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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of progress made by the Inverclyde Council in achieving key objectives and targets, as set out in the Scottish Government's Zero Waste Plan and The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Zero Waste Plan and The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 set a number of performance targets and give a clear indication of how waste should be managed by Local Authorities.
- 2.2 Key areas Inverclyde Council was working towards during 2013 and will continue into 2014 include:
- Food waste collections – roll out to commercial premises.
  - Increased participation from tenement properties.
  - Work towards 2020, 60% household waste recycling target.
  - Kerbside glass collections.
  - Development of a short term contract to 2016 for the operation of the Council's MRF.
- 2.3 Through support from Zero Waste Scotland Inverclyde Council will be able to roll out a kerbside glass collection service and continue to work towards the 2020 recycling performance target of 60%.
- 2.4 Inverclyde Council was successful in exceeding the Scottish Government's 2013 target of 50% household waste recycling performance, one of only 9 councils in Scotland to achieve this. Also for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2014, the recycling performance has been achieving the 60% target.
- 2.5 The contract for the operation of the Council's Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) at Ingleston Greenock was awarded to Greenlight Environmental Ltd.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report and the good progress being made by Environmental and Commercial Services waste strategy and waste collection teams.

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## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Inverclyde Council was one of only 9 councils in Scotland which exceeded the Scottish Government's household waste recycling target of 50% in 2013. This was achieved through the Council's existing recycling collection service for paper, card, cans, plastics along with the introduction of food waste collections in 2012.
- 4.2 Inverclyde Council will aim to build on this success and work towards the Scottish Government's 2020 household waste recycling target of 60%. This will be assisted by the introduction of a new kerbside collection for glass, due to be rolled out to households later in 2014.
- 4.3 Inverclyde Council has also been proactive with regard to The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012, which place an onus on commercial premises to collect the same 6 key materials as households, namely: paper; card; metals; plastics; glass and food waste. Inverclyde already provides an established commercial collection for 5 of the 6 key waste streams, food being the exception. The Council has however established commercial food waste collections and now all of Inverclyde Council's educational establishments receive a full complement of recycling and residual waste collection services.

## **5.0 COMMERCIAL FOOD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE**

- 5.1 Inverclyde Council has an obligation through The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 to offer a food waste collection service to its existing commercial customers. Through route optimisation of the domestic food waste collection routes a dedicated commercial food waste collection route has been established. A survey conducted in April 2013 showed that 80% of respondents (household only) said they currently used the food waste collection service. Participation was highest in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay. The figures provided have a 4% margin of error.
- 5.2 As a result all of Inverclyde Council's educational establishments, from nursery to tertiary education, have a food waste collection service. The service is being further rolled out to other companies who produce greater than 50kgs per week in line with The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012.
- 5.3 Assistance with the establishment of this service was provided by Zero Waste Scotland Business Support Department. Zero Waste Scotland, working with Inverclyde Council, produced leaflets and business cards to provide information to businesses around the new legislation and also offer support in relation to meeting their obligations outlined in the new legislation.
- 5.4 Commercial Food Waste Collections only started in April 2014, however it is predicted this service will remove around 50 tonnes per annum from the Council's residual waste stream.

## **6.0 KERBSIDE GLASS COLLECTION**

- 6.1 Inverclyde Council submitted a bid to Zero Waste Scotland for funding to assist with the development of a new kerbside glass collection service. Zero Waste Scotland awarded Inverclyde Council £250,000 split over two financial years. The Council agreed an extra £140,000 annual budget to fund the on going costs of this service.
- 6.2 Inverclyde Council will roll out a kerbside box service for the collection of glass. The glass will be collected mixed in the box, however it will be colour sorted at the kerbside into 3 separate stillages on a specialist collection vehicle. The service will be offered to approximately 28,000 households and will be collected every two weeks.
- 6.3 The service is due to be rolled out later in 2014 and should increase our recycling performance by 3% per annum.

6.4 Funding for the purchase of the boxes and contribution towards the purchase of the vehicles was provided by Zero Waste Scotland over two financial years 2013/14 for the boxes and 2014/15 for the vehicles. The kerbside boxes were procured in 2013/14 through the Scotland Excel Waste Containers Framework. Under the terms of the funding the boxes had to be produced to allow the funding to be released to the Council. An agreement was arranged with the successful tenderer for the storage of the boxes until such time when Inverclyde Council were in a position to call these off; the successful tenderer will also be responsible for the doorstep delivery of the boxes. The procurement of the vehicles was delayed slightly due to the Scotland Excel Framework; however this has now been resolved. Anticipated delivery of the vehicles is October 2014.

## **7.0 CONTRACTS**

7.1 In 2014 Inverclyde Council renegotiated two waste management contracts – Residual Waste and the operation of the MRF for Dry Recyclables.

7.2 It was agreed to extend the residual waste contract with William Tracey for a further two years taking the contract up to June 2016

7.3 The MRF contract was re-tendered for a two year period. Greenlight Environmental Ltd was successful in retaining the contract which will see them operating the Council's MRF until June 2016. This exercise saved approximately £18,000 per annum with the saving counting towards the corporate Procurement Workstream savings target.

7.4 It is envisaged that a joint residual and dry recyclables tender will be issued when both contracts end in June 2016.

7.5 Inverclyde Council also accepted the 1 year extension period of the Food Waste contract with William Tracey. This will see William Tracey process the Council's food waste until March 2015. As a result of market conditions the reprocessing cost increased by £2.50 per tonne from £42.50 to £45 per tonne. It is proposed to retender this contract in 2015, through the Scotland Excel Organics Framework, with a view to merge with the existing waste management contracts which terminate in June 2016.

7.6 Inverclyde Council also awarded a contract for the collection of textiles from our Recycling Points and Household Waste Recycling Centres. This is a one year concession contract to test the market. Nathans Wastesavers won the contract, which provided a small income for the Council. The contract was let from December 2013 to December 2014. Inverclyde Council plan to retender for this contract through the Scotland Excel Dry Recyclables and Residual Waste Framework, lot 23 Treatment of Textiles.

## **8.0 APSE AWARD NOMINATION**

8.1 Environmental and Commercial Services, waste strategy and waste collection teams, has been shortlisted for the Best Service Team award at this year's prestigious Association for Public Sector Service Excellence (APSE) Awards. The award is open to all Local Authorities throughout Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The Waste Strategy Team has contributed to making Inverclyde a top 5 Scottish Local Authority for waste management delivering services at the lowest cost of all councils in Scotland. The Committee is asked to note this achievement.

## **9.0 IMPLICATIONS**

### **Finance**

9.1 The fund offered by Zero Waste Scotland was issued on a first come first serve basis. Due to this additional funding is required through the capital programme for the purchase of the glass collection vehicles.

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
Capital	Grant Income	2013/14	(£80)		Capital grant from ZWS for purchase of kerbside boxes for the collection of glass.
Capital	Kerbside Glass Grant	2013/14	£80		Purchase of kerbside boxes
Capital	Income	2014/15	(£150)		Capital grant from ZWS for purchase of mini kerbsider vehicles for the collection of glass.
Capital	Kerbside Glass	2014/15	£254		Purchase of mini kerbside vehicles for the collection of glass (£104,000 funded through prudential borrowing).

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
Waste Strategy	Textiles	14/15	(49)		Income for textiles based on average monthly weights.
Waste Strategy	Food	14/15	70		Food waste contract inclusive of rate increase from £42.50 to £45
Waste Strategy	Various	14/15 15/16	45 140		Glass collection service
Waste Strategy	Greenlight	14/15	178		MRF
Waste Transfer Station	Landfill	14/15	2,516		Residual waste to landfill

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**Legal**

9.2 Legal has been consulted in relation to the activities named above.

## **Human Resources**

- 9.3 There will be an implication of 6 additional staff, 3 drivers and 3 loaders, to operate the new glass collection service. It is still to be decided if these would be through redeployment or new recruitment. Due to the nature of the work, any employees would need to be physically fit.

## **Equalities**

- 9.4 This report does not impact on Equalities.

## **Repopulation**

- 9.5 Inverclyde Council will be contributing to the repopulation of Inverclyde through the creation of 6 sustainable long term jobs. Increasing recycling and reducing landfill can have a positive effect on residents and business investment.

## **10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 A report outlining the main impacts of the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

<http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/content/waste-scotland-regulations>