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**Report To: Safe Sustainable Communities Committee**

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**Subject: Zero Waste Fund – Proposed Spending Profile**

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the proposed spend in terms of the Zero Waste Fund.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

2.1 The Scottish Government have set stringent targets in terms of recycling and waste diversion to 2025 which are aimed at making Scotland a Zero Waste society.

2.2 The Government have announced funding in the shape of the Zero Waste Fund distributed to all Local Authorities. Inverclyde's annual allocation is £382,000 made up of £64,000 Capital and £318,00 Revenue.

2.3 A proposed spending profile has been prepared identifying areas of spend.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report and the targets for waste diversion and recycling.

3.2 That the options identified for spending the sums allocated be progressed and that the diversion performance be monitored.

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## 4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 In January 2008 the Environment Minister, Richard Lochhead , announced his new Waste Policy for Scotland. The main targets relating to recycling / composting and landfill diversion are detailed below.

	2010	2013	2020	2025
Waste recycled or composted:	40%	50%	60%	70%
Waste used for energy	4%	14%	25%	25%
Waste to landfill	56%	36%	15%	5%

Inverclyde currently has a recycling rate of 30% as at the first quarter of 2009/10.

4.2 The minister also announced a new Zero Waste Fund to assist Councils in meeting the new challenges based on the existing proportions of waste disposal GAE. Despite an initial expectation of around £435,000 from the Zero Waste Fund for 2009/2010 the actual allocation has been set at £382,000. Broken down this equates to £64,000 capital and £318,000 revenue.

4.3 A proposed spending profile has been prepared and is attached to this report. It is anticipated that from 2009/10 onwards the sum of £71,000 will be removed from the Zero Waste Fund as an efficiency saving and from 2010/11 onwards the sum of £200,000 will be removed from the Zero Waste Fund for the proposed depot funding.

## 5.0 LONG TERM INFRASTRUCTURE

5.1 It is anticipated that the measures identified will go some way to meeting the initial targets. Inverclyde's current performance while increasing annually is still around 10% below the target set for 2010/2011. This equates to the removal of approximately 5,000 tonnes of material from our existing landfill amounts.

5.2 It is recognised that to meet the target beyond 2010 some degree of cross boundary working or large scale infrastructure for waste diversion will be required and Inverclyde Council are engaged with Glasgow City Council and other Local Authorities in terms of identifying such a solution.

5.3 As the cost of disposal to landfill increases annually it is anticipated that the cost of diversion through the various types of infrastructure currently planned will be greatly offset by the cost of waste diversion. Currently waste disposal to landfill costs Inverclyde Council £59.80 per tonne, this will rise to around £67 in 2010/11 and £75 in 2011/2012 as a direct result of the increase in landfill tax.

## 6.0 Consultation

6.1 Consultation on this report has been held with Finance services.

### Zero Waste Fund – Spending Profile 2009/10 to 2012/13

Zero Waste Fund	One off or recurring	Rationale and impact	09/10 £000		10/11 £000		11/12 £000		12/13 £000	
			Capital	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital	Revenue
Enforcement and recycling officers (includes vehicle and on costs)	Recurring	No funding from Phase 1 continuum bid. Proposal includes 1 staff and associated vehicle to enhance the Councils publicity and education initiatives. Will reduce contamination by 15%-20%.	9	35	-	35	-	35	-	35
MRF Modification	One off With annual recurring service / lease costs	Improve capture rates and increase picking distance therefore reducing reliance on outsourcing 2 <sup>nd</sup> pass recycling. Purchase of containers and haulage boxes to allow storage on site.	35	112	20	-	20	-	20	-
Bring site and recycling centre improvements	Recurring	Bring sites suffer from misuse Improving sites signage and containers will increase recovery rates and minimise adverse impact of poorly presented sites. Funding allows a 4 year programme. Some alterations and new containers also identified for recycling centres in year 2010/11	-	60	20	-	20	-	20	-
Publicity education and awareness raising campaigns	Recurring	Enhanced publicity drive and extension of existing promotional campaigns	-	25	-	12	-	12	-	12
Increase storage Capacity at MRF	One off	Will allow storage of material and also increase capacity to recycle commercial material.	-	65	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase additional recycling containers	Recurring	New containers for bring sites and improved signage in year 1.	20	21	24	-	24	-	24	-
Prudential borrowing	Recurring	Proposed new depot (anticipated at 2010/2011 )	-	-	-	200	-	200	-	200
1% Efficiency Offset	Recurring	Efficiency Saving	-	-	-	71	-	71	-	71
<b>Total spend from Zero Waste Fund for 2009/10 to 2012/13</b>			<b>64</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>318</b>
<b>Total combined capital and revenue spend for 2009/10 to 2012/13</b>			<b>382</b>		<b>382</b>		<b>382</b>		<b>382</b>	