



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

Meeting of the Council

Wednesday 22 June 2022

Responses to Supplementary Questions

The following supplementary questions were asked at the Council meeting and the relevant Member undertook to provide the requested information

Supplementary Question

- (1) "As a supplementary question, Councillor Billings asked whether the Cabinet Member could get some assurance from contractors that waste sent abroad was actually recycled, so that there could be confidence that such waste was not ending up in landfill or in the sea."

Response

"Of the 3,833.19 tonnes of waste that was that separated by our recycling processors and then sent/sold by them to outside of the UK during the calendar year 2021, 3499.39 tonnes (91.3%) was recycled and 333.8 tonnes (8.7%) was used as a refuse derived fuel for energy recovery. As part of the contract conditions, the contractors must provide a contract monitoring performance report, which includes the waste journey information that shows the amount of waste recycled, recovered and landfilled and the final destinations for all of our waste. The waste journey and recycling tonnage information is then reported through the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) Waste Data Flow system on a quarterly basis, which allows material journeys to be audited by SEPA. The contractor's facilities are also subject to regulatory review by the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency as part of the facility's Waste Management Licence/Permit."

Supplementary Question

- (4) "As a supplementary question, Councillor McLean, referring to the Cabinet report of 7 June 2022 on educational achievements, asked if a more detailed breakdown could be provided in respect of the various circumstances of care experienced young people."

Response

Alison Sutherland, Head of Service (Children, Families & Justice) and Andrew McClelland, Head of Service (Education) will meet with Councillor McLean after the summer recess to explore the supplementary question further.

Supplementary Question

- (12) "As a supplementary question, Councillor Montgomerie asked how much of the funding had been provided by various funds administered by previous Labour Administration; how much other playparks would receive from the fund; and if some of the funding mentioned could be used to support the SALT group in the event of a shortfall."

Response

"A contract was awarded to Supply and Install play equipment on 28 June 2022. This covered all play park improvements except Winton Circus which was tendered separately as it was for supply only. The SALT group are paying for the installation at Winton Circus."

The play park improvements was funded from both the £500,000 for coastal play park improvements, as approved by the Cabinet in June 2021, and the £235,000 received from the Scottish Government for play park improvements. It was more economical to tender the whole project together rather than split it by funding streams.

The Council is holding a contract mobilisation meeting with the contractor to determine production schedules and delivery dates for each package of work. Installations are expected to commence within 8-10 weeks.

The locations where installations are being undertaken are detailed below. A start date for each location is not currently available and will be formulated following the initial contract mobilisation meeting.

- Ardrossan Castlehill
- Beith Ash Drive
- Beith Public Park
- Dalry Public Park
- Girdle Toll Park
- Irvine Berry Drive
- Irvine Montgomery Park
- Kilwinning Eglinton Small Park
- Kilwinning Sports Club
- Kilwinning Stobbs Crescent
- Largs Scott Park
- Longbar Smith Avenue
- Skelmorlie Innespark
- Springside
- Arran Brodick Shore
- Stevenston shore

The Streetscene Team has been working with the SALT group on their project. The Council procured the supply of the equipment and SALT are dealing with the installation. The Council is not aware of any shortfall in installation costs for the SALT group.”