

# Report

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Report to:	<b>Community Resources Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>11 November 2008</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise the Committee of the success of the facilities introduced at civic amenity sites within South Lanarkshire to comply with the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2007.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations were enacted in July 2007 to implement Directive 2002/96/EC of the European Parliament on the disposal of waste electrical and electronic equipment.
- 3.2. The regulations required the setting up of a producer responsibility take-back scheme to prevent waste electrical equipment being landfilled and to ensure that component parts of the equipment are recycled at a specified level.

## 4. Current Position

- 4.1. Following implementation of the Regulations in July 2007, the Council introduced collection facilities at each of its six Civic Amenity and Waste Recycling Centres. These were approved as Designation Collection Facilities for the separate collection of five waste streams of WEEE namely: fridges and freezers, large electrical equipment (such as microwave ovens, hair dryers etc), televisions and monitors and fluorescent tubes.
- 4.2. During the last 12 months, over 2,000 tonnes of unwanted electrical equipment have been sent for recycling from the six sites operating in South Lanarkshire, five of which are operated by Viridor Waste Management on behalf of the Council and who operate two state of the art WEEE recycling facilities in the UK.
- 4.3. The target set in terms of the regulations is for 4kg of WEEE to be recycled per head of population in each local authority area. In South Lanarkshire, an impressive 6.8kg per head of population has been achieved – more than 1.5 times the target.

- 4.4. The introduction of these special collection facilities has increased the range of materials which can now be recycled at the Council's waste recycling sites and is contributing to an overall recycling rate of 37%.

**5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. There are no employee implications in relation to this report.

**6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. The collection and recycling of WEEE takes place in terms of a producer responsibility compliance scheme which has no financial or personnel implications for the Council.

**7. Other Implications**

- 7.1. None

**8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 8.1. The report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 8.2. There was no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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20 October 2008

**Link(s) to Council Objectives and Values**

- ◆ Sustainable Development
- ◆ Improve the Quality of the Physical Environment

**Previous References**

None

**List of Background Papers**

None

**Contact for Further Information**

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