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Chair
Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel
By Email

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Dear Chair

Follow-up questions from the Quarterly Public Hearing on 24th September 2025

Thank you for your letter of 6th October 2025. I am pleased to respond below in respect of the Energy from Waste Plant, and I confirm that officers will provide a private briefing to the panel in order to give an update on the Island Construction Engineering (ICE) Programme. My office will be in contact to arrange this briefing to take place well before the end of 2025.

The Energy Recovery Facility ("ERF") was commissioned in 2011 with a life expectancy of 25 years taking it to 2036. However, due to the regular maintenance regime, we are expecting it to be running efficiently until at least 2040 and potentially beyond this date.

We are in the process of reviewing what is the most cost-effective solution for the island of extending its life further by another 10 years to 2050, or whether the budget would be better spent on the most suitable identified replacement for the plant in around 2040. If the replacement is another on-island incinerator, due to continual improvements in technology, we expect a new plant would be more efficient in its energy recovery and have less environmental impacts with the potential for the plant to have a complete carbon capture facility.

Officers are actively looking to find ways to reduce the waste being incinerated with a new commercial recycling centre being developed adjacent to the ERF that should come online in 2027. This facility will help ensure that as much of the island's waste that can be recycled will be removed from the incineration stream, which will allow decisions on the required capacity of a replacement facility to be calculated.

As the plant is ageing and now 14 years into its expected life span, there are several items of the plant that need to be maintained more rigorously and some parts that will need to be replaced as they are over half the expected age of the plant. The ERF team is building in these complex maintenance plans for the plant to ensure it continues to provide an efficient service for the island.

Yours sincerely



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