Collection and disposal of landfill leachate – Award of contract approved.

3 There was submitted a report regarding the award of a contract for the collection and disposal of landfill leachate, advising that

(1) the Council's budget for the collection and disposal of landfill leachate was £777,000;

(2) the Council was responsible for the management of a number of closed landfill sites throughout Glasgow and despite these sites no longer accepting biodegradable waste for a considerable period of time, the Council had a statutory obligation to ensure environmental impacts associated with these landfill sites were managed correctly to protect the environment;

(3) the contract would support the management of leachate at Cathkin and Summerston landfill sites and that both sites were designed to use aerobic biological treatment processes, however, both leachate treatment systems at Summerston and Cathkin were in the early stages of planned refurbishment and until this refurbishment work was completed there was a requirement to temporarily tanker and dispose of leachate off-site; and

(4) the Council anticipated, over the lifetime of the contract, that the volume of leachate produced at Cathkin and Summerston would gradually decrease and the refurbishment works outlined in the report might reduce entirely the need for these services over a period of time.

After consideration, the committee approved the award of the contract for the collection and disposal of landfill leachate to Clearwater DC 2001 Ltd, at an estimated annual cost of £702,734.