

Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN) – Nomination

The City of Edinburgh Council

13 November 2003

Purpose of Report


- 1 To invite the Council to make a nomination to an independent Advisory Panel being formed in the Edinburgh area by Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN).

Details

- 2 A request has been received for the Council to nominate an elected member and officer to serve on an independent Advisory Panel which WREN intends to set up in the Edinburgh and Midlothian area.
- 3 Details of WREN's activities are given in the attached letter.
- 4 The Director of Environmental and Consumer Services supports Council involvement with this organisation and proposes to nominate an officer to the Panel.

Recommendation

- 5 That the Council consider the nomination of an elected member to the Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN) Advisory Panel.


Director of Corporate Services
6.11.03

Appendix	Letter from Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd 20 October 2003	
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Wards affected	All	
Background Papers	None	

Funding the future with Waste Recycling Group's Landfill Tax Credits

20th October 2003

Mr John Sturt
The Council Secretary
City of Edinburgh Council
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Dear Mr Sturt

Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN): The future of working in Scotland

I have been given your contact details by Councillor Maureen Child of Edinburgh City Council as the Council officer who is responsible for liaising with external organisations who wish to work with individual Elected Members and Council Officers and who I am hoping can help WREN with the future development of its business in Scotland.

As a brief introduction, WREN is the largest Environmental Body in the UK and manages and distributes all of the Landfill Tax credits generated by Waste Recycling Group. WREN works throughout most of England, a small part of North Wales and an equally small part of Scotland covering part of Midlothian and the City of Edinburgh.

In 2004 WREN will have an annual income of approximately £7 million, with a forecast income for Scotland of approximately £250,000.00. This funding will be managed in a dedicated budget for Scotland to be distributed back into those communities living within a 10-mile radius of Oatslie Landfill Site and Drummond Moor Landfill Site.

To date WREN has not had a physical presence in Scotland. We had a working relationship with Edinburgh Environmental Partnership (EEP), which operated on our behalf, generating project applications, working with project applicants and managing live projects. This working relationship concludes on 31st December 2003, primarily as EEP are wishing to focus on other work not connected with the Landfill Tax Scheme.

In order to ensure that WREN obtains and supports eligible, needy and worthwhile projects in Midlothian and the City of Edinburgh, it intends to form an independent Advisory Panel made up of a spread of local people and organisations that can discuss each individual project application and put recommendations forward to the WREN Board. This is the same decision making process we operate throughout the UK, as it is appreciated a company based in Norfolk is not necessarily in tune with needs of each of the areas within which it works.

The Advisory Panel will meet quarterly and dates and application deadlines for 2004 have already been set. These are as follows:

Application deadlines	Meeting dates
14 th November 2004	19 th January 2004
6 th February 2004	19 th April 2004
7 th May 2004	19 th July 2004
6 th August 2004	18 th October 2004

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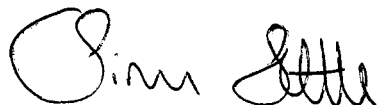


The Advisory Panel meetings usually last between two and two and half hours. WREN will handle all the facilitation of the Advisory Panel meetings.

It would be great if you could contact me to let me know whether you are able to nominate an Elected Member and Council Officer who have an interest in community project work and would be interested in becoming an Advisory Panel Member?

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Simon Settle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Simon Settle
Senior Area Manager