

EX80. PROCESSING OF BLUE BIN MATERIAL AND CHARTER FOR HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING IN SCOTLAND

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services presenting the current situation regarding the processing of the Council's blue bin material as well as an update on the recommendations of the Policy Development Panel (PDP), which was established to consider the implications of the Charter for Household Recycling in Scotland.

Members had agreed at the Executive meeting on 20 October 2015 (ref EX68), to authorise the Director of Development Services to review all costs associated with the blue bin collection service in order to present options to a future meeting. Since October 2015, various factors have impacted on the cost of processing blue bin material, with costs having reached unsustainable levels.

Two available options have been identified, which are to either remain with the current provider/seek an alternative provider, or to process the material at the Council's current bulking facility.

The report also referred to the Household Recycling Charter for Scotland which was agreed by CoSLA leaders in August 2015. The Charter identified 21 key principles and referred to the development of a Code of Practice for use by local authorities in Scotland in an effort to achieve consistency across waste and recycling services.

The Executive established a policy development panel on 20 October 2016 (ref EX68) to consider the implications of the forthcoming Recycling Charter. The report summarised the work of the panel, which comprised Councillors Dr C R Martin (chair), S Bird, J Blackwood, P Garner and A Nimmo. After completion of the PDP process, members agreed that the principles of the Charter for Household Recycling in Scotland were sound and as such agreed to recommend the signing of the Charter to the Executive.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) that the processing of the Council's blue bin material be undertaken at the Council's current bulking facility and authorised the Director of Development Services to take forward the measures required for implementation as set out at Option 2 (paragraphs 2.7-2.9) in the report, and**
- (2) to sign the Charter for Household Recycling in Scotland and to the development of a transition plan for future consideration.**