

ANGUS COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE 8TH OCTOBER 2009

SCOTLAND'S ZERO WASTE PLAN - CONSULTATION

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

ABSTRACT: To advise Committee of the recently launched consultation on Scotland's Zero Waste Plan and the return of responses by 13th November 2009.

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree to the establishment of a cross party group to provide the council's view to the series of issues and questions raised in the consultation document and to develop a considered response to be submitted to the Scottish Government by the 13th November 2009.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Committee members are advised that the consultation document on Scotland's Zero Waste Plan was launched by the Scottish Government on the 20th August 2009 with responses sought by the 13th November 2009.
- 2.2 The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Services Committee is on 19th November and the Director is keen to ensure that a fully considered response is provided by Angus Council.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The Director proposes that a cross party group be established to consider the series of issues and questions raised in the consultation document and to develop a considered response to be submitted to the Scottish Government by the 13th November 2009.
- 3.2 Members will also be aware that it is the intention to forward the recent Waste Management Best Value Review 2 report to the Scrutiny and Audit sub-committee on 27 October, which is due to be considered by Angus Council on the 5th November 2009.
- 3.3 The best value report will hopefully provide a firm foundation for considering the council's response to the zero waste plan.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.
- 4.2 However once the Scottish Government's final plan is produced the council will have to assess its own position in how best to deliver waste management services for the future.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no human rights implications associated with this report.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The issues contained in this Report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

7. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

7.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the single Outcome Agreement for Angus

- People in Angus can access amenities and services through a variety of affordable and sustainable means.
- Angus' natural environment is protected and enhanced.
- The carbon and ecological footprints of Angus are reduced.

8. CONSULTATION

8.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Infrastructure Services, Head of Finance and Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 The cross party group will be able to consider all aspects of the consultation document on Scotlands Zero Waste Plan to allow an appropriate response to be submitted to the Scottish Government within the required timescale.

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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 a material extent in preparing the above report.

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