

**REPORT TO: GREENER STRATEGIC GROUP 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010**

**SUBJECT: WASTE MANAGEMENT**

**BY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MANAGER**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

1.1 The reason for the report is to provide the Group with information on why the Development of Waste Recycling and Diversion Key Action milestone will not be fully met by Quarter 4.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 **The Group note the reasons for the delays in fully completing the Key Action and that no major increase in recycling and waste diversion will be possible until additional funds are available to develop the service.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Community Planning Board, at their meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010, agreed that a detailed report be submitted to the Greener Theme Group on the Local Outcome areas not progressing and are unlikely to be completed in Quarter 4.

3.2 The Board also requested that the report comment on reasons for lack of progress, blockages preventing progress, actions to be taken and risks associated with delay.

3.3 As the Group will be aware, the Key Action relating to Waste Management has 6 milestones. Five of these are complete, but one milestone has made no progress, this being as follows:

- Further work on progress around proposals – dependent upon outcome of Committee decision and resource availability (Target Q3)

**4. DETAILS OF MISSED MILESTONE**

**4.1 Reasons for Lack of Progress**

To increase both the Council's recycling performance and reduce the amount of biodegradable waste sent to landfill requires additional resources to be made available. The Council's Corporate Management Team has been advised of the actions and associated estimated costs which are required to enable future targets to be met and options continue to be considered by them against budget savings required within the Council, in current and future years.

**4.2 Blockages which prevented progress**

The Council received additional funding for progression of waste initiatives from the Scottish Government's Strategic Waste and subsequent Zero Waste Funds. However, this funding was not ring-fenced and, due to budget pressures in other areas within the Council, it was not possible to utilise the funds on waste projects.

No funding to develop waste recycling and diversion was allocated in 2009/10 budgets.

**4.3 Proposed Actions to Address Performance**

No progression with any initiative that requires additional resources can be made until the necessary funding is available.

**4.4 Risks due to delay in progress**

Future targets for recycling and waste diversion from landfill may not be met.

**5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

**(a) COMMUNITY PLAN/THEME PLANS/ PARTNER PLAN**

This report identifies the detail of why the Waste Management Greener Outcome in the SOA (2009-10) will not be fully completed.

**(b) POLICY AND LEGAL**

There is a requirement to report performance to the Group to ensure accuracy in reporting to the Community Planning Board and Scottish Government on delivery against SOA.

**(c) RESOURCES (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, RISKS)**

Resources availability is the key to further development of waste recycling and diversion.

**(d) CONSULTATIONS**

None

**6. CONCLUSIONS**

Any major progress on increasing the Council's recycling rate and on reducing the amount of biodegradable waste being landfilled requires additional resources and will not be possible until additional funding is made available to develop the service.

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