AGENDA ITEM NO 24
REPORT NO 521/11

ANGUS COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 18 AUGUST 2011

RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH RM CONDOR, ARBROATH

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

ABSTRACT: The Committee are asked to approve the Director of Neighbourhood Services’ recommendation that a Partnership Agreement is agreed for a one year trial period with RM Condor with regards to recycling at the Base and delegate to the Director, authority to progress the trial and finalise the Agreement if it proves successful.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)
   1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

(i) agree to the Director of Neighbourhood Services’ recommendation that a Partnership Agreement, with regards to recycling at the Base, be put in place with RM Condor for a one year trial period;

(ii) agree that the Partnership Agreement will commence on 1st September 2011 and will last for a period of 12 months during which time both parties will monitor the progress implementation and at the end of the 12 month trial period conduct an appraisal of the work undertaken;

(iii) delegate to the Director authority to finalise the agreement with RM Condor if the trial proves successful.

2. BACKGROUND
   2.1 Following an appraisal of the recycling facilities currently in use at the RM Condor Base, the Base Waste Manager considered that it may be beneficial to contact Angus Council to discuss the possibility of the Council advising and facilitating in the implementation of a general improvement to existing recycling practices.

   2.2 As a result, an approach was made to the Council and an initial survey of the recycling facilities and practices on the Base was conducted by Angus Council’s Waste Strategy Officer. The purpose of the survey was to determine specific practices presently in place and identify possible areas and activities where the Council could partner the Base in further developing their recycling facilities in areas that would be of mutual benefit to both the parties.

   2.3 The survey revealed that efforts were being made to recycle specific materials, however, this was marginal and generally limited to more bulky items of cardboard received as packaging in the Base’s goods received area. The vast majority of recyclates were being disposed of in general waste or deposited in the Council’s recycling facilities at Cairnie Loan. Due to the timing on the disposals at Cairnie, which tended to occur when Troops returned to the Base at the end of operational tours of duty this caused operational problems with capacities and servicing of the Council’s facility.

3. CURRENT POSITION
   3.1 During discussions with the Base Waste Manager and the Waste Strategy Officer, it was agreed that there was indeed good scope for improvement and that in addition to the Council providing practical physical improvements, there was also the need to further expand the general awareness of all personnel based at RM Condor with regard to the reason and benefits of recycling and, in addition, advise senior personnel of their responsibility relating to current legislative and regulatory requirements covering environmental issues.

   3.2 It was also proposed that the Partnership will be conducted on a one year trial period during which both parties will monitor the progress of implementation and at the end of the year conduct an appraisal of the work undertaken.
3.3 During the trial period, any major changes outside the normal ongoing arrangements should be reported to the relevant authorities for review and, where necessary, approval.

3.4 In order to launch the Partnership as soon as possible, the following arrangements have been proposed.

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 RM Condor Senior Officers will enforce the message of waste minimisation and recycling within the Base and ensure the following recyclable materials e.g. cardboard, newspapers/magazines, shredded papers, plastic bottles and containers, mixed cans and glass are properly segregated and sorted into the appropriate recycling bins and large containers.

4.2 Angus Council will provide an uplift service for the recycling bins and large recycling containers with the purpose of sorting, baling and selling the recyclable items for recycling. Monthly statistical reports will be provided to RM Condor by Angus Council to provide them with the tonnage of materials diverted from landfill and sent for recycling.

4.3 RM Condor will agree to give Angus Council the recyclable materials with no exchange of monetary payments or recycling credit payments for the recycling materials serviced and uplifted by Angus Council.

4.4 Responsibilities:-

The Base Waste Manager, in consultation with the Council’s Waste Strategy Officer, will be responsible for planning and initiating a programme of environmental improvements including staff awareness and training.

The Base Waste Manager will take ownership of the new recycling scheme on behalf of the Base and will be responsible for the implementing and enforcement of all relevant planned arrangements.

Angus Council will be responsible for the provision of all Information Leaflets and all necessary receptacles and facilities required for recyclable materials - these can be provided from existing resources.

Angus Council, in conjunction with the Base Waste Manager, will also be responsible for arranging the timely uplifting of suitable and acceptable recyclable materials and for recording the quantity of materials received into the Council’s facilities.

4.5 Purpose and Objectives:-

The purpose of the Partnership is to improve the general handling and management of recyclable materials on the Base and in addition, reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill sites.

In addition, Angus Council will benefit from the extra recyclable materials being uplifted from the Base and this will enhance the Council’s recycling rate.

If either party wish to terminate this agreement, then they should inform the other party in writing giving 3 months notice.

4.6 Assessment of Analysis of Risks:-

As this is a trial period for the agreement, there is limited risk to the Council which is no greater than normal operational duties.
5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report as all operational requirements and costs can be contained within Neighbourhood Services, Waste Management and existing revenue budgets.

6. **HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

7. **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective. An equalities impact assessment is not required.

8. **ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN AND SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

8.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2011-2014:-

- Our communities are developed in a sustainable manner;
- Our carbon footprint is reduced.

9. **CONSULTATION**

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

10. **CONCLUSION**

10.1 This Partnership Agreement will assist both parties.

10.2 RM Condor will achieve reduction with their annual waste disposal costs and assist them to divert valuable resources for the purposes of recycling.

10.3 The benefits from this Partnership Agreement to Angus Council will be the diversion of waste from landfill which will assist the Council towards achieving its statutory recycling percentage target of 50% for the year 2013.

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