12 DERL WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE (AN114-2002)

At present the City Council has operational difficulties if it is required to divert its waste from the DERL Waste to Energy Plant to other refuse disposal sites.

When the DERL Waste to Energy Plant is temporarily unable to take the City Council's waste due to planned and unplanned maintenance of the Plant, the City Council has to divert its waste elsewhere.

It is proposed that the City Council would continue to take its waste to the DERL Plant during this period and that the Tipping Hall at the Plant would be used as a Transfer Station to reload the waste into containers for onward transfer to the alternative waste disposal sites.

At present the DERL Waste to Energy Plant has an IPC authorisation from SEPA for incineration only and in order to operate as referred to above, would require a Waste Management Licence.

SEPA have requested that prior to them granting a Waste Management Licence to the DERL Waste to Energy Plant, a guarantee or security of £30,000 would have to be put in place.

In light of the fact that this change in operation would significantly improve the operational handling of the City Council's waste, if the DERL Plant is unable to incinerate the waste, the City Council have been asked to provide the guarantee of £30,000.

The Committee is asked to approve the provision of the £30,000 guarantee to SEPA associated with the granting of a Waste Management Licence for the DERL Waste to Energy Plant.