

AGENDA ITEM 3(i)

FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT of MINUTE of MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2011 at 9.30 am.

ECS26. ZERO WASTE UPDATE

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 14 October 2011 by the Director of Development Services providing an update on the Council's progress in relation to European Union and Scottish Governments landfill diversion and recycling targets.

Discussion took place on the following:-

- the Scottish Government consultation on plastic bags
- options for dealing with food waste and the associated costs

Councillor MacDonald seconded by Councillor Martin, moved:-

“that Committee notes:-

- (1) the continual improvement in recycling performance;
- (2) the potential requirement from the Scottish Government to introduce a separate food waste collection, and
- (3) the development of a new waste strategy by the Council, and

agrees to request the Convener to write to the relevant Scottish Government Minister, outlining Falkirk Council's forward-looking contract with Avondale Environmental Ltd which surpasses the need for a separate food waste collection and appealing for an exemption from the scheme for Falkirk Council identifying the savings to the Council both financially and environmentally.

The Committee **AGREED** to a short adjournment to allow Members to consider the terms of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11.40 a.m. and reconvened at 11.45 a.m. with all those Members present as per the sederunt.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Jackson seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn, moved in substitution for the motion:-

“that Committee agree the recommendations in the Report”

On a Division, 7 Members voted for the Motion and 5 for the Amendment.

Accordingly **NOTED:-**

- (1) the continual improvement in recycling performance;
- (2) the potential requirement from the Scottish Government to introduce a separate food waste collection, and
- (3) the development of a new waste strategy by the Council.

AGREED to request the Convener to write to the relevant Scottish Government Minister, outlining Falkirk Council's forward-looking contract with Avondale Environmental Ltd which surpasses the need for a separate food waste collection and appealing for an exemption from the scheme for Falkirk Council identifying the savings to the Council both financially and environmentally.