

**REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
19th FEBRUARY 2001**

REPORT ON: MEMBER INVOLVEMENT IN THE TAYSIDE AREA WASTE STRATEGY

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To recommend proposals for the Council's participation in the Tayside Area Waste Strategy.
- 1.2 To inform the Council that similar proposals have been put the Angus and Perth and Kinross Councils.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Council participates in a Member/Officer group to oversee the development of area waste plans.
- 2.2 Two elected members are nominated to participate in the group on behalf of the City Council.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Resources will be used efficiently and waste minimised.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6.0 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) published the National Waste Strategy late in 1999. SEPA was legally required to produce the National Waste Strategy by the European Union Framework Directive on Waste as implemented in the UK by the Environment Act 1995. The strategy is a framework document within which all key waste management players can form strategic decisions leading to change to an integrated approach in the management of waste in Scotland. It specifically describes the approaches and methods to be employed to arrive at Area Waste Plans.
- 6.2 The Strategy describes eleven Waste Strategy Areas in Scotland. Tayside (Angus, Dundee City and Perth and Kinross local authority areas) is such an area. In each area a Waste Strategy Area Group has been formed. The group is made up of local authority waste managers and planners, SEPA chairperson and Waste Strategy Area Co-ordinator, and a representative from the local enterprise company. The Waste

Strategy Area Group is responsible for making the decisions required during the production of the Area Waste Plan. The Area Waste Plan will be written by SEPA.

- 6.3 Area Waste Plans are the mechanisms identified in the Strategy to ensure that the objectives in the Strategy are achieved and that both local and regional issues addressed. The plans will look at the planning for the management of all controlled wastes. Included in the plans will be an integrated waste management system for the strategy area. This will describe all the components of the system from collection through to final disposal/recycling or recovery. Systems for the wastes local authorities are responsible for managing, will be described as part of this process.
- 6.4 In order to ensure Area Waste Plans are delivered on time (September 2001) and go on to be implemented then it is essential that all partners work together from the start. Currently officials from the three local authorities in Tayside are working together. It has been recognised that in due course elected members from all three authorities will be required to approve the content and in particular the parts of Area Plans which describe future arrangements for the wastes local authorities are responsible for managing. For this reason it is essential that elected members from the three authorities become involved and start to influence the process. At a meeting of members and officials from the three Tayside local authorities on the 12th December 2000 at the Westpark Centre, Dundee, this was the consensus of opinion. After much discussion it was decided that a member officer group should be established to oversee the development of area waste plans and to influence and understand decisions which impact on the management of waste the local authorities are responsible for managing.
- 6.5 Terms of Reference
- 6.5.1 The remit of the Joint Committee made up of Elected Members and Officers of Angus, Dundee City and, Perth and Kinross Councils is: -
- To provide opinion on the Area Waste Planning Process within Tayside.
 - To influence the development of options for the management of wastes managed by the Local Authorities.
 - To provide opinion on the options developed for wastes not managed by Local Authorities.
 - To share information on waste management activities within the group.
 - To look for opportunities for joint working between the local authorities where the result is more efficient and effective management of wastes.
 - To feed back to appropriate committees the progress of the area waste planning process.
 - To inform the area waste planning process in order that local authority approval can be sought at appropriate times.
 - To participate, within their own council area, in the consultation exercise to be carried out once the options have been developed and appraised.
- 6.6 The group would meet at milestones during the area waste planning process.
- 6.7 The group would be made up of two elected members and two officials from each local authority. It is suggested that the officials from each authority should be a senior waste manager and senior planning official.
- 6.8 Meetings of the group would be hosted in rotation by each of the three local authorities. The host local authority would provide the chair and be responsible for the production of minutes. Responsibility for the co-ordination of the group would rest with SEPA's Waste Strategy Area Co-Ordinator.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 Chief Executive
Director of Support Services
Director of Finance

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

9.0 SIGNATURE

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Date: 9th February 2001