

**REPORT TO:** ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
– 23rd OCTOBER 2006

**REPORT ON:** MULTI-OCCUPANCY PROPERTY RECYCLING SCHEME

**REPORT BY:** HEAD OF WASTE MANAGEMENT

**REPORT NO:** 531-2006

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To detail the city-wide recycling scheme planned for multi-occupancy properties, and to seek Committee approval for this.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the project detailed within this report be approved.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Scottish Executive is providing 100% funding for this project up to 2019/2020. The net costs for roll-out of the project in 2007/08 will be £202,061 and thereafter the average annual net cost will be £87,028.

## **4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

### **(a) Sustainability**

Implementation of the initiative will have implications on the “waste management” sustainability policy principle.

The project will promote sustainable waste management practices by developing systems that will reduce the environmental impacts of waste production from multi occupancy properties.

The project will improve resource efficiency through re-use and recycling and maximise economic opportunities arising from waste.

### **(b) Strategic Environmental Assessment**

The Report has been screened by a SEA representative and it has been concluded that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required for the project.

### **(c) Anti-Poverty**

None.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None

## **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

- 6.1 The majority of kerbside collection schemes currently focus on collection of recyclate from single-occupancy properties. However, multi-occupancy dwellings account for a substantial part of the housing stock in towns and cities across Scotland, including Dundee.
- 6.2 Dundee City Council and six other local authorities participated in the Scottish Executive's Multi-occupancy Pilot Recycling Project. It provided an opportunity to assess the validity of a variety of schemes designed to encourage residents of tenemental and high-rise developments to recycle their waste. Following the implementation of the Multi-occupancy Pilot Recycling Project, the Scottish Executive have made funding available to the seven local authorities participating in the pilot scheme for a full roll-out of a multi-occupancy property recycling scheme within their authority.
- 6.3 After participating in the trial scheme and assessing the results from other participants, Dundee City Council submitted a proposal to the Scottish Executive for a multi-occupancy property recycling scheme to be rolled out across the city. The Scottish Executive approved the proposal and will provide full funding for the project.
- 6.4 The project will take the form of on-street communal recycling bins provided to approximately 7200 households in ten concentrated areas. On-street containers will be provided for paper/card, and glass (three colours separated). There will be approximately one bank of recycling bins per 100 households, and householders will be provided with jute sacks to carry recyclate to the banks. A simultaneous education and awareness raising campaign will be undertaken with the aim of increasing participation in the scheme among participating householders.
- 6.5 The areas to be included in the scheme are yet to be finalised, and consultation will take place with the public and elected members before any selections are finalised. In addition, it will be necessary to undertake liaison and discussions with other Council departments as appropriate. The Planning and Transportation Department, in particular, will need to be involved in detailed consideration of the nature and siting of the recycling bins. This will include consideration of planning issues relating to impacts on amenity which could be of particular significance in conservation areas and other sensitive locations. There will also inevitably be transportation related concerns linked to issues including road safety, traffic flow and loss of on street car parking spaces. The anticipated commencement date of the scheme will be April 2007. It is anticipated that the scheme could generate an estimated 500 – 700 tonnes of additional recyclate in a full year. This additional tonnage will assist in Dundee City Council increasing its recycling rate and reaching targets set by the Scottish Executive.
- 6.6 The introduction of the scheme would necessitate an additional crew and collection vehicle to carry out the collections. The costs for these will be met in full from funding provided by the Scottish Executive. The project would create three permanent full-time posts.

## **7.0 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 Chief Executive  
Depute Chief Executive (Finance)  
Depute Chief Executive (Support Services)  
Director of Planning and Transportation

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 Tayside Area Waste Plan  
8.2 National Waste Strategy – Dundee City Council Implementation Plan  
8.3 Multi-occupancy Property Recycling Feasibility Project – Final Report