

AMcl/KC

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TO: ALL ELECTED MEMBERS

Dear Colleague

DISPOSAL OF ASH

I refer to the discussion at the meeting of the Council on 27 October, concerning the Scottish Executive proposal to dispose of ash from the continuous incinerators in Dumfries and Galloway, at Garlaff Landfill Site, Cumnock.

I have been advised today that the Scottish Executive have now issued a Direction specifying that the waste should be disposed of at Garlaff. As you are aware, this is a reserve power held by the Scottish Executive, and despite our best efforts, they have decided to issue a Direction.

Queen's Counsel's opinion is being sought to determine the viability of any legal challenge.

I will keep you advised of any further developments.

Yours sincerely

**Councillor Andrew McIntyre
Leader of the Council.**