

# **Aberdeenshire Against Incineration**

*Promoting the advantages of living in Aberdeenshire*

## **Aberdeenshire Is Number One For Quality Of Life**

High life expectancy rates, high earnings and good school results - it's no wonder Aberdeenshire residents enjoy the best quality of life in Scotland.

Chief Executive of Aberdeenshire Council Colin Mackenzie welcomed the news. He said: *"This is an excellent verification from the Bank of Scotland that Aberdeenshire continues to provide the best quality of life in Scotland."*

*"The survey measures areas such as employment levels, health, housing quality and education and to be consistently topping the chart is something we should all celebrate. "It's evidence that Aberdeenshire is the best place to work and live in Scotland."*

Score UK, a superb employer in Aberdeenshire, is totally against the proposed Incinerator and will consider its future in the area should the Incinerator go-ahead, as will other developments.

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TIFF (Uncompressed) decompressor  
are needed to see this picture.

## **No Incinerator in Aberdeenshire**

Sustainability Charter 2008-12 - Aberdeenshire Council's commitment to sustainability is set out in the charter and includes the statement: *"We will work to ensure all our actions are sustainable and meet the needs of the current generation of Aberdeenshire's people without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."*

The document also details how the Council will build on its achievements to date, but the overarching theme continues to be the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Aberdeenshire Council is committed to making Aberdeenshire a better place to live.

*It is often claimed that incinerators produce renewable energy, so they are part of the solution to climate change. This is incorrect, incinerators burn a mixture of fossil-fuel derived materials (e.g. plastics) and*

### **Responsible use of natural, built and community resources.**

We will minimise the use of non-renewable resources like fossil fuels, and use renewable energies within their limits through responsible energy management to reduce waste. All resources will be used as efficiently as possible.

### **The need to care for present and future generations**

We will ensure that long-term and global impacts like greenhouse gases and loss of species have greater weighting than short-term, local effects. Where there is a potential threat to the environment or to communities, the precautionary principle will apply.

***Achieving a Sustainable Aberdeenshire***

The council will support policies to promote social cohesion and a sustainable economy, operating within environmental limits.

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### ***There is no need for an Incinerator anywhere in Aberdeenshire***

*and it builds on our past achievements.*

Aberdeen City and Shire Economic Forum development manager Rita Stephen welcomed the findings, which she said proved that Aberdeenshire was a "wonderful place to live, work, visit and enjoy."

She added: "This is great news. The business community felt very strongly that one of the key strengths of our region is its quality of life and to be able to attract people and investment we

### ***Headline in the Herald/Scotland "Want best quality of life? Go to Aberdeenshire ... if you can afford it" How many more such headlines will Aberdeenshire get if the Incinerator gets the go-ahead***

"Aberdeenshire's Community Plan" introduction by Cllr Audrey Findlay. "Welcome to the second community plan of the Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership; a plan that takes forward our vision of working together for the best quality of life for everyone in Aberdeenshire. We believe that this new community plan will enable us to build upon the work carried out so far and to continue to work together for the best quality of life for everyone in Aberdeenshire."

"Evidence-based - we will ensure that our actions are based on clear evidence and information and are derived from what the community wants."

Objectives - "To improve health & social care and reduce health inequalities and to create attractive communities."

Government policy should be focused on phasing-out residual waste, through waste prevention, recycling and composting/digestion. This must include measures to ensure that products and packaging are designed to be reusable, recyclable or compostable. They should also assist in developing effective recycling of plastics in residual waste.

Reducing carbon dioxide emissions as part of the "Bigger Issue" Aberdeenshire Council's Scrutiny and Audit committee conducted an audit on the Council's response to Climate Change,

The findings from this report state that "Aberdeenshire Council would seek to be a carbon neutral organisation in the short to medium term, i.e. 2020." But, burning 105,000 tonnes will produce about 100,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide. That is 2.5million tonnes over the life of this proposed Incinerator in Aberdeenshire.

- ✓ Did you know that Plastics are made from oil. Recycling 1 ton of plastic saves the equivalent of roughly 500 gallons of oil.
- ✓ Burning 1 ton of paper generates about 1,500 pounds of carbon dioxide gas and 60 pounds of other air pollutants. By diverting 800 tons of paper from an incinerator prevents the emissions of over 1.1 million pounds of carbon dioxide and around 48,000 pounds of other air pollutants.
- ✓ Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV set for several hours. Recycling 1 ton of aluminum saves the equivalent in energy of approximately 1,350 gallons of oil - the total energy

used by a typical home over two years.

- ✓ Recycling 1 ton of paper saves the same amount of energy as is provided by about 200 gallons of crude oil.

***We need to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle  
our waste and it can be done.***