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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Regeneration Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>31 August 2023</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Director, Environment &amp; Regeneration</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>ENV048/23/SJ/KL</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Gourock – Recycling Centre</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1  For Decision  For Information/Noting Tick any that apply
- 1.2 A report was submitted to this committee in March 2020 to provide a recycling only facility within Gourock, with all residual and non-recycling waste to be taken to Pottery Street.
- 1.3 The Committee agreed to the recommendations and the saving was taken.
- 1.4 Despite the financial saving being taken, the restriction of waste changes were not implemented during the pandemic and the Civic Amenity site in Gourock has continued to accept residual and non-recycling waste.
- 1.5 There will be a communication campaign advising users in advance with a date of late September advising the end date for accepting residual waste.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee note the contents of this report.
- 2.2 That officers communicate any changes to users and ward members in advance of this change.

**Stuart Jamieson**  
**Director, Environment & Regeneration**

### 3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 A report was submitted to this Committee on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 recommending that the recycling facility at Craigmuschat would be developed as a recycling only facility. **MIN REF 151**
- 3.2 The associated savings identified in terms of fuel and time saving were taken, however the onset of the pandemic and continued budget saving considerations meant that on reopening meant that the recycling only element was not implemented.
- 3.3 Proposals for the Civic Amenity Provision within Gourock continue to be discussed as part of the 2024/26 budget setting process and it has been agreed not to progress any further works either at Craigmuschat or Kirn Drive until the budget process is concluded. Any subsequent developments with Civic Amenity Provision would be on the basis of recycling only provision.

### 4.0 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 It is proposed that the remit to change the facility to recycling only be implemented by September/October 2023.
- 4.2 Officers will develop a communication plan and notify users in advance and manage the initial changes during the implementation phase.
- 4.3 There are no significant impacts associated with this change in terms of staff or infrastructure requirement. The space allocated to residual skips will now be used to facilitate higher levels of recycling provision.

### 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO
Financial		X
Legal/Risk		X
Human Resources		X
Strategic (Partnership Plan/Council Plan)		X
Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People's Rights & Wellbeing		X
Environmental & Sustainability	X	
Data Protection		X

### 5.2 Finance

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments

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Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

### 5.3 Legal/Risk

There are no legal issues arising from this report.

### 5.4 Human Resources

There are no HR issues arising from this report.

### 5.5 Strategic

There are no direct strategic implications as a result of this report.

### 5.6 Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People

#### (a) Equalities

This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) process with the following outcome:

X	YES – Assessed as relevant and an EqIA is required and will be available on the Inverclyde Council website: <a href="https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/council-and-government/equality-impact-assessments">https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/council-and-government/equality-impact-assessments</a>
	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, assessed as not relevant and no EqIA is required.

#### (b) Fairer Scotland Duty

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant under the Fairer Scotland Duty.

#### (c) Children and Young People

Has a Children’s Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – Assessed as relevant and a CRWIA is required.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve a new policy, function or strategy or recommends a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy which will have an impact on children’s rights.

**5.7 Environmental/Sustainability**

Craigmuschat Quarry and Kirn Drive before it are high yielding facilities for recycling. There could be a reduction in terms of the Councils overall recycling performance if residents do not choose to travel to Greenock. Impacts of additional travel for residents would occur but are unmeasurable. These would not be deemed significantly large to require an SEA however.

Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been carried out?

	YES – assessed as relevant and a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.
X	NO – This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme, strategy or document which is like to have significant environmental effects, if implemented.

**5.8 Data Protection**

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

**6.0 CONSULTATION**

6.1 Consultation has been undertaken with the relevant departments and CMT in the preparation of this report.

**7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 None.