

FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2007 at 10.30 am.

EH37. FORTH VALLEY AREA WASTE PLAN UPDATE

There was submitted joint Report (circulated) dated 8 February 2007 by the Directors of Corporate and Commercial Services and of Development Services which informed Members of the current state of progress in implementation of the Forth Valley Area Waste Plan and also detailed the actions necessary to stay within annual landfill allowances as determined by the Scottish Executive.

In terms of Standing Order 14.2 and paragraphs 5.14 and 5.15 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor A MacDonald declared a non-financial interest in this item of business on the basis of his membership of Friends of the Earth (Scotland) and further declared that in terms of Paragraph 5.18 of the said Code of Conduct, he had concluded that no member of the public acting reasonably would consider that he might be influenced by his respective interest in his role as a Councillor. Therefore, Councillor A MacDonald participated in the discussion and decision.

Discussion took place on:-

- Possibility of an incinerator being sited in the area
- Methods for encouraging residents outside the Council area to use facilities provided by their own authorities
- System for managing use of recycling facilities by commercial users.

Councillor Spears, seconded by Councillor Bryson, moved that Committee:-

- (1) note the success in achieving the Council's recycling/composting targets in 2006/07 and the actions necessary to achieve future targets;
- (2) note the potential that the Council could be awarded funding to undertake a food waste collection trial from households; and
- (3) refer the following recommendations to the next Falkirk Council meeting on 7 March 2007:-
 - (a) authorise the Director of Corporate & Commercial Services to introduce recycling collections for Commercial Customers on a phased basis commencing in 2008/09 with charitable organisations being offered a free service equivalent to a household collection;
 - (b) authorise the Director of Corporate & Commercial Services to introduce tighter controls on the issue of small traders permits and require pre-arranged access to recycling centres for commercial customers;

- (c) authorise the Director of Corporate & Commercial Services to introduce controls to ensure that only Falkirk Council residents can use the Council's recycling centres;
- (d) authorise the Director of Development Services to progress the procurement exercise for residual waste treatment facilities to the tendering stage in order to identify possible alternatives to large scale incineration.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Rev. Jenkinson, moved that no recommendations be made by this Committee and that there be a Seminar on this matter for all Members prior to consideration by full Council.

On a division, the Motion defeated the Amendment by 7 votes to 4.

Accordingly, **AGREED** in terms of the Motion.