

REPORT TO: HOUSING, DUNDEE CONTRACT SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 9th MAY 2011

REPORT ON: FOOD WASTE COLLECTION PILOT SCHEME

REPORT BY: HEAD OF WASTE MANAGEMENT

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise committee of the proposal to introduce a pilot scheme for the separate collection of food waste from domestic properties in Dundee, and to seek approval for this proposal.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that approval be given to the pilot scheme detailed below.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The total estimated capital expenditure on containers, bags and publicity materials is estimated at £42,000. This will be met from the Department's Revenue and Capital Budgets.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 The Scottish Government's Zero Waste Plan (2010) provides the future strategic direction for the management of waste, including Local Authority requirements.

4.2 In addition to this, the draft Zero Waste Regulations (2011) define a two pronged approach: (a) to maximise recycling, and (b) to maximise resource recovery and protect the environment through treatment of unsorted waste.

4.3 As part of this approach, the draft regulations require that Local Authorities collect food waste separately from all other wastes with effect from 2013.

4.4 In order to prepare the Council for this expected requirement, it is proposed to undertake a pilot scheme for separate food waste collections from householders in a range of areas throughout the city later in 2011.

4.5 The initial scheme will involve approximately 2400 properties and will cover a mix of housing types and areas. Results from this pilot scheme will be analysed with a view to implementing the optimum collection service city-wide.

- 4.6 During the pilot, each household in the trial areas will be provided with a kitchen caddy, compostable caddy liners and a small container for kerbside presentation of the food waste on collection day. Full instructional details will also be provided to householders in advance of the trial.
- 4.7 Monitoring of the scheme will be undertaken by the in-house Recycling Team, and householders will be actively encouraged to participate.
- 4.8 For the period of the trial, reassignment of current staff and vehicle provision will result in operational costs being borne from within the Department's budget.
- 4.9 The expected commencement date of this project is September 2011. It is anticipated that the pilot scheme will run for a period of one year. If successful, it is intended to implement a phased citywide rollout of the scheme thereafter. Full details of the areas selected for the pilot will be communicated to the appropriate elected members prior to project commencement and further project details will be reported to Committee in a later report.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.
- 5.2 An equality impact assessment has been carried out and will be available on the Council website: <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/equanddiv/equimpact/>

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Director of Finance, Assistant Chief Executive and Equality and Diversity Co-ordinator have been consulted in relation to this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Scottish Government Zero Waste Plan (2010)
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/06/08092645/0>
- 7.2 Regulations to Deliver Zero Waste: A Consultation on the proposed Zero Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2011
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/02/09135833/0>

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