

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE – 13 AUGUST 2002

APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (LITTER CONTROLS)

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Abstract

This report seeks to update authorisations of the Council for certain officers within the Department to enforce provisions in legislation dealing with litter offenders.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Angus Council with immediate effect, authorise its Waste Services Manager, Waste Management Officer and Waste Management Inspectors employed by the Council within the Environmental and Consumer Protection Department to enforce the provisions under Section 88 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and to instruct the Director of Law and Administration to issue the necessary authorisations in writing.

2. BACKGROUND

At present, Environmental Health Officers and the Council's Client/Contract Compliance Inspectors are authorised under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to enforce the provisions in that Act and the Litter (Fixed Penalty Notices) Order 1996 to deal with litter offences. Following Council agreement in Report 619/02 to review the staffing arrangements in the Waste Management Section of the Department the post of Client Services Manager, Technical Officer and Client/Contract Compliance Inspector were re-designated Waste Services Manager, Waste Management Officer and Waste Management Inspector respectively.

As provided for in the report, the Waste Management Services team will be responsible, among other duties for litter enforcement. The post of Waste Management Officer is not presently authorised under the Environmental Protection Act to deal with the provisions for the control of litter and also as a result of post designation changes, it will be necessary for the Council to review authorisations to the posts re-designated.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications in respect of these authorisations.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS

There are no human rights issues arising from this report.

5. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Director of Law and Administration have been consulted on the contents of this report.

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Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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