

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CUMNOCK LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2000**

### **PROVISION OF RECYCLING SERVICES**

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

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 East Ayrshire Council is committed to encouraging recycling, and as far as practicable, providing the facilities necessary for the residents of East Ayrshire to do so.
- 1.2 This report discusses existing recycling services and proposes how these can be increased by the provision of a trial kerbside collection scheme in Mauchline.

## **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 East Ayrshire Council's Environmental Strategy includes eleven key objectives aiming to promote sustainable development. One of these objectives seeks to ensure that the public has the facilities to recycle waste material as close to their homes as possible. In the autumn of 2000 East Ayrshire Council will update their 'bring' sites in the Cumnock Area as the second stage of their integrated waste management service.
- 2.2 The Department of Community Services have a purpose built Material Recovery Facility (MRF) which requires segregated household waste for recycling. The updated 'bring' sites requires to be complemented by the collection of materials from households which will allow East Ayrshire Council to collect an increased volume of materials suitable for recycling.

## **3 DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 It is proposed to introduce a trial scheme for the collection of suitable recyclable material from households in the Mauchline area. This will follow on from a similar scheme in Fenwick.
- 3.2 The collection system has been found to be successful in Fenwick where over 6000 bags of recyclate have been collected since the scheme commenced in November 1999. The introduction of the service will further allow the authority to evaluate this collection system on a larger scale.

- 3.3 All domestic properties will be supplied with a white recycling bag for the collection of newspapers, magazines, cardboard, textiles, aluminium and steel Cans and one type of plastic container (2HDPE). An information leaflet describing what exactly is involved with the service will be delivered to each household. Each resident will be asked to place the bags containing the material for recycling, at the usual point for their refuse collection. The bags will be collected by a dedicated vehicle prior to transportation to the Material Recovery Facility in Kilmarnock. The trial scheme will begin on October 21<sup>st</sup> 2000 and will continue on a weekly basis until further notice.

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The cost of this trial will be met from existing resources.

#### **5 LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Nil.

#### **6 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The introduction of a kerbside collection system in Mauchline is consistent with the aims of the Environmental Strategy.

#### **7 CONCLUSIONS**

- 7.1 East Ayrshire Council can encourage increased levels of recycling through the introduction of appropriate services. This can be achieved by placing new recycling sites in the most appropriate locations and where practicable offering kerbside recycling collection services.

#### **8 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 The Committee is invited to:
- (i) support the introduction of this trial in Mauchline; and
  - (ii) note the contents of the report;

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**  
**NIL**

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**AGENDA**