

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - ENVIRONMENT & PROTECTIVE SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING**

24 June, 2021

3.00 p.m. – 4.05 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ross Vettrains (Convener), David Barratt, Rod Cavanagh, Altany Craik, David Graham, Sharon Green-Wilson, Jean Hall-Muir, Andy Heer, Gordon Langlands, Kathleen Leslie, Alice McGarry, Derek Noble, Graham Ritchie, Jonny Tepp and Jan Wincott.

**ATTENDING:** Keith Winter, Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment; Ken Gourlay, Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment; Robin Baird, Chief Operating Officer, Fife Resource Solutions; and Elizabeth Mair, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services

**193. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors David Barratt and Jan Wincott declared an interest in paragraph 195 - Review of the Operation of the Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres and Booking System - as they were on the Board of Fife Resource Solutions. However, they considered that this was covered by a Specific Exclusion so they would remain and participate.

**194. MINUTE**

The Sub-Committee considered the minute of meeting of the Environment & Protective Services Sub-Committee of 27 May 2021.

**Decision**

The Sub-Committee agreed to approve the minute.

**195. REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE COUNCIL'S HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES AND BOOKING SYSTEM**

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment in respect of a review of the operation of the Council's recycling centres and booking system. The report provided a description of the current approach and the role of the booking system and related measures involved in operating the 11 Household Waste Recycling Centres in Fife.

**Motion**

Councillor Hall-Muir, seconded by Councillor Noble, moved as follows:-

"The Sub-committee:

- 1 Supports the continued Covid related measures in place in the operation of the facilities and the resulting benefits to staff, the community and the Council, as a consequence of the booking system;
2. Endorses the continued operation of the booking system, which has been put in place by Fife Resource Solutions to meet its statutory duty, whilst Covid restrictions remain in place; and

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3. Agrees that plans be prepared for a return to open access for the deposit of non-commercial waste, with appropriate mitigation to address health and safety issues, for consideration at the meeting of the Sub-Committee in September and, if agreed, for implementation as soon as practicable thereafter”.

### **Amendment**

Councillor Heer, seconded by Councillor Ritchie, moved as follows:

“As Councillor Hall-Muir’s motion above with the addition of the following:

4. Immediate removal of the three visits per week limit for car users and one visit per week for 4x4 users.”

### **Roll Call**

**For the motion** - 11 votes

Councillors Vettraino, Barratt, Cavanagh, Craik, Graham, Green-Wilson, Hall- Muir, Langlands, McGarry, Noble and Wincott.

**For the amendment** - 3 votes

Councillors Heer, Leslie and Ritchie

**Abstained** - Councillor Tepp

Having secured a majority of votes, the motion was accordingly carried.

### **Decision**

The Sub-Committee:-

- (1) agreed in terms of the motion; and
- (2) agreed that a workshop be arranged to enable all elected members to input to the discussion on the review.

## **196. ENVIRONMENT & PROTECTIVE SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Sub-Committee noted the current Environment & Protective Services Sub- Committee Forward Work Programme, which would be updated as appropriate.

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