

Motherwell, 31 January 2017 at 2pm.

A Meeting of the **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor McPake, Convener; Councillor Docherty, Vice-Convener; Councillors Baird, Brooks, Cefferty, Cochrane, Grant, Harmon, P. Hogg, W. Hogg, Love, Majid, Masterton, McAnulty, McCulloch, McGlinchey, McKendrick, McLaren, McNally, A. McVey, Morgan, G. O'Rorke, Shields, Stevenson, Stocks, Annette Valentine, Wallace and Zambonini.

CHAIR

Councillor McPake (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

Assistant Chief Executive (Infrastructure); Head of Environmental Assets; Head of Regulatory Services and Waste Solutions, and Committee Services Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors J. Coyle, Goldie and Logue.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF ETHICAL STANDARDS AND PUBLIC LIFE ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. No declarations were made.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - APSE AWARD WINNERS 2016

2. There was submitted a report dated 31 January 2017 by the Head of Regulatory Services and Waste Solutions (1) advising that the Council had, for the second time in successive years, won the award for the Best Performing Environmental Health Service at the recent 2016 Annual Authority Public Service Excellence Awards Ceremony, and (2) seeking approval to continue to participate in the competition.

The Convener then presented the award to three officers from the Environmental Health Service, who were in attendance for this item of business only, and thanked them for their Teams' hard work in achieving the award.

Decided: that the Authority continue to participate in the Annual Authority Public Service Excellence Awards.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - QUARTER 2 REPORT 2016/17

3. There was submitted a report dated 31 January 2017 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Infrastructure) (1) providing details of the performance for the first six months of financial year 2016/17 in relation to the infrastructure indicators under the remit of this Committee; (2) advising of indicators which (a) had not met the set target and where performance was below the acceptable threshold; and (b) had

surpassed the set target and where performance was above the acceptable threshold, and (3) informing of the corrective action taken, or due to be taken, to ensure that targets were met.

Decided: that the report be noted.

RECYCLING LEVELS AND PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS WITHIN WASTE SOLUTIONS - UPDATE

4. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 27 January 2015, when it had been agreed to further improve the Council's Waste Collection System, for implementation in 2017/18, there was submitted a report dated 31 January 2017 by the Head of Regulatory Services and Waste Solutions (1) informing of the Scottish Government's Zero Waste Plan and its targets up to 2025; (2) outlining the Council's current collection schemes and the amount of materials currently being recycled annually; (3) highlighting the difference in the costs associated with the disposal of domestic waste compared to the disposal of recyclate ; (4) advising, that the Council's yellow and red "tagging" system would be re-launched to assist residents increase the quantity and quality of material within their recycling bins, and that a comprehensive communication programme would be introduced from Spring/Summer to promote recycling; (5) indicating that, as the Council moved towards an alternative collection method, the timing of its introduction would be driven by current and new contractual arrangements; (6) proposing that, to ensure that all contracts were brought into line in terms of contract term, (a) the contracts for glass sale and glass collection be extended from 31 March 2017 to 1 October 2017, and (b) the new contracts for garden and food waste mix; a combination of paper and card and a combination of glass, metal and plastic, be secured, and (7) intimating that, in conjunction with the Corporate Communications Team and Zero Waste Scotland the Comprehensive Communication Programme to promote the new Collection Scheme was being finalised and would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee prior to the commencement of the "go live" date.

Councillor McPake, seconded by Councillor Docherty, moved that the recommendations contained within the report be approved.

Councillor Stocks, seconded by Councillor Zambonini, moved, as an amendment, that an additional recommendation be included to agree that a further report on the issues arising at the Council's waste recycling centres over the festive period, be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

On a vote being taken, 10 members voted for the amendment and 13 members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the current recycling performance of the Service be noted;
- (2) that the steps to improve the levels of recyclate, as detailed within the report, be approved;
- (3) that the contracts for both glass sale and glass collection, be extended from 31 March 2017 until 1 October 2017;
- (4) that new contracts be secured for (a) garden and food waste mix; (b) a combination of paper and card, and (c) a combination of glass, metal and plastic, and
- (5) that a report, outlining the comprehensive Communication Programme to promote the new collection scheme, be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

CUMBERNAULD LIVING LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

5. There was submitted a report dated 31 January 2017 by the Head of Environmental Assets (1) outlining the background to the Cumbernauld Living Landscape Partnership which was jointly supported by the Council, the Scottish Wildlife Trust and the Forestry Commission Scotland; (2) detailing the various priority outcomes to be delivered by the Partnership within the next 5 years; (3) indicating that the 2011 programme plan set out 43 individual projects, 18 of which had been completed and 25 were currently in progress; (4) containing details of the various significant outcomes that had been achieved, to date; (5) intimating the flagship projects, as detailed therein, that would deliver the current priority outcomes by 2020, and (6) advising of the financial implications of the flagship projects to the Council.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress in delivering projects through the Cumbernauld Living Landscape Partnership be noted;
- (2) that it be agreed that the Partnership and the further development of the flagship projects continue to be supported, and
- (3) that the report be remitted to the Planning and Transportation Committee for its information.

ENCOURAGING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN GREEN SPACES

6. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 11 August 2015, there was submitted a report dated 31 January 2017 by the Head of Environmental Assets (1) advising Members of the Get Walking Lanarkshire (GWL) Project, which had been developed by the Lanarkshire Greenspace Health and Wellbeing Partnership and Chaired by NHS Lanarkshire with the aim of encouraging physical activity in Greenspaces in North Lanarkshire; (2) setting out the outcomes that the GWL Project hoped to achieve; (3) intimating that GWL was currently supporting approximately 300 people to walk each week, and had trained 110 people as volunteer walk leaders; (4) indicating that the project was aiming to achieve Dementia Friendly Walking accreditation by September 2017; (5) reporting that the future integration of Walking for Health into existing NHS Lanarkshire services was continuing to be a focus of Lanarkshire Greenspace Health and Wellbeing Partnership with links being made with both Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnerships; (6) pointing out that both Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnerships intended to support the project in their Strategic Commissioning Plans, and (7) summarising the various projects associated with Lanarkshire Greenspace and Wellbeing Partnership over the previous 6 month period.

Decided: that the report be noted.

COUNTRYSIDE RANGER SERVICE

7. There was submitted a report dated 31 January 2017 by the Head of Environmental Assets (1) highlighting the work of the Countryside Ranger Service in 2015/16; (2) outlining the five priority work areas in which the Service delivered; (3) summarising, the various projects and programmes that the Service had delivered within the community, to date, and those to be delivered in 2017/18, and (4) advising that a copy of the Countryside Ranger's Annual Report for 2015/16 had been placed within the Members' Library and published on the Council's website.

The Head of Environment Assets then orally advised that "16/17", where it appeared in the first line of paragraph 3.2 of his report should be amended to "17/18".

Decided: that the report be noted.

LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003, AMENDMENT OF CORE PATHS PLAN (CORE PATH 190 STRATHCLYDE BUSINESS PARK)

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 11 October 2011, there was submitted a report dated 13 January 2017 and plan (tabled) by the Head of Environmental Assets (1) advising of a request by HFD Property Group Limited, owners of Strathclyde Business Park, seeking to amend Core Path 190; (2) providing details of the particular section of the path; (3) indicating that officers from the Council's Greenspace Development Team had (a) carried out several site visits to the area; (b) consulted North Lanarkshire Outdoor Access Forum that was, in principle, in favour of the proposed amendment, and diversion, and (c) informed that no residents would be directly affected by the proposals; (4) stating that all costs associated with the diversion of the path would be met by HFD Property Group Limited, and (5) recommending (a) that the amendment of the North Lanarkshire Council Core Paths Plan, under Section 20(2) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, be approved, and (b) that authority be delegated to the Head of Environmental Assets to sign the required notice under Section 20 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.

Decided: that consideration of the request to amend the existing Core Paths Plan be continued to the next meeting of the Committee.

**REVENUE MONITORING REPORT 1 APRIL TO 9 DECEMBER 2016 (PERIOD 9)
INFRASTRUCTURE**

9. There was submitted a report dated 15 December 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Infrastructure) (1) providing a summary of Infrastructure's financial performance for the period 1 April to 9 December 2016, as contained within the Appendix to the report; (2) containing explanations of significant variances together with risks and uncertainties; (3) detailing the projected outturns, and (4) proposing, for the reasons detailed therein, a budget virement to transfer £0.160m from the Transport and Plant budget to the Property budget.

Decided:

- (1) that the proposed virement of £0.160m from the Transport and Plant budget to the Property budget be approved, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

**CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT 1 APRIL TO 9 DECEMBER 2016 (PERIOD 9)
INFRASTRUCTURE**

10. There was submitted a report dated 23 December 2016 by the Assistant Chief Executive (Infrastructure) (1) advising of the overall projected financial position for the Infrastructure Capital Programme for 2016/17, for the period from 1 April to 9 December 2016; (2) providing an update on the financial performance of the Infrastructure Capital Programme for that period; (3) containing explanations of significant variances and potential risks, and (4) detailing in the Appendix to the report, the projected financial position.

Decided: that the report be noted.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES SWITCHED ON FLEETS GRANT FUNDING 2016

11. There was submitted a report dated 31 January 2017 by the Head of Environmental Assets (1) advising that Switched on Fleets (electric vehicle) grant funding of £69,389 had been received by the

North Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership; (2) indicating that NHS Lanarkshire and Strathclyde University's Power Network Display Centre had expressed an interest in accessing a share of the grant; (3) intimating that, following consultation between Transport Scotland and the Council's Fleet Operations, Transport Scotland had confirmed that the Council had the authority to share the grant funding, as detailed therein, and (4) stating that, following consultation with the Convener, the Head of Environmental Assets had commenced the procurement of four electric cars for a period of three years, which were to be utilised as part of the Council's pool car fleet, the cost of which would be met from the Council's £47,389 share of the grant.

Following a discussion regarding the use of Pool cars, a report was requested on their usage.

Decided:

- (1) that the distribution of grant funding between NHS Lanarkshire, Strathclyde University's Power Network Display Centre and the Council, as detailed in the report, be approved;
- (2) that the action taken by the Head of Environmental Assets, following consultation with the Convener, to commence the procurement process for four electric cars, be noted, and
- (3) that the Head of Environment Assets submit a report on the annual usage of the Council's Pool cars to the next meeting of the Committee.

TENDER FOR THE REMOVAL OF LANDFILL LEACHATE AT AUCHINLEA, DALMACOULTER, HOPEPARK AND TARGET (BROWNSBURN) LANDFILL SITES

12. There was submitted a report dated 31 January 2017 by the Head of Regulatory Services and Waste Solutions (1) explaining that the Council was responsible for four closed landfill sites, namely Auchinlea, Dalmacoultter, Hopepark and Target (Brownsburn); (2) advising that the Council was required to effectively control and remove leachate from its landfill sites, in order to ensure compliance issued by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency; (3) outlining the procurement process carried out for the renewal of the Council's Landfill Leachate Removal contract; (4) summarising, in the Appendices to the report, summaries and further information in relation to the procurement and tender evaluation process; (5) intimating that the contract was for the period from 1 March 2017 to 28 February 2019, with the option of two additional extensions for one year, up to 28 February 2021; (6) informing that the annual cost of the contract was expected to be approximately £160,000, and (7) seeking approval to accept the most economically advantageous offer for leachate Removal and associated works at Auchinlea, Dalmacoultter, Hopepark and Target (Brownsburn) Landfill Sites, which was that submitted by Scottish Water Horizons Limited.

Decided: that the most economically advantageous offer, being that submitted by Scottish Water Horizons Limited, be accepted.

NOTIFICATION OF CONTRACT AWARDS FROM THE PERIOD FROM 5 OCTOBER 2016 TO 19 JANUARY 2017

13. There was submitted a report dated 19 January 2017 by the Head of Business for Legal and Democratic Solutions providing, in the Appendix to the report, details of contracts which had been awarded by the Head of Business for Legal and Democratic Solutions, on the authority of the appropriate Chief Officer, for works over £50,000 but less than £500,000 in value, during the period from 5 October 2016 until 19 January 2017.

Decided: that the report be noted.