

CEC 14 OCTOBER 2010 – EXTRACT OF MINUTE

5 Zero Waste: Edinburgh and Midlothian – Commencement of Procurement

The Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee had referred to the Council, in terms of Standing Order 35, joint working arrangements to commence procurement of both food waste and residual waste treatment facilities.

Motion

- 1) To approve the revised scope of Zero Waste: Edinburgh and Midlothian to include treatment of food waste.
- 2) To advance two separate procurements commencing with Food Waste Treatment in October 2010 and Residual Waste Treatment in Spring 2011 (with the Project Board considering a final review of costings and affordability carried out immediately prior to commencing procurement of Residual Waste Facilities).
- 3) To approve a Lead Authority approach to contract management.
- 4) To note that a report would be submitted to a future meeting on the Lead Authority and on the funding of the site access works at Millerhill.

- moved by Councillor Aldridge, seconded by Councillor McIvor (on behalf of the Administration).

Amendment 1

To approve the motion and:

- 1) To recognise that the delays to implementation were caused by the Scottish Government's review of the Councils' Area Waste Plans in place in 2007.
- 2) To approach Scottish Government to seek their assistance to mitigate the risk of the £5 million funding gap impacting on the Council's Budget in future years.

- moved by Councillor Child, seconded by Councillor Perry (on behalf of the Labour Group).

Amendment 2

- 1) To approve the revised scope of Zero Waste: Edinburgh and Midlothian to include treatment of food waste.

- 2) To recognise the work by officials in bringing forward the Council's residual waste project.
- 3) To express regret that the Scottish Government's so called 'Zero Waste Plan' still allowed for 25% incineration of household waste.
- 4) To agree that burning waste to generate energy was not a truly renewable energy source and was therefore not sustainable.
- 5) To recognise that very high rates of recycling had been achieved in Europe and that this Council should at least equal these.
- 6) To recognise that the report by the Director of Services for Communities stated that the outcome of the Alternative Business Model (ABM) programme for Environmental Services would inform future recycling rates, however to express concern that, because of this, the Residual Waste Procurement did not set firm targets for recycling and therefore that it should not be commenced at this stage
- 7) To request that the full Council, not just the waste Project Board, should oversee final review of recycling rates, costings and affordability prior to commencing any procurement of Residual Waste Facilities.
- 8) Therefore, to continue consideration of the decision on the commencement of procurement for Residual Waste Treatment until the result of the ABM programme for Environmental Services was known.

- moved by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Johnstone (on behalf of the Green Group).

The mover of the motion, with the consent of his seconder and the mover and seconder of amendment 1, accepted paragraph 2) of amendment 1 as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)-	55 votes
For amendment 2 -	3 votes

Decision

To approve the motion (as adjusted) by Councillor Aldridge.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
21 September 2010 (item 13); report no CEC/35/10-11/TIE by the Head
of Legal and Administrative Services, submitted.)