

EX34. CLOSURE OF AVONDALE ADVANCED WASTE TREATMENT FACILITY

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services on proposals to close Avondale waste treatment facility.

Avondale Environmental Ltd had won a contract to dispose of and treat the Council's residential waste from 15 August 2008 until 14 August 2013 with the option for an extension of 2 years. Members had agreed in 2010, to extend the contract until 14 August 2015.

The Council had been advised by Avondale Advanced Waste Treatment Ltd that its Materials Recycling Facility in Polmont would close as at 31 May 2013, but that it would be willing to continue its waste disposal service at the Avondale landfill facility.

The report set out the options available to Council together with the risks associated with the various options.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) to move material to landfill at Avondale, Polmont on an interim basis due to the Material Recycling Facility not being available on the basis of no additional financial cost to the Council.**
- (2) to note that the Council will seek to reserve its rights against Avondale Environmental Limited for the breach of contract.**
- (3) to note that the recycling rate will decrease should it not divert additional material from landfill.**
- (4) to authorise the Director of Development Services to monitor the situation and, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to take such steps and enter such arrangements as she considers necessary to protect the Council's best interests, provided that such steps or arrangements do not extend in their effect beyond 14 August 2015.**