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**Report To: Safe Sustainable Communities Committee**

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**Report By: Corporate Director, Environment and  
Community Protection**

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**Subject: Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Review Group – Update on Waste  
Management Procurement Partnership**

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**1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Review Group headed by Glasgow City Council for the development of a waste treatment procurement partnership.

**2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 the Committee ratified the decision taken by the Sustainability Sub Committee on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008 to notify Glasgow City Council of its interest in participating in a joint waste treatment procurement programme.
- 2.2 Glasgow have developed and Outline Business Case and will prepare an OJEU notice in June 2009, inviting tenders for the identified treatment options.
- 2.3 Participation in the procurement partnership will not commit Inverclyde Council to any spend at this point.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That the Committee note the content of this report and remit it to the Corporate Director Environment and Community Protection to report on any significant developments during the procurement process.

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## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

4.1 Inverclyde Council are part of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Review Group and have been part of a procurement partnership with Glasgow City Council, Renfrewshire Council, East Renfrewshire Council, East Dunbartonshire Council, West Dunbartonshire Council. Argyll and Bute Council also form part of this grouping for the Lomond area due to its proximity with the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Area. The two Lanarkshire Authorities are working on a separate joint partnership agreement.

4.2 This group have developed a Strategic Outline Case outlining a case for residual waste treatment facilities and had requested funding to proceed to an Outline Business Case. However a change in government administration and the recent spending review halted this process.

4.3 Glasgow City Council have invited the members of the Strategic Review Group to participate in a joint tender based on the work carried out to date. Inverclyde Council have written to Glasgow expressing interest in participating in a joint waste treatment procurement process.

## **5.0 CURRENT POSITION**

5.1 Glasgow City Council have engaged with consultants to prepare an Outline Business Case in terms of the proposed joint procurement partnership. The OBC was subsequently finished in February 2009. The proposal identified in the OBC is for a residual waste treatment plant handling 150,000 tonnes of waste per annum with the preferred treatment method being Autoclave. The initial plant will be based at Glasgow City Council's Polmadie depot and should be operational by 2012. Consideration will be given to a second plant to meet the 2020 targets after the implementation of the first plant

5.2 A report has been submitted by Glasgow City Council officers to their Executive Committee and approval was gained to move to the next stage.

5.3 Following on from the approval of the report an advert will be placed in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) in June 2009 and consultants will be appointed thereafter. Under the framework agreement financial advisors have already been appointed. Glasgow City Council will develop a tender to appoint technical and legal advisors for the procurement project. Inclusion in the partnership proposal does not commit any partner Council to any course of action at this stage.

5.7 The infrastructure requirement and waste targets will be in line with the current and proposed waste diversion targets. Autoclave technology can be considered an Energy from Waste facility. The Scottish Government have set a cap of 25% of waste being processed through this technology by 2025. It is still not clear how this will be defined and the Scottish Government are producing a technical briefing on the interpretation.

## **6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There is no financial implication for Inverclyde Council to continue participating in the procurement partnership at this time.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

7.1 Consultation on this report was carried out with Finance services.

## **8.0 REFERENCES**

Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Review Group – Waste Management Strategic Outline Case.

