

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 21 JUNE 2016**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT - RECYCLING**

**REPORT BY ALAN McKEOWN, STRATEGIC DIRECTOR-COMMUNITIES  
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**ABSTRACT**

This report presents three reports, previously submitted to the Communities Committee, for review and scrutiny by members of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee review and scrutinise the contents of reports 305/15, 144/16 and 209/16.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COUNCIL PLAN**

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Our communities are safe, secure and vibrant
- Our communities are developed in a sustainable manner
- Our natural and built environment is protected and enjoyed
- Our carbon footprint is reduced

**3. BACKGROUND**

Reference is made to item 8 of the minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 19 April 2016, where members requested further information in relation to the recycling element of the scrutiny review on Progress Towards Zero Waste.

**4. CURRENT POSITION**

Three reports on recycling have been submitted to the Communities Committee in the period since completion of the scrutiny review on Progress Towards Zero Waste.

Report 305/15, submitted to the Communities Committee on 18 August 2015, updated members on the success of the roll out of kerbside recycling services across Angus. The Committee authorised the Strategic Director – Communities to bring forward a service review to identify how we can maximise the amount we recycle in the most efficient way possible.

Report 144/16, submitted to the Communities Committee in April 2016, updated members on the outcome of the strategic review of waste management, with a focus on the recommendations of the scrutiny review on Progress Towards Zero Waste. The Communities Committee agreed:

- (i) to defer the proposed strategic review of recycling centres and subsequent development of new and existing recycling centres, and instruct the relevant officers to bring forward detailed options for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee;

- (ii) to note the proposals for how the garden waste subscription service would be implemented and would operate in future with both the efficacy and level of charge to be reviewed annually; and
- (iii) to approve the withdrawal of the food waste collection service from a number of rural areas.

Report 209/16, submitted to the Communities Committee on 24 May 2016, provided members with full information on the strategic review of recycling centre provision within Angus that had been undertaken following report 144/16. The Communities Committee agreed option 5; an amendment to recommendation (ix) as outlined in report 209/16; and an amendment to the opening hours for Carnoustie recycling centre.

The Committee also agreed:

- (i) to note the severe financial pressures facing Angus Council as set out in Section 6 of the Report;
- (ii) to the investment of approximately £135,000 in the existing recycling centre at Cairnie, Arbroath, to improve the layout of the facility and enhance reuse and recycling provision;
- (iii) to the investment of approximately £230,000 in the existing recycling centre at Broomfield Road, Montrose, to improve the layout of the facility and enhance reuse and recycling provision;
- (iv) to the provision of a new recycling centre to serve Forfar and Kirriemuir and remit the Head of Regulatory and Protective Services to identify a suitable location and bring forward a planning application to the Development Standards Committee;
- (v) to approve the closure of Monifieth Recycling Centre once improvement works at Arbroath Recycling Centre had been completed;
- (vi) to approve the closure of Forfar and Kirriemuir Recycling Centres upon completion of the new facility as outlined above; and
- (vii) to end the servicing of skips from the recycling centre currently managed by the Edzell Village Improvement Society (EVIS); and
- (viii) to remit to the Head of Regulatory and Protective Services, in conjunction with the Convener and Vice-Convener of this Committee, to negotiate a shared services arrangement with Dundee City Council that would allow Angus residents to access the Recycling Centre located at Baldovie, Dundee.

Reports 305/15, 144/16 and 209/16 are attached as Appendices for members' review and scrutiny.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

## **6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

The issues contained in this report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective. EIAs have been completed for the 3 waste reports.

**NOTE:** No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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**List of Appendices:**

1. [Report 305/15](#), Update on Roll-Out of Kerbside Recycling Services
2. [Report 144/16](#), Review of Waste Management Services and Public Conveniences
3. [Report 209/16](#), Strategic Review of Recycling Centres