

# PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

## Environmental, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee

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### WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2010-2025 - PROGRESS REPORT

Report by Head of Environmental and Consumer Services  
(Report No. 23/106)

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides an update on progress with the Perth and Kinross Council Waste Management Action Plan. The report also gives an overview of the national policy and legislative position and recommends approval of 6 new actions 115-120 (shown in Appendix 1).
- 1.2 In November 2010, the (then) Environment Committee approved the Perth and Kinross Waste Management Plan 2010-2025 (Report No.10/597 refers). This was developed to work towards delivering Scotland's Zero Waste Plan targets at a local level, which were:
  - recycle 60% of household waste by 2020, progressing to 65% municipal waste by 2035, in line with EU targets
  - recycling 70% of all waste (includes commercial & industrial) by 2025
  - a ban on biodegradable waste going to landfill. The implementation date of the ban was previously 2021 which has now been postponed until 2025.
  - no more than 5% of waste going to landfill by 2025.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee:
  - scrutinises the annual update on progress on the Waste Management Action Plan.
  - approves the new actions 115 – 120.
  - notes that the current Waste Management Plan will be reviewed in 2023/24 as per action 116.

### 3. STRUCTURE OF THE REPORT

3.1 The report is structured over the following sections:

- Section 4: Key Action Updates
- Section 5: Policy Update
- Section 6: Proposals
- Section 7: Conclusion  
Appendices

3.2 The aim of the Council's Waste Management Plan is to map out a way forward for the Council in terms of:

- achieving the national recycling and composting rates at local level;
- developing initiatives to control waste arisings and waste growth;
- determining the strategy for the procurement of residual waste treatment;
- determining the future financial implications for waste management in Perth and Kinross; and
- promoting the circular economy where products and materials are kept in high value use for as long as possible.
- addressing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the waste sector.

3.3 Annual progress reports to Committee have provided a full update on all the original actions, as well as new actions. These had been developed considering the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 and other national strategy or regulatory changes. The last update was provided on 26 January 2022 ([Report 22/19 refers](#)).

3.4 If an action was completed and previously reported, then no further update is provided. Of the 114 previously agreed actions, 98 have been achieved (86%).

3.5 These actions have contributed to improving performance in previous years. The 2022 update reported that the COVID pandemic had a negative impact in terms of recycling performance across the whole country. However, since the last reported figure, there has been a slight increase in the Scottish Recycling Rate now being 42.7% (which compares to the previous year performance of 42%), showing signs of recovery.

- In terms of waste minimisation, over the last 9 years, the average levels of general waste collected weekly from households in Perth & Kinross has decreased by 31.7%. In, May 2022, this was 5.81 Kg per household, compared to March 2013 when it was 8.3 kg per household.
- The household recycling and composting rate for Perth & Kinross was 50.2% for 2021, an increase of 0.8%. We are ranked 10<sup>th</sup> across local authorities in Scotland in terms of recycling rate.
- There was an increase in the recycling rate in 2021 from the previous year, with our carbon emissions continuing to decrease. The equivalent

2021 carbon emissions are 148,586 TCO<sub>2</sub>e (source: SEPA). These emissions have decreased from 209,000 TCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2011 - a reduction of 29%.

- Street cleanliness, which is monitored through the Local Environmental Audit & Management Scheme (LEAMS), established that 87.2% of streets were found to be at an acceptable standard of environmental quality in 2020/21, a decrease 5.1 % on the previous year. LEAMS results were below the national average (89.7 %) and below the benchmarking group average (88.3%).

#### **4. KEY ACTION UPDATES**

##### **Scottish Government Recycling Improvement Fund (RIF)**

4.1 The Council successfully secured £2.72m of capital investment from the Scottish Government Recycling Improvement Fund (RIF) in 2022. This funding ensures that the Council delivers a more equitable service for residents and that our kerbside recycling service is compliant with the Scottish Charter for Household Recycling (Action 78). It will also have the following benefits:

- increase the quantity of recyclable material captured which increases recycling rate, reduces waste arisings and contributes to the net zero agenda by reducing carbon emissions through capturing food and plastics
- increased participation in recycling and positive behavioural change by residents
- improvement in recycle material quality and introducing a 4<sup>th</sup> bin (by moving from a co-mingled recycling service to twin stream service where card/paper are separated from other materials)

4.2 The first project, using RIF, was successfully rolled out in November 2022, when dry mixed recycling and food waste communal bins were installed at Perth city centre residual waste bin hubs. This has provided a recycling service to over 1000 households which have never previously had access to it.

4.3 In autumn 2023, Waste Services will deliver a 4<sup>th</sup> bin (Twin Stream Kerbside Recycling service) for over 71,000 Perth and Kinross households. The service roll out will commence late summer and the new service operating across the Council area from November 2023.

##### **Residual Waste Procurement**

4.4 The Council requires a long-term solution for residual waste in order to comply with the ban of municipal biodegradable waste to landfill which will come into force in December 2025. Waste services are currently procuring a new residual waste treatment solution that will result in reducing carbon emissions, as waste will no longer go to landfill. To allow adequate time for the procurement process to take place, the current contract which expired in September 2022 was extended until July 2023.

- 4.5 The contract notice was published in January 2023, with an anticipated contract start date of 1 August 2023. The new 10-year contract (plus option to extend for 5 years) will result in residual waste being diverted from landfill to an Energy from Waste treatment facility. Whilst incineration is less damaging to the environment than landfill, avoiding waste in the first place, reusing items and recycling materials are even better for the environment by further reducing emissions and saving natural resources. Therefore, there will be a continued focus on waste prevention, reuse and recycling to reduce residual waste requiring treatment.

### **Stick to the Six Campaign**

- 4.6 Since summer 2020, Waste & Operational Teams have continued to focus on improving the quality of the blue bin Dry Mixed recycling (reducing contamination) by continuing to run the 'Stick to the Six' Campaign. This has proven successful by bringing the contamination rate down from 28.52% at its peak in November 2020 to an average of 19.38% in 2022. These continued improvements have meant no financial penalties from our recycling processor for 5 consecutive months in 2022.

- 4.7 Certain geographical areas within Perth are showing a trend of increasing contamination levels. As such, the team are currently revisiting these areas as a 'mop up', before moving onto those areas that have not benefited from the targeted invention and education approach.

- 4.8 The Stick to the Six campaign was nationally recognised and awarded silver at the APSE (Association for Public Service Excellence) Striving for Excellence Awards in the waste and recycling category in May 2022. Since then, several other Scottish Local Authorities have requested information on the campaign and are looking to replicate it within their local areas.

### **4.9 Additional 2022 Updates**

- 4.9.1 Smart Waste Technology - Phase 2 of the Smart Waste Project has been partially completed with in-cab technology successfully installed in all 30 Refuse Collection Vehicles, resulting in real-time two-way communication with crews. This includes live updates of route collection progress and key route information such as bins that are not presented and recycling contamination (Action 97).

- 4.9.2 Asset Management Review – work commenced on the asset management review of waste & recycling infrastructure with building conditions surveys and suitability assessments undertaken. The next stage is to appoint a consultant who will compile the information collated and present high level costed options for further consideration. A report will be brought to a future Committee with the findings and recommendations. This will also be used to inform the Council's overall asset management approach as approved by Council as part of the Investment Blueprint and Investment Plan (Action 101).

- 4.9.3 Food Waste Action Plan (FWAP)– Work is ongoing to develop a Food Waste Action Plan. At the time of writing, the Council are awaiting the update to [Scotland's Food Waste Reduction Action Plan](#) which will also inform the FWAP. The FWAP will form part of the forthcoming Good Food Strategy & Action Plan which is being developed by the Perth & Kinross Good Food Partnership. (Action 107).

## 5. POLICY UPDATE

- 5.1 The Waste Management Plan was originally published in 2010, and since then, the policy landscape has developed and changed significantly. Further major policy and legislative changes will take place over the next two years. This includes the introduction of the national Deposit Return Scheme and the UK Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging. Furthermore, there is potential for other key changes to take place which will inform future service design (set out in the Scottish Government Circular Economy Route Map below). These will all have an impact on what is delivered at a local level. Whilst the Waste Management Plan is updated annually and relevant actions reported in the Climate Change reporting, a significant review is required to ensure all these changes are captured (Action 116).

### **Climate Change Route Map to 2025 & Perth & Kinross Climate Change Plan**

- 5.2 An update to Scotland's 2018-2032 Climate Change Plan sets out the Scottish Government's pathway to new and ambitious targets set by the Climate Change Act 2019.
- 5.3 The Government plan recognises that we still have a significant challenge ahead to meet our ambitious emissions reduction targets. Emissions in the sector are currently around 1.9 megatonnes per year; and the aim is to reduce these emissions to 1.2 megatonnes by 2025, and 0.8 megatonnes by 2030. Achieving these milestones will require meeting ambitious waste reduction and recycling targets, including ending landfilling of biodegradable municipal waste, and significantly reducing food waste; and ensuring a more rapid transition to a fully circular economy in Scotland.
- 5.4 These key waste related themes have been reflected within the Perth & Kinross Climate Strategy & Action Plan. The Climate Change Strategy & Action Plan was approved at Council in December 2021 ([Report 21/245 refers](#)). This included a waste & circular economy workstream and a range of actions, including the development of a food waste action plan. This has been a key focus for the Waste Services Team and is where key resources are being targeted. Additional actions have been added to the Waste Management Plan to reflect the Council's climate ambitions (Actions 105-114).

## Delivering Scotland's Circular Economy

- 5.5 A circular approach to our economy, where we move from a "take, make and dispose" model to one where we keep materials in use, is imperative if we are to tackle the climate and nature crises. Around four fifths of Scotland's carbon footprint come from the products and services we manufacture, use and throw away. We also know that 90% of global biodiversity loss and water stress is caused by resource extraction and processing. Therefore, the transition to a circular economy will provide wider economic, environmental and societal benefits.
- 5.6 Two national consultations were launched by the Scottish Government in May 2022 - *Delivering Scotland's circular economy - proposed Circular Economy Bill* and *Delivering Scotland's circular economy - route map to 2025 and beyond*. These set out proposals for a strategic plan to deliver Scotland's zero waste and circular economy ambitions and the complementary legislation required to deliver this.
- 5.7 The objectives of the proposed Circular Economy Bill can be summarised as:
- reducing waste
  - reducing litter
  - reducing carbon and resource footprint
  - increasing recycling rates and quality of recycle
  - maximising economic opportunities
- 5.8 In addition, the proposed priorities under the Circular Economy Route Map to reach our waste, recycling and emissions reduction targets are to:
- promote and support responsible production and consumption (including tackling consumption of single-use items and promoting reuse).
  - reduce food waste from households and businesses.
  - significantly improve recycling from households and businesses.
  - embed circular construction practices.
  - minimise the impact of disposal of waste that cannot be reused or recycled.
  - strengthen data and evidence, sustainable procurement practices, and skills and training.
- 5.9 Many of these existing measures are already reflected in the current waste Management Plan. Further work will be undertaken to embed relevant actions once the final Route Map is published (anticipated in 2023). Once this happens, Waste Services will review and update the Waste Management Plan accordingly and report key actions as appropriate.
- 5.10 The existing and proposed new measures underpinning Scotland's Circular Economy Route Map to 2025 and beyond are summarised in the timeline below. Relevant actions from 2022 and 23 are reflected under the section 6 Proposals.

2022	2023	2024	2025	BEYOND 2025
<p><b>Circular Economy Bill</b> Consult on Circular Economy Bill proposals.</p> <p><b>Single Use Plastics Ban</b> Introduction of our ban on some of the most environmentally damaging single-use plastic items.</p> <p><b>FWRAP</b> Publish review and update of the Food Waste Reduction Action Plan</p> <p><b>Recycling Improvement Fund</b> £70 million fund to improve local authority recycling collection infrastructure (ongoing to 2025).</p> <p><b>Textiles Challenge Fund</b> Establishment of a £2m textiles innovation fund to tackle textile pollution and throw-away culture.</p> <p><b>Incineration Review</b> Completion of independent review into the role of incineration within Scotland's waste hierarchy.</p> <p><b>UK Emissions Trading Scheme</b> Consultation on UK Emissions Trading Scheme to gather evidence on inclusion of incineration within the scheme.</p> <p><b>Digital Waste Tracking</b> Consultation on digital waste tracking.</p>	<p><b>Deposit Return Scheme</b> Implementation of our Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) for single use drinks containers.</p> <p><b>Recycling Co-design</b> Co-design of high quality, high performing household recycling and reuse services with service operators and citizens.</p> <p><b>Separate Collections – Garden Waste</b> Separate collections of Bio-waste (e.g. garden waste), in line with EU requirements.</p> <p><b>Consult on Extending Bio Ban</b> Consultation to consider extending the ban on landfilling biodegradable municipal waste in 2025 to include biodegradable non-municipal waste.</p>	<p><b>Extended Producer Responsibility</b> Implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes for packaging, waste electrical and electronic equipment and batteries from 2024 onwards.</p> <p><b>Recycling Guidance</b> Develop guidance for household waste and recycling services.</p> <p><b>Review of Service Charging</b> Review of household waste and recycling service charging.</p> <p><b>Commercial Zoning Pilots</b> Research and launch commercial waste zoning pilots.</p> <p><b>Residual Waste Strategy</b> Implement a Residual Waste Plan.</p> <p><b>Sector-led Plan for Incineration</b> Develop a sector-led plan for incineration by 2024 to restrict the incineration of fossil materials.</p> <p><b>Food Waste Prevention Target</b> Investigate the feasibility of food waste prevention action plans for businesses and organisations.</p>	<p><b>Single-Use Disposable Beverage Cups Charge</b> Introduction of a charge on single-use disposable beverage cups.</p> <p><b>National Re-Use Target</b> Investigate the feasibility of a national reuse target.</p> <p><b>Separate Collections – Textile Waste</b> Separate collections of textile waste, in line with EU requirements.</p> <p><b>Bio Ban</b> Introduction of ban on landfilling of biodegradable municipal waste.</p> <p><b>Landfill Gas Capture</b> Expand landfill gas capture programme to double the number of sites that undertake investigative or development work.</p>	<p><b>Powers for Environmental Charging</b> Develop a prioritised approach to charges &amp; bans on other environmentally damaging products.<sup>1</sup></p> <p><b>Ban on Destruction of Durable Goods</b> Ban on the destruction of uncollected durable goods.<sup>1</sup></p> <p><b>National Consumption Reduction Target</b> Develop statutory targets to tackle consumption reduction.<sup>1</sup></p> <p><b>Mandatory Reporting</b> Introduction of mandatory public reporting of food surplus/waste.<sup>1</sup></p> <p><b>Statutory Performance Targets</b> Introduction of statutory recycling &amp; reuse local performance targets for household waste services, targets to be met from 2030.<sup>1</sup></p> <p><b>Statutory Recycling Guidance</b> Introduction of statutory guidance for household waste &amp; recycling services.<sup>1</sup></p>
<p><b>Research Programme</b> Launch a programme of research in 2022-23 on waste prevention, behaviour change, fiscal incentives and material-specific priorities.</p>		<p><b>Digital Waste Tracking</b> Implementation of mandatory digital waste tracking service (timing dependent on consultation responses).</p>		<p><b>Circular Economy Bill Proposal</b></p>

## Deposit Return Scheme for Scotland

- 5.11 The Deposit Return Scheme for Scotland (DRS) was approved by the Scottish Parliament on May 13, 2020, passed into law and Circularity Scotland appointed as the Scheme Administrator. More information and FAQs are available at [www.depositreturn.scot](http://www.depositreturn.scot).
- 5.12 In summary, the industry led scheme will see a 20p deposit placed on all single use beverage containers made of PET (Polyethylene terephthalate) plastic, cans and glass and refunded when returned for recycling. The return to retail model will see all retailers who sell drinks being required to accept returned containers either over the counter, through reverse-vending machines or through takeback for on-line delivery customers. Retailers (if eligible) can apply for an exemption and non-retail spaces could also act as return locations. This includes recycling centres and schools operated by local authorities, as well as community hubs.
- 5.13 The commencement date for DRS is 16 August 2023. Key milestones for delivery of the scheme include:
- Circularity Scotland Limited (CSL) have signed contracts with partners to deliver its logistics, operations and IT schemes.
  - CSL is raising awareness with the producers, retailers and hospitality sector and a public awareness campaign will follow in the summer.
  - Producer Registration opened with CSL in December 2022 and SEPA in January 2023 and all registrations to be received before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.
  - Return Point Operator Registration opened in March 2023.

- In July 2023, there will be end-to-end testing of containers through the scheme.
- 5.14 Waste Services are currently investigating the feasibility of hosting RVM's at some of our Recycling Centres, with further consideration undertaken once the scheme is launched, and demand established. Discussions have also been taking place with Facilities Management and Tayside Contracts regarding implications for school estates, along with meetings with colleagues from Angus Council and Dundee City Council. Further information will be provided to Elected Members in due course.
- 5.15 All these considerations have been used to inform our project timeline for the rollout of the new 4<sup>th</sup> bin recycling service in Perth & Kinross.

### **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging**

- 5.16 The Deposit Return scheme is a form of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and EPR also covers packaging, waste electricals & electronic Equipment, batteries and end of life vehicles. EPR is a financial or physical responsibility on producers for post consumption products, with the aim of reducing waste, conserving resources, and encouraging better product design.
- 5.17 In addition to the DRS, the current UK Packaging Producer Responsibility Scheme is being reformed, with primary legislation enacted through the Environment Act 2021 and a summary of consultation responses was published in March 2022. EPR regulations will apply to all UK organisations that handle and supply packaging to consumers and to businesses.
- 5.18 This reform is significant from a local authority perspective as the proposals outline that, from 2024, local authorities will be compensated for managing packaging waste and will receive the 'necessary' costs of collected household waste containing packaging. It will also include a payment for packaging that is placed in street bins and consideration has also been given in Scotland to include payments for street litter. In 2021, Eunomia produced a model which measures the burden of costs associated with litter and payment will be based on this and the overall cost of street cleaning/litter bin disposal costs for each authority. Key costs and factors such as footfall, rurality and deprivation will be taken into account by the Scheme Administrator who will be in place sometime this year.
- 5.19 A public sector scheme administrator will collect fees and make payments to local authorities. Payments will reflect the costs that would be expected to be incurred when collecting, managing, recycling and disposing of household packaging. Services must be deemed efficient and effective, or deductions may be applied by the scheme administrator (no deductions will be made in year 1 of scheme operation).
- 5.20 Perth & Kinross Council have participated in a cost modelling exercise to exemplify costs incurred by rural and inaccessible authority areas in Scotland as well as a further workshop to assist DEFRA with the scheme design.

## **Single Use Items**

- 5.21 A ban on some of the most environmentally damaging single-use plastic items came into effect in Scotland on 1 June 2022 and includes items such as plastic cutlery, plates, straws, beverage stirrers and containers made of expanded polystyrene.
- 5.22 In 2019, Waste Services undertook a Single Use Products Survey to obtain an understanding of usage of Single Use Products amongst Council employees and external organisations. The survey focused on items such as disposable cutlery, cups, gloves etc. At the same, time views were sought on possible alternatives and where barriers to using sustainable alternative lay. Work on the survey results and subsequent proposals halted during the Pandemic, during which time the Scottish Ban on certain single use products came into force. This, therefore, negated the need for Waste Services to introduce steps to tackle these items at a local level. The focus will now be to develop a Single Use Policy which will look at what the Ban has not covered, such as coffee cups and plastic bowls and trays.

## **Mandatory Digital Waste Tracking**

- 5.23 SEPA and the Scottish Government have been working with UK partners to develop a digital waste tracking system that will be adopted by all four nations. This mandatory tracking will transform how waste and resources flow; tackle waste crime; and prioritise regulatory activities.
- 5.24 Consultation has taken place and a summary of responses published in December 2022. The Government is currently preparing a response to the consultation with proposals, and plan to publish these later in 2023. The mandatory tracking is expected to be in place in 2024.

## **6. PROPOSALS**

- 6.1 The Council is contributing to the national ambitions and targets, as well as local outcomes, by delivering the actions within Appendix 1. These actions are also reflected in the Council's Climate Change Action Plan. Key actions, which will be progressed in the next year, are:

### **NEW ACTION POINTS**

- Roll out of the 4<sup>th</sup> bin Twin Stream Recycling Service (action point 115)
- Waste Management Plan/Route Map review (action point 116)
- Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) (action point 117)
- Implementation of Digital Waste Tracking (action point 118)
- Consultation on separate Garden Waste Collections – Scottish Government leading this work (action point 119)
- Single Use Policy – internal council and partners (action point 120)

## 7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 This report provides an update on progress with the action plan of the Perth and Kinross Council Waste Management Plan. These elements provide a firm foundation from which the Council, residents and businesses can assist in achieving the targets relating to recycling and composting, along with a reduction of non-recyclable waste.

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## APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 - Perth and Kinross Waste Management Plan Action Plan – Update on Progress/New Actions.

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	Yes
Workforce	Yes
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	Yes
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	Yes
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	Yes
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	Yes
Communication	
Communications Plan	Yes

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement

1.1 This report supports all of the priorities within the Community Plan 2022-27.

- (i) *Reducing Poverty (including child poverty, fuel poverty and food poverty)*
- (ii) *Mental and physical wellbeing*
- (iii) *Digital participation*
- (iv) *Skills, learning and development*
- (v) *Employability*

#### Corporate Plan

1.2 This report supports the objectives within the draft new Corporate Plan:-

- (i) *Children and young people grow up safe, respected, well-educated, and confident in their ability to realise their full potential;*
- (ii) *People and businesses are increasingly able to prosper in a local economy which support low carbon ambitions and offers opportunities for all;*
- (iii) *People can achieve their best physical and mental health and have access to quality care and support when they need it;*
- (iv) *Communities are resilient and physically, digital and socially connected;*

- (v) *Perth and Kinross is a safe and vibrant place, mitigating the impact of climate and environmental change for this and future generations.*

## **2. Resource Implications**

### Financial

- 2.1 The cost of implementing the actions detailed in the Waste Management Action Plan will be prioritised from the approved Waste Services Revenue and Capital Budget.
- 2.2 The extent of funding received, as well as applied for and pending, over the last seven years, totals over £900,000 in external funding.
- 2.3 Funding was originally secured for £2.362k from Zero Waste Scotland from the Recycling Improvement Fund to improve recycling activities throughout Perth & Kinross. This includes the roll out of a 4<sup>th</sup> bin to Householders with an implementation date of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. However, additional funding has been awarded, therefore, the total amount funded for this project is £2.721k. The increased amount will be reported through Finance & Resources Report 4 in April 2023.

### Workforce

- 2.4 The Smart Waste Project has a funded (ERDF) Smart Waste Schemes Officer, recruited to deliver the projects. A temporary Coordinator post was created to support the development of projects that align with the Climate Change Action plan and the development of a 4<sup>th</sup> bin twin stream service.
- 2.5 Given the scale of the 4<sup>th</sup> bin project, the Waste Team secured approval for the appointment of a full time Project Officer until March 2024. This is to assist the Project Lead for Collection Service Development to undertake all the activities associated with this project.

### Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.6 The proposals in this report have implications for ICT. ICT form part of relevant project boards to ensure full consultation and input to specific projects.
- 2.7 The Asset Management Review will consider options for all waste and recycling infrastructure including the 9 Household Waste & Recycling Centres, 4 transfer stations and associated depots.

### **3. Assessments**

#### Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups.
- 3.2 Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allow the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.3 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in the Perth and Kinross Waste Management Plan 2010-2025 report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcomes:
  - assessed as relevant and the following positive outcomes have been investigated / implemented with updates provided in Appendix 1
  - investigate feasibility of collecting reusable materials at Recycling Centres for resale and redistribution in the local area in conjunction with local charity and reuse organisations. This potentially could benefit people on low incomes including students, long-term sick, retirees, homeless families, migrant workers setting up home etc.

#### Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.4 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.
- 3.5 The Perth and Kinross Council Waste Management Plan was modified by the SEA process with the following main themes incorporated into the plan:
  - promoting the SEA objectives by utilising the objectives when developing assessment criteria for the residual waste treatment procurement exercise
  - assumed mitigation through meeting modern regulatory standards and ensuring operator competency
  - provide education and awareness to reassure residents about impacts of any waste management facilities that may be used in the future by PKC. By providing up-to-date, relevant and researched information to residents would allow them to make informed opinions
- 3.6 A post adoption statement, outlining how the plan incorporated the results of the Environmental Report, the responses received from the Consultation Authorities and other consultation responses, was prepared and submitted to the SEA Gateway once the Plan had been approved by the Council.

- 3.7 The post adoption statement contained information on how we would monitor the environmental effects of the Plan and the mitigation and enhancements proposed.

#### Sustainability

- 3.8 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council must discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions.
- 3.9 The actions contained within the Waste Management Plan are subject to both internal and external monitoring such as Scotland's Resource Sector Commitment and funding criteria and governance procedures related to external funding requirements.

#### Legal and Governance

- 3.10 The Head of Legal and Governance and the Head of Finance have been consulted on the content of this report.

#### Risk

- 3.11 Risks associated with individual actions are identified and managed accordingly through project implementation.

### **4. Consultation**

#### Internal

- 4.1 The Head of Legal and Governance and the Head of Finance have been consulted on the content of this report. Individual actions are consulted upon with relevant internal stakeholders.

#### External

- 4.2 Individual actions are consulted upon with relevant external stakeholders.

### **5. Communication**

- 5.1 The Waste Services Team engages in proactive communication with all known stakeholders for the delivery of domestic and commercial waste and recycling services.
- 5.2 Communication takes place in many forms, face to face, community led/public events, social media, videos, direct mailing etc and translation of documents occurs whenever identified as being of benefit

- 5.3 Stakeholders may include elected members, focus group candidates, online communities, internal colleagues, external partner organisations and charitable groups, social housing providers and community organisations, geographic communities of interest and service users. Communications plans are created for all significant campaigns and projects to identify the timeline for delivery. This includes the roll out of the 4<sup>th</sup> bin across Perth and Kinross.

## **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 2.1 The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report; (list papers concerned).

- report to the Environment Committee in November 2010 entitled Perth and Kinross Council Waste Management Plan 2010-2025 (Report Number 10/597)
- report to the Environment Committee in June 2013 entitled Waste Management Plan 2010- 2025 Progress Report (Report Number 13/267)
- report to Environment Committee in August 2013 entitled Containerisation of Waste in Perth City Centre (Report number 13/418)
- report to the Environment Committee in September 2014 entitled Waste Management Plan 2010- 2025 Progress Report (Report Number 14/364)
- report to the Environment Committee in June 2015 entitled Evaluation Report of the Improved Recycling Service Trial (Report Number 15/243)
- report to Environment Committee in November 2015 entitled Waste management Plan 2010-2025 – progress Report (Report Number 15/532)
- report to Environment Committee in January 2016 entitled Perth and Kinross Zero Waste Communities (Report number 16/12)
- report to Environment Committee in March 2016 entitled Household Waste and Recycling Charter (Report number 16/140)
- report to Environment Committee in June 2016 entitled Introduction of a Trade Waste Permit System at Council Recycling Centres (Report Number 16/240)
- report to Environment Committee in September 2016 entitled Update on Perth and Kinross Council's Volunteer and Community Advocate Programme - Zero Waste Highland Perthshire (Report Number 16/372)
- report to Environment Committee in September 2016 entitled Household Waste and Recycling Public Satisfaction Survey (Report Number 16/371)
- report to Environment Committee in November 2016 entitled Waste Management Plan 2010-2025 - Progress Report (Report Number 16/491)
- report to the Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee in September 2017 entitled Zero Waste Update (Report Number 17/276)
- report to Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee in November 2017 entitled Waste Management Plan 2010-2025 - Progress Report (Report Number 17/377)
- report to Environment & Infrastructure Committee on September 2018 entitled Perth City Centre Containerisation (Report Number 18/271)

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