

**REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
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PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 27 MAY 2003**

REPORT ON: NATIONAL AND AREA WASTE PLAN PROGRESS

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The main purpose of the report is to advise Members of progress on both the National Waste Plan for Scotland and the Area Waste Plan for Tayside. It also reminds Members of key next steps in the Area Waste Plan process.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- a Notes the launch of the National Waste Plan for Scotland;
- b Notes that Ministerial endorsement of the Tayside Area Waste Plan has now been obtained;
- c Commends the approved Tayside Area Waste Plan to the Development Quality Committee as a material consideration when determining relevant planning applications; and
- d Remits the Directors of Environmental and Consumer Protection and Planning and Transportation to provide a joint annual report to the Committee on progress in implementing the Area Waste Plan.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no direct financial implications for the City Council associated with the approval of this Report. Nevertheless, the implementation of the Area Waste Plan will have significant financial implications. The full details of these, together with potential funding mechanisms will be further explored as the implementation elements of the Plan are more fully developed. These matters will be the subject of future reports to Members, which will set out the potential implications for capital and revenue budgets.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Report involves the following key themes:

- Resources are used efficiently and waste minimised (the main tenet of the Area Waste Plan is to use the resources of this area to best deal with the waste produced in this area and encourage the minimisation of waste);
- Health is protected by creating safe and pleasant environments; and
- Pollution is limited to levels at which natural systems can cope.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no equal opportunities implications of relevance to this report.

6 BACKGROUND

The National Waste Plan

6.1 The National Waste Plan was launched in February of this year by the Minister for Environment and Rural Development. The Plan was produced by SEPA, working in conjunction with the Scottish Executive, local government, the waste industry and a range of national agencies and other stakeholders having an interest and a role in achieving more sustainable waste management in Scotland. The Plan builds on the National Waste Strategy launched in 1999 and sets out the means whereby Scotland will meet key objectives and targets over the period up to 2020. This Plan seeks to secure a waste management system which protects the environment and communities while simultaneously achieving sustainability objectives and greater resource efficiency.

6.2 The Plan sets out how the Scottish Executive will seek to achieve sustainable waste management in Scotland over the period up to 2020. The measures include a commitment to major funding by the Executive aimed at securing a fundamental improvement in the country's record on waste reduction, recycling, composting and recovery.

6.3 The Executive indicates that implementing the National Waste Plan will:

- Provide widespread segregated kerbside waste collections across Scotland (to over 90% of households by 2020);
- Aim to stop growth in the amount of municipal waste produced by 2010;
- Achieve 25% recycling and composting of municipal waste by 2006, and 55% by 2020;
- Recover energy from 14% of municipal waste;
- Reduce landfilling of municipal waste from around 90% to 30%;
- Provide widespread waste minimisation advice to businesses; and

- Develop markets for recycled material to help recycling become viable and reduce costs.
- 6.4 The Plan sets out the various measures needed to achieve these targets and in doing so to progress towards sustainable waste management and contribute to broader sustainability goals. More specifically, it sets out:
- An integrated summary of the 11 Area Waste Plan proposals for the Best Practicable Environmental Option, indicating the approach for municipal waste in Scotland;
 - How other (non municipal) wastes will be tackled;
 - An action plan to implement the changes required; and
 - How the Scottish Executive and SEPA will continue to work in partnership with other stakeholders to focus on wider resource use issues in the future.

Tayside Area Waste Plan

- 6.5 In parallel with the launch of the National Waste Plan, Scotland's 11 Area Waste Plans, including that for Tayside, have received Ministerial endorsement and are now being published. The Area Waste Plans set out how the national objectives and targets will be achieved at the local level. As indicated earlier, the Area Waste Plans have also been integrated into the National Waste Plan. Members will recall that the Tayside Area Waste Plan was produced by a partnership comprised of officers from SEPA, Dundee City, Angus and Perth & Kinross Councils, and a representative of the not for profit sector (Tayside Recyclers). The Finalised Area Waste Plan was submitted to the Scottish Executive following approval by the Environmental and Consumer Protection and Planning and Transportation Committees in October last year (Report No 703-2002 refers) and by the other local authority members of the Area Waste Group.

7 NEXT STEPS

- 7.1 In the coming years, much effort will be devoted to the implementation of the Area Waste Plans. Considerable emphasis will continue to be placed on the partnership approach which has provided the basis for the preparation of the National Waste Plan and the Area Waste Plans. The Tayside Area Waste Group is already developing the action plan and mechanisms necessary to deliver the various stands of the Plan and is also pursuing those elements which can be progressed in the short term. An important early step in the implementation process is the preparation by local authorities of Implementation Plans. These will provide the basis for bids to the Strategic Waste Fund which was established to assist the implementation of the Area Waste Plans. Work is already well advanced on the preparation of Dundee City Council's Implementation Plan. In due course it will also be necessary to consider how the relevant elements of the Area Waste Plan might be reflected in land use development plans.
- 7.2 A key future task for the Area Waste Group will be the preparation of a fully integrated Tayside Area Waste Plan incorporating a BPEO covering all waste

streams. Like all of the other Waste Plans, the current Tayside Area Waste Plan deals only with Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) – ie household and other wastes collected by or on behalf of the local authority. SEPA has commenced a study of various waste streams including construction and demolition wastes, end of life vehicles, used tyres, etc which form elements of the non MSW waste component. This and other research will assist waste groups in addressing these waste streams in future Area Waste Plans.

8 CONCLUSIONS

- 8.1 The waste planning process is moving into a crucial phase which will be vital to the country's ability to achieve a more sustainable approach to waste management, conserve resources and tackle the environmental consequences associated with current waste management arrangements. This will require the delivery of major new waste facilities and fundamental changes to operational arrangements. It will also depend on awareness raising campaigns and on behavioural change on behalf of the public, employers and other stakeholders. To achieve this it will be vital to maintain and build upon the partnership approach which has provided the basis for national and area waste planning over recent years.

9 CONSULTATIONS

- 9.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning and Director of Economic Development have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

10 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 The National Waste Plan 2003.
10.2 The Tayside Area Waste Plan 2003.

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