



Notes of APSE Waste and Recycling Advisory Group
Friday 22nd March 2013
Chatelherault Country Park, Hamilton

1. Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Craig Melville, Chair of the Advisory Group welcomed everyone to the meeting and for making it even due to the adverse weather conditions.

2. Attendance & Apologies

Apologies given by many due to the adverse weather conditions.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes agreed and no matters arising.

4. Reward Recycling: Reverse Vending

Speaker: Charlie Devine, Head of Resource Management, Zero Waste Scotland

Charlie provided a comprehensive presentation to the group on the trial Recycle and Reward scheme which offers rewards for recycling plastic and glass bottles as well as aluminium cans. The presentations included information on where some of the trials including 2 retails, 3 universities, 4 schools and 1 recycling centre.

Charlie also highlighted some of the smart technology in use which allowed the systems to recognise different shapes and material types as well as being able to sort materials into separate storage bins. As well as what happens to the materials once they have been recycled.

Finally Charlie informed the group of some other initiatives which could be of particular interest. These included:-

- Scotland's resource sector commitment – launched in April at CIWM in Elgin
- HNC Waste Management Carnegie College and CIWM working with Zero Waste Scotland to re-launch this as HNC Sustainable Resource Management.
- Hoping at least one person from half of the Scottish local authorities to put themselves forward. Zero Waste Scotland has offered sponsorship to help interested parties to do this.

5. Fuel Management in the Public Sector

Speaker: Mick Navesey, Engineering Manager, Triscan Systems

Mick presented to the group on fuel management highlighting a number of key areas for the public sector.

6. APSE Update

Speaker: Louise McMillan, Acting Principal Advisor, APSE

Louise provided a informative presentation to the group on the various areas of APSE highlighting recent briefings, training and publications provided by the Association.

It was also highlighted to the group that the upcoming seminar in Aviemore now had a confirmed programme with presentations from Scotland Excel, Zero Waste Scotland, Scottish Futures Trust & Fife Council as well as a key note presentation from Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Transport & Veterans.

Louise encouraged the group to complete the "big issues" survey which was being circulated to highlight the key issues for their service area which would allow APSE to use this information to base future advisory group topics around.

Finally, an update on the new "Rising Star" awards was provided, this explained who could submit an entry and how the awards would work on the night. Zero Waste Scotland are kindly sponsoring the awards and are keen for as many local authorities as possible to get involved.

7. Discussion of issues affecting service delivery

8. Date and time of next meeting

TBC following Scottish AGM May 31st.

9. Lunch

10. Process Benchmarking

- Back to basics
- Ones which are directly related to waste and recycling
- What do we want to measure?
- Supplementary information (household every uprn)
- Look at basics.

