

REPORT

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: UPDATE ON COUNCIL PLANS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS AND GLASS RECYCLING
From: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES		
Date: 30 October 2012	Ref: KW/DC/HM	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to update the committee on the progress the Council has made to date with regards to the implementation of a food waste recycling service and to advise on the current Zero Waste Scotland advice in relation to glass recycling services.

2. Background

- 2.1 Committee approved the introduction of a Food Waste Recycling Service and the development of glass recycling following consideration of the report presented in June 2012.
- 2.2 In conjunction with Zero Waste Scotland the service has developed an implementation plan that will roll out food waste collections in 2 tranches based on the North Area (North of the A8/M8) commencing the 2 weeks from Monday the 26th of November 2012 and the South Area (South of the A8/M8) the 2 weeks commencing Monday the 4th of March 2013.
- 2.3 In relation to glass services, the current plans are to introduce glass as a constituent part of the blue bin comingled collection commencing at the start of the new Comingled contract estimated at April 2013.

3. Proposals/Considerations

Food Recycling: Procurement

- 3.1 The service will be provided by a fleet of dedicated 7.5t food waste collection vehicles. The procurement of the vehicles is on track to deliver the vehicles in time to commence the collection service. However the procurement timelines are tight and a contingency is in place to ensure that there is no disruption to the start date should the procurement not meet the deadline.
- 3.2 The procurement of caddies for both the kitchen and the kerbside is on track to deliver the required quantity in time for the various deadline dates.
- 3.3 The service previously advised committee that householders would be supplied with an initial issue of liners in order to encourage fuller participation in the scheme. It was anticipated that the liners would be of the bio degradable variety, however based on more up to date advice from ZWS and from the various contractors who will process the material it is evident that plastic liners are suitable for use in the collection system. Whilst the caddy needs no liner, the processors have indicated that they will, as a matter of routine, de-package any food waste presented. This technology related to the service provided to supermarkets etc where food waste has to be de-packaged before processing. In light of this, the provision of bio degradable bags would not remove the need for de-packaging the waste, resulting in bio degradable bags being disposed of in landfill as a by product of the de-packaging process. Therefore plastic bags, should the resident wish to use a liner, are sufficient. In line with the previous commitment an initial issue of 100 plastic liners will therefore be issued.

- 3.4 An invitation to quote for the interim food waste contract, covering the period 26th November 2012 through 1st April 2013, will be published on the procurement Scotland portal based on a quick quote process with an estimated value between £30,000 and £49,500
- 3.5 The longer term contract will commence on 1st April 2013 and is estimated to have a value of approximately £250,000. The service is working with Scotland Excel with a view to utilising a framework contract they are currently in the process of procuring should their timelines be satisfactory. Should these timelines be unsuitable a separate short term contract will be procured by the service.

Glass

- 3.6 Committee approved the roll out of glass recycling across the area as part of the commencement of the new comingled contract due for award in April 2013. It remains the intention of the service to include glass as a constituent part of the comingled mix on the award of this contract, albeit that this may involve the removal of the textile element of the mix.
- 3.7 The debate on this route remains fluid, but given the current financial position that council's face, the service is of the opinion that this is a viable medium term solution.

4. Communication

- 4.1 Representatives from Waste Services were asked to participate in a focus group to develop the generic food waste communication material for all Councils in Scotland. As a result templates have been designed and approved by Zero Waste Scotland and North Lanarkshire Council will utilise these for the food waste roll out. Public engagement will also take place through a series of roadshows, a list of which are attached at Appendix 1.

5. Staffing and Financial Implications

Staffing Implications

- 5.1 The Council has previously approved funding to Environmental Services for the introduction of new recycling schemes, on the basis that legislation was forthcoming in the form of the Zero Waste Plan. As highlighted in the June committee paper the introduction of separate Food Waste Collections will create approximately 36 full time posts, on a 4 on 4 off working pattern. The exercise to recruit to these posts has been successfully concluded.

Financial Implications

- 5.2 The Council has already committed revenue budget for waste management to meet the likely cost of expanding collection services to cover food and glass diversion to adhere to the Zero Waste Regulations. The Service is currently working to ensure that this required increase in performance will be provided within the existing revenue budget commitments
- 5.3 As indicated in the committee report of June 2012 a potential existed for funding to assist the introduction of the service to be provided by ZWS. The service can report that ZWS has provisionally agreed to allocate a sum of £1.4m of new grant funding to North Lanarkshire Council to assist in the introduction of the service. It is anticipated that, subject to approval by ZWS, that this will be drawn down over 3 years as shown in the table below:

FY	Grant
2012/13	£600k
2013/14	£400k
2014/15	£400k

6. Recommendations

- 6.1. The Committee are asked to note the content of this report.
- 6.2 The committee are asked to endorse the service recommendation to introduce glass into the comingled waste stream as part of the new contract strategy.

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**NORTH AREA FOOD WASTE
ROADSHOW PROGRAMME**

Date	Time	Location
Tue 30 th October	9.30-16.30	Airdrie Library
Wed 31 st October	10.00-16.00	Asda Cumbernauld
Thu 1 st November	09.30-14.30	Kilsyth Library
Thu 1 st Nov	09.00-12.30	Coatbridge Library
Fri 2 nd Nov	10.00-16.00	Craigmarloch Tesco
Sat 3 rd Nov	09.00-13.00	Asda Coatbridge
Mon 5 th Nov	9.30-16.30	Condoratt Library
Mon 5 th Nov	9.30-16.30	Chryston Library
Tue 6 th Nov	13.00-17.00	Coatbridge Library
Wed 7 th Nov	16.00-20.00	Asda Coatbridge
Thu 8 th Nov	18.00-20.00	Tesco Cumbernauld
Thu 8 th Nov	13.00-17.00	Stepps Library
Fri 9 th Nov	9.00 - 13.00	Moodiesburn Library
Fri 9 th Nov	10.00-16.00	Airdrie Health Centre
Sat 19 th Nov	9.00 -13.00	Tesco Coatbridge