
Report To:	Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee	Date: 23 August
Report By:	Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment	Report No: 011SSC/ENV/IM11.88
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Subject:	Food Waste Collections	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the proposed introduction of a food waste collection service within Inverclyde

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The proposed Zero Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2011 sets out a number measures which will reduce the quantities of waste going to landfill.
- 2.2 A key target is the requirement for Local Authorities to introduce of food waste collection services.
- 2.3 Zero Waste Scotland have developed a food waste programme and identified funding in 2011/12 to assist Councils in the introduction of food waste collections along with support for facilities to recycle food waste.
- 2.5 Part of this funding has been used by Zero Waste Scotland to appoint consultants to work with Inverclyde Council's Waste Strategy Section to develop a best value options appraisal report which may assist the Council in bidding for funding should it wish to do so. There is no cost or future obligation to the Council at this stage.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report and feed back any comments to officers.
- 3.2 That it be remitted to the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services to report to the Committee in respect of the most beneficial options for delivering the food waste collection services, including any potential bid for funding in accordance with the Councils Corporate Approach to External Funding as reported to Policy and Resources Committee on 2 February 2010.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Members will recall the report to this committee on 8 March 2011 on the Scottish Government Consultation on the Zero Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2011.
- 4.2 The proposed regulations are designed to reduce quantities of waste going to landfill and have highlighted a number of key milestones in relation to food waste.
- 2013: Requirement to segregate food waste;
 - 2015: Landfill ban on source segregated food waste; and
 - 2017: Biodegradability ban for organic waste.
- 4.3 Inverclyde Council will require to set up a food waste collection service in order to meet the proposed changes in legislation which will assist the Council to meet recycling and landfill diversion targets.
- 4.4 The Scottish Government will be issuing the outcome of the consultation on the Zero Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2011 in late August and will clarify some key decisions in relation to food waste and other waste streams.
- 4.5 It is likely that the Scottish Government will now accept the collection of co-mingled organic material (i.e. food and garden waste) which is a departure from the consultation documents stance of segregated collections of these two materials.

5.0 FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS – ZERO WASTE SCOTLAND SUPPORT

- 5.1 Zero Waste Scotland has identified funding to support the collection and processing of food waste in 2011/2012. This funding will assist in the introduction of collection services to homes and businesses along with infrastructure support for processing food waste. This funding can be for both Capital and Revenue expenditure.
- 5.2 The programme will support the following Local Authority projects
- Development of options appraisal for local authorities to implement food waste collections and treatment;
 - Development of full business case where procurement of treatment facilities is identified as a priority;
 - Funding support of Local Authority treatment infrastructure;
 - Funding support for separate food waste collection; and
 - Funding for mixed food & garden waste collections where the case for separate collection is not technically, environmentally or economically practical.
- 5.3 Zero Waste Scotland has appointed a number of contractors who will complete a best value options appraisal process or business case that will detail the collection and treatment options which are available to the council.
- 5.4 Following the completion of this process Council's can make an application for funding to Zero Waste Scotland.
- 5.5 Inverclyde Council have been approached by Zero Waste Scotland to participate in the development of the best value options appraisal and have been appointed Resource Futures as the contractor to develop this work. The support offered is at no cost to the Council and we do not have any obligation to participate further following the development of the report.
- 5.6 The report will be produced by end of September 2011.
- 5.7 Should the Council wish to bid for funding, the reports will be used to support the

application. The funding support will be guaranteed for 2011/12 and subject to budget decisions funding may be made available in subsequent years. The Council will then be required to agree a set of performance measures with Zero Waste Scotland which meet the best value return on investment.

5.8 A budget pressure paper covering the period 2011 to 2013 has prepared and is included within the current Waste Strategy budget. The budget pressure covers 21,000 households within Inverclyde and is designed to operate along the same principles as the successful food waste trial which operated until January 2010.

5.9 Additional support would allow the restructuring and expansion of the proposed food waste of the service and may allow the Council to offset some of the proposed costs to develop further recycling services.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6.2 Legal

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.3 Personnel

There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Scottish Government Consultation on the proposed Zero Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2011

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08/03/11
Para 188

7.2 A Corporate Approach to External Funding.

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02/02/10
Para 80