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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Committee on 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. Inverclyde Council is now fully compliant with The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012.
- 2.2 A report was presented to this Committee on 4th September 2014 detailing funding support from Zero Waste Scotland enabling Inverclyde Council to roll out a kerbside glass collection service and continue to work towards the 2020 recycling performance target of 60%. ENV.I
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- 2.3 In December 2014, Inverclyde Council introduced a new kerbside glass collection service to around 28,000 households.
- 2.4 Inverclyde Council is successful in exceeding the Scottish Government's 2013 target of 50% household waste recycling performance, and is one of only 9 councils in Scotland to achieve this.
- 2.5 In recognition of the Council's achievements the Waste Strategy section was awarded the Chartered Institute of Waste Management's Local Authority Waste Hierarchy award in 2014.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report and the progress being made by Environmental and Commercial Services Waste Strategy and Waste Collection Teams.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Scottish government set Councils a target of 50% Household Waste Recycling by 2013 with a target of 60% to be achieved by 2020. 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 recycling collection service for paper, card, cans, plastics and food waste.
- 4.2 The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 placed a responsibility councils to provide a range of collections to households and commercial premises as follows:
- Households to receive paper, card, metals and plastic collections
 - Households to receive separate collections of food and glass
 - Commercial premises to receive a range of recycling services similar to households
- 4.3 Working with Zero Waste Scotland, our residents and businesses, Inverclyde Council is now fully compliant with regard to the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012.
- 4.4 Key areas Inverclyde Council was working towards during 2014 and will continue into 2015 include:
- Roll out of food waste collections to commercial premises
 - Work towards 2020, 60% household waste recycling target
 - Roll out of the kerbside glass collection service
 - Introducing recycling to tenemental properties

5.0 COMMERCIAL FOOD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

- 5.1 The Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 obligated Councils to offer a food waste collection service to their existing commercial customers. Inverclyde Council initially offered this service to educational establishments as a trial prior to the deadline of January 2014 and building on the success of this, rolled out the service to all customers who produce greater than 50kg of food waste per week in accordance with the requirements of the regulations.
- 5.2 Inverclyde Council will continue to roll out the food waste service to those customers who produce sufficient quantities of food waste. This is monitored through our commercial waste services and customers will be visited as required.

6.0 KERBSIDE GLASS COLLECTION

- 6.1 Inverclyde Council introduced its new glass kerbside collection service to around 28,000 households in December 2014. The delivery of containers was completed by the service over two weeks. Householders received a black box, a box hat and a leaflet informing them of the service.
- 6.2 Officers within the Waste Strategy Unit developed a communication strategy to deliver an awareness campaign for the introduction of new services. This strategy was used to roll out our food waste service and has been widely adopted by a number of other Councils.
- 6.3 A number of information sessions were arranged to allow householders to see how the new service would work in practice, feedback was then taken back and used to inform some aspects of the service. Officers then developed promotional materials with Zero Waste Scotland which used good practice gained through the roll out of glass collections throughout Scotland. A door step survey was conducted in February 2015 to gain feedback from the householders on their opinions on the materials used so far and what types of media they would like to see used in the future. The feedback from this has been used to inform a follow up campaign in March 2015.
- 6.4 The glass is collected in specialised mini kerbside collection vehicles. The vehicles have 3 troughs on the passenger side of the vehicle. These troughs are for clear, green and

amber glass. The glass is bulked at the Ingleston Park depot where the glass is stored before being transported to O-I, (Owens-Illinois Ltd), in Alloa for re-melt back into new glass bottles and jars.

- 6.5 The first collections commenced on 8th December 2014. In the first 4 weeks of the service nearly 80 tonnes of glass was collected from the kerbside. This is in line with the original targets set out in the business case funded by Zero Waste Scotland.
- 6.6 Public participation has been high and the service is reviewing the routing and the service delivery. No major concerns have been identified however we have experienced a higher than average request for replacement containers during high winds where around 200 boxes have been requested. Funding is in place for replacements: subsequent to the severe weather there has been no further significant increase in lost containers.

7.0 CONTRACTS

- 7.1 As indicated in the previous report Inverclyde Council will be retendering the food waste contract through the Scotland Excel Organics Framework. The tender return is currently being evaluated with a start date of 1st April 2015.
- 7.2 The tender for the treatment of textiles was awarded through the Scotland Excel Dry Recyclables and Residual Waste Framework, lot 23. The contract is still with Nathans and is still a concession contract with income generated for the Council.
- 7.3 A number of contracts are due to be retendered in 2015/16 including the residual Waste Contract, MRF, Wood and Organic Garden Waste. Details of these will be presented to this Committee during 2015/16.

AWARD NOMINATION

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The Waste Strategy Team was runner up for the Best Service Team award at the Association for Public Sector Service Excellence (APSE) Awards 2014. On this occasion Inverclyde Council lost out to Monmouthshire County Council, and our congratulations were extended to them.

- 8.2 In the same year Inverclyde Council was also nominated for the Local Authority Waste Hierarchy Award at the prestigious Chartered Institute of Wastes Management (CIWM) Awards. The CIWM is the leading waste management body in the UK and awards are vetted by industry professionals. The award was won by Inverclyde Council through reducing our household waste arisings by 15% and boosting our recycling rate by 12% while maintaining one of the lowest costs of service provision.

9.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 9.1 This report does not impact on Finance.

Legal

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

Human Resources

- 9.3 Through the introduction of the new kerbside glass collection service, 6 new jobs have been created. 3 new drivers and 3 new loaders have been recruited.

Equalities

- 9.4 This report does not impact on Equalities.

Repopulation

- 9.5 Inverclyde Council contributed 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>