

2 CREATION OF FOOD WASTE TRANSFER STATION AT MARCHBANKS RECLAMATION CENTRE (AN237-2014)

Reference is made to Article II of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 21st April, 2014 which details the proposed improvement and expansion of domestic recycling services, including the collection and recycling of food waste.

The introduction of weekly food waste collections will require food waste to be bulk loaded at a food waste transfer station at the Marchbanks Reclamation Centre before being transferred to an appropriate food waste treatment facility. The treatment facility currently used is in Glenfarg, Perth and Kinross.

The food waste transfer station at Marchbanks is regulated by the Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratory Agency (AHVLA) and the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA). Changes to the internal infrastructure of the Centre are required to meet compliance with the regulations.

Following consultation with the City Engineers, Environment Department Construction Division have provided an offer of £17,375 for the required infrastructure changes, plus an allowance for professional fees of £5,000.

In addition, two skips are required to bulk load the food waste. The skips can be purchased through the appropriate Scotland Excel procurement framework at a cost of £9,840.

The Director of Corporate Services advises that the total cost of £32,215 for the infrastructure changes and skips can be met from allowances in the Environment Department's Capital Budget for Recycling Initiatives 2014/15. Committee is asked to approve the creation of the transfer station and instruct the Director of Environment to proceed with the necessary works.