

EX146. CLOSURE OF AVONDALE ADVANCED WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY – PRACTICAL AND FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services providing an update on the position with regard to the Avondale waste treatment facility and recommending a variation in the current contract price for the cost of landfill.

The Council's original contract for the disposal and treatment of residual waste, with Avondale Environmental Ltd, had been extended to 14 August 2015. In June 2013, the Executive had been advised of the closure of Avondale's processing plant with the effect that the company would only be able to landfill waste at the site. The Executive had agreed to landfill material with Avondale until 31 March 2014 and to consider its options. More recently, Avondale had advised the Council that the processing facility would not reopen to treat residual waste during the remaining term of the contract. Consideration, therefore, required to be given to the Council's options. Details were given of the financial and legal implications of the available options.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) to continue to landfill at Avondale, Polmont for the remainder of the contract at a reduced landfill cost of £91.25 per tonne;**
- (1) in exchange for the negotiated financial arrangement outlined in the report, to the Council waiving its rights against Avondale Environmental Limited in respect of any financial loss arising from the withdrawal of the waste treatment facility; and**
- (2) to note that the recycling rate for the authority will decrease should it not divert additional material from landfill.**