

ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 3RD MARCH 2009

SHREDDING AND SCREENING OF GREEN AND COMPOSTABLE WASTES

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT:

This report seeks Committee approval for interim arrangements for the shredding and screening of compostable material collected by the Council and exemption in terms of Council Financial Regulations to enable the utilisation of a specialist contractor until works currently delayed in the provision of processing equipment is completed.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree:-

- (l) To approve an exemption from normal tendering requirements in accordance with paragraph 16.22.4(b)(ii) of the Council's Financial Regulations, in order to continue to utilise a specialist contractor during the period 1st April, 2009 to 30 November, 2009 for the shredding and screening of compostable materials collected by the Council for processing.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Council collects something in the order of 12,500 tonnes of green waste and compostable material each year through a combination of garden wastes accepted at the recycling centres and domestic green waste collections.
- 2.2 This material is converted to compost at the Council's landfill site at Restenneth by a rudimentary 'windrow' process with the final product currently being used in land restoration. Members will recall from previous reports that the Council has been actively developing a dedicated and specialist compost making facility for the purposes of improving the quality of compost to meet statutory standards for a range of agricultural and horticultural land uses.

3. CASE FOR EXEMPTION TO TENDER FOR SHREDDING AND SCREENING CONTRACTOR

- 3.1 While a large engineered area providing raw material reception, product storage and masturation has been completed at the Council's Restenneth site, the provision of the in bay treatment equipment essential to process the raw material has experienced a set back due to a lack of interest from potential contractors at recent tendering. It had been intended that shredding and screening would become an integral feature of the new system either operated in-house or by contractual arrangement. Retendering will take place in due course, however the delay will necessitate the Council seeking to bring in a specialist shredding and screening contractor in the interim period until the whole complex is complete and permanent arrangements are in place to shred and screen the material.
- 3.2 There is no option in the matter as it will be necessary in meeting SEPA requirements that the raw compostable material is routinely shredded and screened in compliance with PPC licence requirements. Accordingly an exemption from normal tendering requirements in accordance with paragraph 16.22.4(b)(ii) of the Council's Financial

Regulations is sought. This will allow the continued use of a specialist contractor during the period 1st April, 2009 to 30 November, 2009.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This is specialist work utilising equipment which is not readily available in the immediate Angus area. Previous work of this nature had been undertaken by a number of contractors on an ad-hoc or job specific basis. It will not be possible to identify in this report any specific contractor due to the work commitment and market demand which has an effect on the availability of such specialist contractors. This however should not compromise value for money as competitive costs will be sought from suitable contractors available to undertake the work.
- 4.2 The cost of this work can be met from within the waste strategy budget 2009/10 at a total cost for the 8 month period in the order of £60,000.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS

- 5.1 There are no human rights implications arising as a result of this report

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The issues dealt with in this Report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.

7. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

- 7.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus.
- Reduction in waste through a sustained increase in recycling and reuse of wastes.

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Neighbourhood Services, Head of Law and Administration, Head of Finance and Exemptions Co-ordinator have been consulted on the contents of this report.

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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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