
Report To	Safe Sustainable Communities Committee	Date	3 May 2011
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Subject	SEPA Compliance Assessment Scheme		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise committee of SEPA's assessment of the Council's environmental performance in respect of the Pottery Street Transfer Station and Civic Amenity Site.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 SEPA is the main environmental regulator in Scotland, issuing licenses designed to control activities that may lead to pollution or environmental damage. Inspections of licensed premises are carried out by SEPA officials and compliance with these licenses is important in ensuring that the environment and human health are protected.

2.2 The inspections are based on a risk assessment of facilities built up over several years inspections, with those facilities deemed more at risk or which are not adequately managed receiving more inspections. Inverclyde Council has been placed at a lower risk level due to the management control process in place. The Council's Kirn Drive depot is not included within the scope of the Compliance Assessment Scheme for reporting purposes; however, the site is inspected at the same level as our Transfer Station.

2.3 The relevant conditions for assessment for Inverclyde are:-

- Environmental Limit Conditions – e.g. odour, litter emissions etc; and
- Environmental Management Conditions – Management systems and controls in place.

2.4 In 2010, as part of the phased Compliance Assessment Scheme, SEPA introduced Waste Management Licensing Inspections and have now formally written to the Council advising of our environmental performance for 2010 in respect of the Pottery Street Transfer Station and Civic Amenity Site.

2.5 SEPA's assessment of Inverclyde Council was that the Environmental Management Conditions were rated as having a high performance and that the overall compliance was excellent.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that Committee note the contents of this report.

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