

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
15th January 2001

REPORT ON: RECYCLING GRANTS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

REPORT NO: 33-2001

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of Dundee City Council's share of the £3,000,000 advanced payment allocated from the Scottish Executive Strategic Waste Fund for composting and recycling initiatives and proposals for expenditure.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the proposals included in Appendix 1 be adopted to further enhance composting and recycling initiatives within Dundee City Council.

3.0 FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1 The cost of these proposals will be £72,000 and will be met from the Scottish Executive's Strategic Waste Fund for composting and recycling initiatives.

4.0 DUNDEE 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Resources are used efficiently and waste is minimised.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 5.1 None.

6.0 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 On 25th October, the Minister for Transport and the Environment announced that £3 million was to be made available for composting and recycling, to be distributed amongst local authorities in the current financial year.
- 6.2 Dundee City Council's share of the distribution is £72,000.
- 6.3 Before an Authority can receive the share allotted, Ministers require to be satisfied that a sufficiently robust outline of planned expenditure has been submitted.
- 6.4 A condition of grant is that the money is spent as proposed in the outline provided, and that a report on progress made is submitted to the Scottish Executive.
- 6.5 The Scottish Executive requested that proposals were submitted by Christmas 2000, and the measures contained in Appendix 1 were sent with the qualification that these are subject to committee approval.
- 6.6 The measures outlined are intended to improve service provision where possible, and satisfy the criteria of improving recycling activities.

6.7 The proposal to extend the provision of compostainers by an additional 1000 bins requires to be developed, and precise routes have yet to be identified.

6.8 Where any proposal involves recurring revenue expenditure this can be contained within existing budgets.

6.9 Where any proposal requires the acceptance of tenders, this will be reported to a future Committee.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive
The Director of Finance
The Director of Support Services.

8.0 SIGNATURE

Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection Date: 5 January 2001

APPENDIX 1

CURRENT YEAR ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE TO ENHANCE COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING IN DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

	<u>Expenditure</u>
1. Increase the number of Mini Recycling Centres in the City From 20 to 30	£13,530
<p>Currently the City operates 20 Mini Recycling Centres (MRC), and wishes to purchase 60 Eurocontainers to create a further 10.</p> <p>At present the ratio of Mini Recycling Centres to the population is approximately 1:7000. Provision of a further 10 Mini Recycling Centres will reduce that ratio to 1:4700.</p> <p>Provision of Mini Recycling Centres in workplaces has been identified as an untapped source of recyclate. People going to work (5 days/week) may be prepared to bring glass, paper, etc. in to work from home. Several experimental sites will be sought.</p>	
2. Mini Recycling Centre Signage	£12,600
<p>In addition to the expansion described in (1) above, the proposal is to enhance signage at the MRCs at a cost of approximately £420 per site. Such signage will improve the appearance of the sites, encourage greater use and result in increased amounts of material deposited at each site.</p>	
3. Promotion of Recycling Marketing and Advertising of Recycling	£3,870
<p>By the publication of an A – Z Guide, brochures and supplements, awareness of recycling in Dundee will be increased.</p> <p>Provision of a seminar(s) for the commercial sector dealing with packaging legislation, landfill legislation, recycling and green marketing is proposed in February 2001.</p>	
4. Provision of a Magnetic Sorter and Picking Belt for Civic Amenity and Industrial Waste	£15,000
<p>At present civic amenity waste and certain commercial wastes are taken to the former Baldovie Incinerator building for sorting prior to onward transport for disposal by Waste to Energy, Recycling Outlets or Landfill.</p> <p>The proposal will facilitate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Improved feedstock for the Waste to Energy Plant resulting in increased energy recovery.b) Increased recovery of materials for recycling by picking, andc) Increased metal recovery for recycling.	

	<u>Expenditure</u>
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Plastic Recycling	£2,000
Purchase of 10 Euro Containers is planned to build on the pilot scheme introduced this year for the collection of Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) and High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) plastic.	
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Compost Route for 1,000 Households	£25,000
The proposal is to install compostainers in an additional 1000 properties. At present some 10,500 properties are currently provided with this service. A 10% increase in compost tonnage is expected by means of a fortnightly collection service.	