

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE – 10th MARCH 2006

INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT – THE FUTURE? PROPOSED STUDY TOUR – DENMARK, 25-27 APRIL 2006

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Sub-committee of an invitation for the Council to express interest to attend a three day study tour 'Integrated Waste Management – The Future' to be held in Denmark on 25-27 April 2006.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The seminar aims to assist local authorities to understand and raise awareness of the following:-
- Thermal treatment, composting or biogas production from waste;
 - Planning applications from commercial and industrial waste treatment facilities as well as municipal waste;
 - Extracting the maximum amount of energy from Scotland's residual waste and contributing to Scotland's future energy supply.

- 2.2 The seminar will feature a visit to a composting and biogas plant at Holbaek regional waste management centre and a visit to Aarhus Waste Centre.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The estimated fully inclusive cost of the study tour is £575.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 An invitation has been received for the Council to register an interest in the study on energy from waste, district heating and biogas to be held in Denmark on 25-27 April 2006.
- 5.2 The programme for the study contains a range of issues on waste management which are of topical interest to the Council. The visits to the waste treatment and composting plants are likely to be of particular interest in view of the proposed bid to the Scottish Executive for further funding from the Strategic Waste Fund. If successful, this bid will assist the Council to meet recycling targets.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Sub-committee considers attendance at the proposed three day Study Tour in Denmark in April 2006

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Invitation and programme to Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services received 6th March 2006.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers above should telephone 01563 576023 and ask to speak to William Stafford.

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