
Report To	Environment and Regeneration Committee	Date	25 /10/12
Report By	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No	SSC/ENV/IM/12.139
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Subject	Zero Waste Scotland Funding		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of Zero Waste Scotland's intention to provide funding for the inception of new initiatives.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 give a clear indication of how waste should be managed by Local Authorities and details priorities and timelines in respect improving recycling performance.
- 2.2 Two key areas identified through the regulations which Inverclyde require to address are
- Glass Collection
 - Increased participation
- 2.3 Following the successful implementation of our food waste scheme, Zero Waste Scotland they have agreed to fund a feasibility study and business case into glass collections in Inverclyde.
- 2.4 Zero Waste Scotland has also identified funding for a number of Local Authorities in respect of a short term High Rise and Tenemental (HRT) Inventory assessment. Inverclyde Council have been selected to participate in this programme due to the high number of flatted properties. The HRT support will also include communications strategies and campaigns tailored to those property types.

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 progress the works identified in respect of Glass Collection and High Rise and Tenemental properties.
- 3.3 That it be remitted to the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services to work with Zero Waste Scotland and to maximise any external funding opportunities in respect of glass recycling and increased participation in accordance with the Council's Corporate Approach to External Funding.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 have identified a number of key materials in to be collected from the kerbside. The key materials are:
- Glass
 - Metals
 - Plastics
 - Paper
 - Card
 - Food Waste.
- 4.2 Inverclyde Council already collect these materials, with the exception of glass, from the kerbside. A communal glass collection service is provided through the Neighbourhood Recycling Point and Household Waste Recycling Centers infrastructure.
- 4.3 The requirement for a separate collection of glass is being driven by the end market use and the Scottish Government's push on closed loop recycling. Under these regulations glass will have to go back for re-melt into new glass bottles and jars. Glass will no longer be allowed to go for end uses such as aggregates and water filtration.
- 4.4 The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 also place an onus on Local Authorities to maximise the participation by householders in recycling schemes. At present Inverclyde Council service approximately 32,000 out of 39,000 households.

5.0 KERBSIDE GLASS SUPPORT

- 5.1 To ensure Inverclyde Council comply with The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012, a kerbside glass collection will have to be implemented by 1st January 2014.

To support the development of such a service Zero Waste Scotland have confirmed they will fund the development of an options appraisal and business case through their consultants. This would include modelling a number of options using a variety of evaluation criteria such as costs, impact of landfill diversion/recycling performance and compatibility with the regulations and Waste Hierarchy guidance.

- 5.2 Zero Waste Scotland will also provide additional support once the service is ready to be implemented through communications in the form of:
- Project Management Support
 - Devising a communications strategy
 - Designing communications materials
 - Conducting focus groups
 - PR support

This support will be subject to Inverclyde's chosen method of collection complying with the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

6.0 TENEMENT INVENTORY FUND

- 6.1 As part of a separate tranche of funding Zero Waste Scotland approached 9 Local Authorities with a view to funding work on High Rise and Tenemental properties Inverclyde Council with a high proportion of flatted properties in their district was selected in the initial list of Councils.

- 6.1 The programme will consist of communications campaigns and strategies and this is funded directly through Zero Waste Scotland to contractors who will develop the strategy and communications materials.
- 6.2 Funding for Local Authorities will be provided to employ a member of staff to carry out a short term Inventory Check. The funding allocated to Inverclyde Council is £10,000 and it is envisaged that in common with a number of Authorities this post will be temporarily filled by agency staff.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR INVERCLYDE COUNCIL

- 7.1 Inverclyde Council will require to provide a glass collection service by 1st January 2014. The business case will provide possible options which the Council can decide to take forward.
- 7.2 Participation in the High Rise and Tenemental scheme will enable the Council to make decisions to expand services to those householders who are not currently in receipt of a recycling service.

8.0 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Finance has been consulted in relation to the activities named above.

9.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Financial Implications – Grant Income

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed spend This Report	Virement From	Other Comments
Waste Strategy	Grant Income Other Expenditure	2012/13	£10,000		Grant Income from Zero Waste Scotland