

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 10 APRIL 2002**

#### **EXPANSION OF KERBSIDE RECYCLING**

##### **Report by Director of Community Services**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the proposed expansion of the current kerbside recycling service.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 East Ayrshire Council's kerbside recycling scheme was initiated by the successful application to the Scottish Executive for funding for a Materials Recovery Facility from Challenge Funds.
- 2.2 In order to supply the MRF with suitable material, a kerbside collection of recyclable material commenced. The material has been collected by the Waste Management Service on the normal refuse collection day in the village of Fenwick. This has seen approximately 65% of households participate in the initiative on a regular basis with approximately 1.000 tonne of waste being collected weekly.
- 2.3 The scheme was subsequently extended to include the village of Mauchline. From approximately 1800 households, 600 take part on a regular basis generating about 3.000 tonnes of recyclable material each week. The material is collected on a Saturday morning by the Cleansing DSO.
- 2.4 The success of the kerbside recycling scheme justifies the continuing expansion of the initiative. It supports the commitment which was made to increasing recycling in East Ayrshire by the Council as well as addressing the obligation to reduce the quantity of waste entering landfill as prescribed in the EC Directive on Landfill.

### **3. DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 It is proposed that a dedicated vehicle and crew collect all kerbside recyclate. A draft route has been determined which will extend the existing collection scheme considerably. Table 1 overleaf lists the proposed collection route for the vehicle.

**TABLE 1: COLLECTION ROUTE FOR KERB-SIDE RECYCLING INITIATIVE**

<b>MONDAY</b>	Lugar (100); Mauchline (812); Craighens (270); Fenwick (200)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Doon Valley (800); Cumnock (422)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Grange area (350); Newmilns (625); Bellfield (573)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Mauchline (837); Stewarton (1040)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Ochiltree (355); Skerrington (205); Southcraigs (434)
<b>TOTAL NO.</b>	<b>7023 Households</b>

3.2 This collection route has been selected on the basis of information available on current domestic refuse collection times and the number of households within these areas. The collection of recyclable material is designed to take place on the same day as domestic refuse collection in these areas in order to optimise the recyclable material presented for collection.

Each of the Local Area Committees will be advised of these draft proposals as it affects them.

3.3 There are difficulties in accurately predicting a rate of participation and the volume of material which will be generated in the extended initiative and therefore, there will be a review of the collection route and methods employed in the collection scheme once the initiative is underway. It is anticipated that this review would be more likely to permit additional areas to be added to the collection route than to propose any reduction in the area to be included in the scheme. However, it is anticipated that the entire proposed route will generate approximately 20 tonnes of recyclable material each week.

3.4 In addition to a driver and loader for the new vehicle which will be required, an additional two manual employees will be recruited for the MRF to process the additional material. An additional clerical assistant will be recruited to support the administrative staff in the Waste Management Team.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 In order for the Cleansing DSO to undertake the kerb-side collection of recyclable materials and Waste Management to process the gathered material and provide administrative support, the associated costs have been calculated at £141 156.00.

4.2 The Scottish Executive has awarded the Council £57 000.00 for the expansion of recycling activities.

4.3 The balance of £34 536.00 which will be met from existing budgets as approved by Council for 2002/2003.

## **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Landfill Directive requires the Council to take positive action to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.

## **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The Council is committed to meeting the objectives of the Environment Strategy and Recycling Plan. The extension of the kerbside recycling initiative meets many of the objectives established in these documents.

## **7. CONCLUSIONS**

- 7.1 The kerbside recycling scheme has proved to be a well utilised and popular service in the pilot areas of Fenwick and Mauchline where it was first introduced.
- 7.2 This extension of this initiative will assist the Council to meet its obligation to reduce the quantity of waste entering landfill as laid down by the EC Directive on Landfill.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 The Committee is invited to:-
- (i) note that the Council has to increase the level of material which is diverted from landfill for recycling;
  - (ii) approve the implementation of an extension to the kerbside collection of recyclable materials;
  - (iii) refer the appointment of additional employees to the Corporate Sub-Committee in respect of their interest; and
  - (iv) otherwise note the report.

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**AGENDA**

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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