

ANGUS COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: FINALISED TAYSIDE AREA WASTE PLAN

**JOINT REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT and
DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

Abstract: This report advises members that the Tayside Area Waste Plan has been finalised for publication and summarises potential implications for Angus Council as Planning and Waste Management Authority.

1 RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that the Environmental and Consumer Protection Committee:-
 - (a) note that the Tayside Area Waste Plan has been finalised for publication and that the implementation of the action plan will have implications for waste management service delivery in Angus;
 - (b) agree to proceed with a joint bid (also involving Dundee City Council and Perth & Kinross Council) to the strategic waste fund for a project to increase segregated collection and waste management of green waste.
2. It is recommended that the Development Control Committee note that the Tayside Area Waste Plan has been finalised for publication and agree that the document be taken into account as a material consideration in dealing with Development Control casework and planning application areas raising waste management issues.
3. It is recommended that the Planning and Transport Policy Committee note that the Tayside Area Waste Plan has been finalised for publication and agree that the document be taken into account in the development of land use planning policy as part of the review and roll forward of the Angus Local Plan.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Previous reports to Committee set out the area waste planning process and advised of the publication of the Consultative Draft Area Waste Plan for Tayside (reports 1085/01, and 641/02 refer). The first Tayside Area Waste Plan has now been finalised and will be published in late autumn this year. The Plan sets out how Tayside will play its part in ensuring that the UK complies with the various EU Directives particularly the Landfill Directive which requires a progressive reduction in the landfilling of biodegradable municipal waste and the pre-treatment of waste before landfilling. The Area Waste Plan aims to ensure that Tayside has an adequate network of facilities to deal with the waste produced in the area.

- 2.2 This report summarises key aspects of the Finalised Area Waste Plan as they relate to Angus, in particular issues for landuse planning and waste management. A copy of the Area Waste Plan as finalised is available for reference in the Members' Lounge.

3 FINALISED AREA WASTE PLAN

- 3.1 The Finalised Area Waste Plan for Tayside focuses on how municipal solid waste (MSW) will be collected and managed to achieve the following:-

- preventing the generation of waste at source;
- increasing segregated kerbside collections of dry recyclables and compostables;
- increasing the quantities of paper, card, glass, plastic, metal etc. recycled;
- increasing the quantities of green waste, e.g. gardening, kitchen waste, composted;
- ensuring energy recovery from appropriate wastes (EFW) by combustion at the DERL Energy from waste plant;
- reducing the quantities of waste landfilled.

- 3.2 The Area Plan sets out performance targets for composting, energy from waste, recycling and landfilling. Over the period to 2020, it is expected that there will be a progressive increase in the percentage of waste to composting, recycling and energy from waste, while there will be a significant reduction in the percentage of waste landfilled.

	1999	2010	2013	2020
Compost	6%	11%	11%	13%
Energy from waste	7%	29%	29%	27%
Recycling	5%	19%	27%	35%
Landfill	82%	39%	33%	25%

- 3.3 Implementation of the Best Practical Environmental Option to secure the above targets will require significant change to the way in which the community generally perceive and deal with the waste. Both recycling and composting are viewed as particularly important strands of the BPEO strategy. Both will require significant increase in the quantities of materials collected and forwarded to re-processors for treatment. This will involve significantly increasing segregated kerbside collections and an increase in householder participation rates. It is also anticipated that mini recycling points and the continued development of existing recycling facilities will play an important role in developing the potential of recycling.
- 3.4 The Plan also recognises the importance of the DERL Energy from waste plant.
- 3.5 Waste which is not recycled, composted or treated in energy from waste plant will be disposed of to landfill.
- 3.6 The Finalised Plan also sets out a programme to ensure that Best Practical Environmental Options are developed for other waste streams (e.g. construction and demolition waste; and other non-MSW) with a fully integrated plan expected by 2007.
- 3.7 Throughout the Area Waste Planning process, consultation with stake holders, including members of the public has been integral to the process. This has been undertaken, with the support of the Scottish Waste Awareness Group (SWAG), at a

number of stages including the option stage and more recently with the Consultative Draft Plan. The response to the strategy and main policies of the Consultative Draft Waste Plan have been overwhelmingly positive. Changes to the Finalised Plan have been principally clarification of text and inclusion of further detail on recycling, education and awareness raising. In addition, the action plan has been made more SMART (i.e. measures have been expressed in Specific, Measurable, Achievable and Relevant Terms) to provide a clearer basis for both monitoring and reviewing the performance of the Plan.

4 DISCUSSION

- 4.1 The Finalised Area Waste Plan sets out the main strategy and policies in Tayside to deal with the management of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) in support of achieving the EU Landfill Directive target for the UK. While the Area Waste Group will continue to develop Best Practical Environmental Options for other waste streams, as far as MSW is concerned, attention now switches to the implementation phase of the Plan. This will involve a partnership approach between the Tayside Local Authorities and stake holders to achieve the targets set out by the agreed option.
- 4.2 There is already a range of infrastructure and investment in place which deals effectively with the elements of waste management and the Area Waste Plan seeks to achieve best value from this existing investment. However, improvements will be required to “front end” collection methods to improve the levels of householder participation, material separation and increase potential for recycling.
- 4.3 As part of this ongoing process of change, Angus Council has already developed a recycling plan, and implemented a number of specific initiatives which seek to reuse and recycle various types of waste. This includes a rolling programme of provision of neighbourhood recycling points. In addition pilot studies of “front end” collection methods are underway in Arbroath and following evaluation will influence future operational practice.
- 4.4 Changes to waste management practice will be progressive and will require to go hand in hand with raising public awareness and information.
- 4.5 As part of this progressive implementation, opportunity is currently available to make a bid to the Strategic Waste Fund for increasing segregated collection and recycling of green compostables. This would be a joint bid by the three Local Authorities in Tayside and would introduce “green waste bins” to facilitate easy collection of green wastes. Implementation of this project would increase the current level of recycling by around 3%. Additional work will be required to work up a final bid, but the principles of this project could fully support the objectives of the Area Waste Plan and the waste management direction adopted by Angus Council to date.
- 4.6 Implementation of the Area Waste Plan will also have an impact in terms of land use planning at both Structure and Local Plan level. A review and roll forward of the Angus Local Plan has commenced and will require to take cognisance of emerging Area Waste Plan policy and the land use requirements of waste management infrastructure.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 In further developing waste management policy including the implementation of the Area Waste Action Plan, additional investment in consultancy studies and/or infrastructure may be needed and these will be the subject of further reports to the appropriate Committee.
- 5.2 Opportunity is currently available to make a joint bid to the Strategic Waste Fund for a segregated collection/recycling of green waste project. The outcome of this bid, if successful, will have ongoing revenue implications for the Environmental and Consumer Protection Budget which will require to be managed.

6 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Law & Administration and Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 Finalising the Tayside Area Waste Plan is an important milestone and will assist in establishing a sustainable approach to waste management in Tayside and contribute to achieving the landfill directive targets required by UK Government by 2020. Implementation of the Action Plan will have implications for Angus Council in both waste management practice and service delivery, and for land use planning.

NOTE

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 the above Report.

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