

APSE Waste & Recycling Advisory Group Meeting

Friday 20th September 2013

Chatelherault Country Park, Ferniegair, Hamilton ML3 7UE

1 Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Councillor Craig Melville opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Chatelherault and outlined the agenda for the day.

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd March 2013 were agreed.

3 Improving Recycling in Inverclyde Council

Ian Moffatt of Inverclyde Council gave a detailed presentation on the recent approach taken by Inverclyde to recycle more domestic waste, including:

- Challenges
- Chosen way forward
- Actions & achievements
- Future goals

Ian provided a number of interesting details on the recent food waste project undertaken by the Council.

4 APSE Rising Star Waste & Recycling Award Winner 2013

Fiona Munro of Scottish Borders Council gave a detailed overview of her winning submission (Recycling On The Go in Scottish Borders) for the above awards scheme this year.

5 APSE Update

Louise McMillan, APSE Scotland Principal Advisor, then presented the APSE update, including national issues, briefings, services, training and gave detail on the forthcoming Environmental Services seminar.

6 APSE Performance Networks Report & Update

Dave Knapman of IQSS provided the group with an update on the recent work undertaken on this topic. Participating Councils were asked to provide copies of the appropriate SEPA report by November 1st if possible. The format of the 2012/2013 report will be discussed at the next Scottish Working Group meeting (yet to be arranged).

7 Issues Affecting Service Delivery

- Graeme Beattie of Scotland Excel gave an update on the recent data gathering developments and opportunities relating to waste.
- The possible provision of food and DMR services to commercial customers by Councils was discussed. Amongst the 11 Councils present, the following information was obtained:

Intending to or already providing food waste commercial service
Aberdeen City, East Renfrewshire, Dumfries & Galloway, North Ayrshire, Angus, West Dunbartonshire, East Dunbartonshire, Inverclyde, West Lothian

No decision yet on providing food waste commercial service
South Lanarkshire, Dundee City

Intending to or already providing DMR commercial service
Aberdeen City, East Renfrewshire, Dumfries & Galloway, North Ayrshire, Angus, West Dunbartonshire, East Dunbartonshire, Inverclyde, West Lothian, Dundee City

No decision yet on providing DMR commercial service
South Lanarkshire

It was noted that a range of DMR commodity combinations existed amongst the different Councils.

8 Benchmarking Group

Margo Blair provided an update on benchmarking progress. Unfortunately the response to the questionnaire relating to disposal\collection costs and methodologies was lower than expected. The group agreed for Margo to reissue the questionnaire to all participating Councils.

9 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the group will be on Friday 15th November 2013, and will be hosted by Aberdeen City Council.

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Waste & Recycling Services Advisory Group