, be agreed in principle.
- (ii) Option 3, as outlined in section 6 of Report 07/188, as the favoured option for establishing arrangements to collect and transport WEEE from the Council's sites, be agreed, subject to agreement being reached with the collector that the Council's costs for collecting the WEEE and bringing it to a central point be met by the designated recyclers, failing which, to revert to Option 2.
- (iii) The use of funding received from participation in the national compliance scheme, for the improvement of Recycling Centres, to meet the requirements of the scheme, be approved.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Environment) be authorised to alter the arrangements detailed above, should subsequent significant amendments be made to the scheme which would be detrimental to the implementation of the approved arrangements.

161. ALYTH MILL STREET PUBLIC TOILET DEMOLITION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/197) recommending demolition of the public toilets at Mill Street, Alyth in line with Council policy.

Resolved:

- (i) The demolition of the Public Toilets at Mill Street, Alyth and reinstatement of the ground to compliment the other improvements in the park, be agreed.
- (ii) A report in similar terms be submitted to the Alyth Common Good Fund Committee.

162. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ANALYST AND DEPUTY AGRICULTURAL ANALYST

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (07/189) seeking agreement to make additional appointments of Public Analyst in terms of the Food Safety Act 1990, and of Agricultural Analyst and Deputy Agricultural Analyst in terms of the Agriculture Act 1970.

Resolved:

The approval by the Community Safety Committee earlier today of the appointments of Norman Michie as Public Analyst and Agricultural Analyst and David Bryce as Public Analyst and Deputy Agricultural Analyst, be noted.

163. PERTH AND KINROSS REAL NAPPY NETWORK – PROJECT EVALUATION

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (07/190) (1) evaluating the activities carried out by the Perth and Kinross Real Nappy Network (PKRNN) over the last two years; and (2) setting out proposals for the continuation of the Council's support for the Network, based on the results achieved.

Resolved:

- (i) The achievements of Perth and Kinross Real Nappy Network be noted.
- (ii) Funding of £25,000 per year for Perth and Kinross Real Nappy Network, for a three year period, subject to approval by the Scottish Executive of the Council's bid for Strategic Waste Funding, be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Environment) be authorised to approve additional waste minimisation development projects to PKRNN, subject to the availability of funding.

164. VALEDICTORY

The Convener thanked the Committee Members for their support and the staff for their initiatives throughout his term of office.