

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 4TH APRIL 2001

STRATEGIC WASTE FUND: LOCAL AUTHORITY RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING PLANS

Report by the Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of a successful application for additional funding.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 9th November 2000 the Scottish Executive advised the Council that a sum not exceeding £66,000 could be made available for the cost of implementing a recycling and composting plan. Bids were to be submitted by the end of December.
- 2.2 Following discussion with staff in Environmental Health and Waste Management Service and Cleansing DSO a detailed bid was submitted on 5th December 2000 setting out proposals for not only the current financial year but also the ensuing year.
- 2.3 The bid for 2000/01 comprised:-
- 2.3.1 The cost of fitting a new recycling body on an existing chassis.
- 2.3.2 Funding variations to the Service Level Agreement to accommodate the pilot Kerbside Waste Recycling Scheme introduced in Fenwick in April 2000.
- 2.3.3 Funding variations to the Service Level Agreement to accommodate the pilot Kerbside Waste Recycling Scheme in Mauchline commencing October 2000.
- 2.3.4 Meeting the cost of two additional manual workers employed in the Western Road Materials Recycling Facility from October 2000.
- 2.3.5 Funding the purchase of Home Composting Units for (subsidised) re- sale to householders.
- 2.3.6 Funding the cost of additional recycling containers.
- 2.4 In a letter dated 24th January 2001 the Scottish Executive confirmed that the Council's bids had been approved in full.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The £66,000 awarded to East Ayrshire represents a share of £3m announced by the Scottish Executive last year to support and encourage Scotland's Local Authorities who have a statutory obligation (in terms of the EC Directive on Landfill) to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.
- 3.2 The proposals worked up by Council staff reflect a varied spectrum of initiatives which offer the option of "bring" systems, kerbside recycling and home composting. The results of these various approaches can then be measured and influence the development of future recycling and composting strategies.
- 3.3 In relation to home composting (para 2.3.5) the Council has utilised the funding as the contributory towards a successful bid to Score Environment, this effectively means that the £66,000 available from the Scottish Executive has been enhanced by a further £30,000.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council is required to account for all funds allocated and the Director of Finance has been kept fully apprised of the various projects involved.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The EC Directive on Landfill.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The measures implemented following receipt of this funding are consistent with the Council's Environmental Health and Waste Management Strategies.

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 Following an invitation from the Scottish Executive, a successful bid was submitted for £66,000 towards the cost of implementing additional recycling and composting facilities in East Ayrshire.
- 7.2 The Council has been able to meet the conditions attached to the award of funds.
- 7.3 The projects approved will contribute to the Council's aspirations in reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill (which is in accordance with the EC Directive on Landfill).

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The Committee is invited to note the report.

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12th March 2001

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from Scottish Executive dated 9th November 2000.
2. Letter from Director of Community Services to Scottish Executive dated 5th December 2000.
3. Letter from Scottish Executive dated 24th January 2001.

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AGENDA