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SUBJECT: TAYSIDE AREA WASTE PLAN – PROGRESS REPORT

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

Abstract: This report updates members on progress being made by the Tayside Area Waste Member/Officer Group towards preparation and publication of a Draft Area Waste Plan.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:-

1. note progress to date towards the preparation of a Draft Area Waste Plan for Tayside and in particular the forthcoming publication of an options paper for wider community consultation purposes.
2. remit to the Conveners of Environmental and Consumer Protection and Development Control (the member representatives on the Area Waste Group) to agree the final editorial content of the Draft Area Waste Plan which will be published for consultation purposes only, towards the end of 2001.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) published the National Waste Strategy for Scotland in late 1999. The Strategy is a framework document setting out an integrated approach to the management of waste in Scotland and incorporating key targets required to meet the European Union Framework Directive on Waste as implemented in the UK by the Environment Act 1995.
- 2.2 Following on from this national strategy, 11 waste areas in Scotland were identified and Area Waste Groups established to prepare a plan for each area.
- 2.3 The Tayside Area Waste Group (Angus, Dundee, Perth and Kinross local authority areas) was formed and comprises representatives from local authorities - Waste Managers and Planners, SEPA (Chairperson), Area Waste Development Officer (SEPA) and a representative from the voluntary sector. A Member/Officer Group has also been established to “oversee the development of Area Waste Plans and to understand decisions which impact on the management of waste the local authorities are responsible for managing.” The Conveners of Environmental and Consumer Protection; and Development Control represent Angus Council. (Report 16/01 to the Environmental and Consumer Protection Committee – January 2001; refers).

- 2.4 Area Waste Plans will establish the Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO) for the management of waste within each area reflecting not only the need to achieve national targets on aspects such as recycling and reduction of waste to landfill but the local circumstances pertaining to waste management in Tayside.
- 2.5 This report provides an update on progress to date towards the preparation of an Area Waste Plan for Tayside.

3 TAYSIDE AREA WASTE PLAN

Progress to Date

- 3.1 The group has been working for sometime, assembling the raft of technical data and information required as background to the Area Waste Plan preparation process. This is known as the Strategic Waste Management Baseline Assessment (SWMBA). This establishes information on waste arisings and disposals and waste entering or leaving the Tayside area. It also assesses how waste is currently managed and the existing waste management infrastructure and services in Tayside. In addition the views from waste producers, the waste industry and 'not for profit sector' within Tayside have also been gathered.
- 3.2 From this the group developed a series of options for the management of waste within the Tayside area. These were subsequently tested against a life cycle assessment tool and against the set of nationally agreed objectives. These objectives include the key outcomes to be achieved from integrated waste management systems and issues such as environmental protection, social and economic benefits (this includes employment and support to local industry). This stage has now been completed.

Next Steps

- 3.3 An **options paper** will be published in early October for wider consultation purposes. This will outline the summary of the work undertaken to date and set out three main options for the management of waste in Tayside. An integral part of this process will be consultation, not only with the waste industry but, local authorities, national and local agencies, community groups and the wider public.
- 3.4 Once this stage has been completed and the consultation responses assessed, a **final waste management option** will be selected and a Draft Area Waste Plan published. At this stage public consultation will be undertaken prior to the finalisation and adoption of the Area Plan.
- 3.5 Local authorities are not only key stakeholders in the Area Waste planning process but in the implementation of the plan itself. The Member/Officer Group has therefore played a key part in the preparation of the Area Waste Plan to date and will continue to provide important feedback and input in finalising the Plan.
- 3.6 In order to take the plan forward to a consultative draft by the end of the year it is recommended that the Council representatives on the Members Group be remitted to agree the editorial text of the document including the preferred waste management approach, taking into account the results from the consultation process including the views of Angus Council. The document will be published for consultation purposes

only and further opportunity will be available for Angus Council to comment on the consultative draft prior to the plan being finalised for submission to Scottish Ministers.

4 DISCUSSION

- 4.1 With the introduction of EC Directives, UK policy and legislation, the National Waste Strategy for Scotland and the development of the Tayside Area Waste Plan, there is an increasing emphasis on an integrated approach to waste management. Reducing dependency on landfill and a move towards resource and materials management is central to sustainable methods of managing waste. In this respect the broad objectives for sustainable waste management are wholly compatible with Angus Council's recently published Environmental Strategy Action Plan, Local Agenda 21 (LA21) and Community Plan.
- 4.2 The Tayside Area Waste Plan will establish a local strategy for waste management incorporating the Best Practical Environmental Option (BPEO) for Tayside and outline a phased programme of measures to achieve the landfill directive targets by 2020. While emphasis will be placed on waste minimisation, reduction and recycling there will still be a requirement for landfill.
- 4.3 Structure and Local Plans will continue to have an important role to play in the delivery of sustainable development and implementation of both the national waste strategy and Area Waste Plan to ensure that protection is given to the natural and built environment. A recently completed Waste Review undertaken as part of a wider mineral and waste landfill study by consultants on behalf of Angus Council highlighted that sufficient landfill capacity existed in Angus for both inert and non-inert waste for at least a 10 year period. The study also indicated that in the wider Dundee and Angus context there was a projected shortfall for non-inert landfill capacity that would have implications for land use and waste management planning. The identification of additional landfill sites and other waste management infrastructure (eg mini recycling centres, etc) should be undertaken in the context of Local Plans taking into account the requirements and strategy of the Tayside Area Waste Plan.
- 4.4 Implementation of the Area Waste Plan will have implications for all stakeholders and any measures which require a change to operational practice by Angus Council will be the subject of further reports, at the appropriate stage by the Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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

7 CONSULTATION

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

8 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The development of an Area Waste Plan 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. The publication of the options paper and subsequent consultation Draft Area Waste Plan will allow all stakeholders and the general public opportunity to comment on the approach being suggested for the Tayside area. Opportunity will be available for Angus Council to make comment and response at various stages of this process.

NOTE

The following 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.

- National Waste Strategy: Scotland – SEPA, 1999
- National Waste Strategy: Scotland – Best Practicable Environmental Options, Decision Making Guidance – SEPA, September 2000
- Environmental Strategy Action Plan, Angus Council, May 2000
- Sustainable Angus: Draft Local Agenda 21 Strategy for Angus, Angus Council, May 2001
- Angus Community Plan, Angus Council, December 2000

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