

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transportation

Cabinet – 21 October 2014

PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR PLANNING CONSENT AT BAILING PLANT WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES

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| Purpose: | To seek approval to apply for planning to improve the recycling facilities at the Authority's Baling Plant and Garngoch and Penlan Household Waste Recycling Facilities (HWRC's). |
| Policy Framework: | Waste Strategy. |
| Reason for Decision: | Corporate Improvement Plan Objective 4. |
| Consultation: | Legal, Finance and Access to Services. |
| Recommendation: | It is recommended that Cabinet: |
| 1) | Approves the submission of planning applications in respect of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide a purpose built facility for the storage, testing, repair and sale of discarded Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE) and other general waste for the purpose of Recycling/ reuse. A canteen/ cafe facility is also to be incorporated.• To extend both the Garngoch and Penlan Household Waste Recycling Centres in order to provide improved recycling facilities for residents in order to improve recycling performance. |
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The National Waste Strategy 'Towards Zero Waste' sets out sustainable waste management and waste reduction targets up to 2025
- 1.2 The current statutory target for recycling is 52% and will rise to 58% in 2015/16. If this is not achieved then fines of £200 for every tonne of

material outside the target could be imposed on the Authority.

- 1.3 In July 2012 Council adopted the Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2011-16 and this Strategy is currently being implemented. This strategy includes a five year service improvement plan to achieve recycling, composting and landfill targets up to the year 2016.
- 1.4 Our current projected recycling rate for 14/15 is 55% - 56%. However, this can be affected by seasonal variations such as garden waste collected. We need to further improve if we are to sustain this level for the full year.
- 1.5 A number of improvement initiatives are being progressed to increase our recycling performance and to improve efficiencies, including:
 1. Improving the capacity of the Re-use Shop to divert more goods from landfill or recycling into re-use.
 2. The proposed expansions of two of our Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC's) in order to further improve recycling opportunities for the local communities whilst enabling us to achieve our recycling targets.

2.0 Objectives & Proposals.

- 2.1 In order to achieve the necessary changes to the improvements in para 1.5, the following improvement works are necessary:
 - The current reuse shop has outgrown its existing temporary buildings and is in of a purpose built facility. This will allow for greater opportunities to test, repair, and sell goods at low cost whilst ensuring all associated costs are covered. This will also provide opportunities for Social Services to further develop and expand the current partnership with Waste Management. A canteen/cafe facility will also be incorporated into this building. The new structure is planned to go on the existing shop site at the Baling Plant. The reuse of waste in this way further assists with a reduction in landfill and associated costs.
 - The current HWRC's at both Penlan and Garngoch are no longer fit for purpose are they are simply too small and do allow sufficient opportunities for the public to easily recycle items that have either missed the collection day or are simply not able to be collected at the kerbside. The proposed expansions will deal with this issue and will also help the authority maintain and improve upon its current recycling rates. The expansion of the two recycling centres will further assist with a reduction in landfill and associated costs.
- 2.2 Private funding is available for the recycling and reuse shop through the authority's partnership with our Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Producer Compliance Scheme.
- 2.3 External funding would need to be sought for the expansion of the two HWRC's, which will be made far easier if planning permissions are in place for the proposals.

2.4 In order to achieve these improvements, planning permission is required for:

- The construction of a proposed purpose built facility for the repair, recycling and sale of goods at low cost whilst ensuring all associated costs in connection with the new facility are covered.
- Proposed extension to the Penlan and Garngoch HWRC's.

2.5 Appendix 1, 1a and 1b highlights the locations of the above proposed facilities at the Baling Plant, Penlan and Garngoch.

3.0 Equality & Engagement Implications.

3.1 A full EIA Report is not required.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 Private funding is available for the construction of the new WEEE reuse facility through the authority's partnership with our Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Producer Compliance Scheme. The exact financial implications of these proposals will be fully assessed when the requirements of the planning application have been determined, and approval sought through FPR6 and FPR7 reports as appropriate.

4.2 External funding would need to be sought for the expansion of the two HWRC's, which will be made far easier if planning permissions are in place for the proposals. Financial approvals will be sought through FPR6 and FPR7 reports as appropriate.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 The Constitution requires that Cabinet approves the submission of any application by the Council for planning consent on Council owned land.

Background Papers: None

Appendices: 1, 1a and 1b: Site location plans