

EX43. SUSTAINABLE WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE - UPDATE

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services summarising the outcomes of the first phase of the new waste collection system and setting out proposals for the roll out of the system.

The Executive agreed, on 25 February 2014 (ref EX120), an implementation plan for the introduction of a new waste collection system. This had included an initial pilot covering Airth, Carron, Carronshore, Larbert, Stenhousemuir, Torwood and part of Bo'ness. The Executive had also requested a 'lessons learned' report following an assessment of the pilot, prior to further roll out.

The report summarised the pilot in terms of enquiries, waste collected by weight per household together with an analysis of the waste collected and set out the lessons learned. It was considered that, if the performance of the pilot was mirrored throughout the Council area, the Council would meet its recycling target of 60% by 2020 and reduce its landfill cost burden. It was proposed to complete implementation of the three weekly collections throughout the district over 2 further phases, commencing in October 2014, with the first phase covering 22,000 properties in wards 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 and the final phase, covering 25,000 suitable properties in wards 2, 6, 7 and 8.

During the pilot, 3 recycling waste advisers, funded by Zero Waste Scotland, had supported the programme. Zero Waste Scotland had confirmed that it would fund two of the posts for the remainder of the roll out. Approval was sought to fund the third post, from existing resources.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) to note the results and lessons learned from the pilot phase of the Sustainable Waste Collection System;**
- (2) to complete the roll out of the sustainable waste collection service as set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report; and**
- (3) to fund one recycling adviser post through existing budgets.**