

LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

SUBJECT:	HOME COMPOST BIN SCHEME
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The current home compost bin scheme with Straight plc will end on the 31st March 2011. Straight plc have proposed a new pricing structure for a totally managed service for 2011/12.

DISCUSSIONS

The current home compost bin scheme with Straight plc has been in operation since September 2009. The scheme involves customers placing orders directly with Straight, the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership only needs to promote the scheme.

The scheme offers a variety of items including:

- 220L and 330L compost bins
- 5L kitchen caddy
- 90L water butt
- 45L/70L wormeries
- Bokashi kitchen composter

All orders currently have a £5 delivery charge per order.

From January 2010 until the end of December 2010, 1647 units from the above list were delivered to residents in Lincolnshire by Straight plc. From this 333 Compost converters (220l) and 731 Compost converters (330l) were sold across the County.

Straight plc are proposing to make a relatively small increase in price, but are also increasing the range of products available for residents to purchase. The table below shows the current products and prices, and the proposed prices and products.

Core Products	Current cost	Proposed cost from 1 April 2011
Compost converter 220l	£13.50 Buy one get one half price	£15.00 Buy one get one half price
Compost converter 330l	£16.50 Buy one get one half price	£18.00 Buy one get one half price
Converter base plate	£10.00	£8.50 Buy one get one half price
Kitchen caddy – 5l	£4.00	£5.00
Caddy liners (roll of 25)	Not currently available	£3.50 3 rolls for 2
Biotall All purpose activator – 500ml	£5.00	£6.25
Compost Aerator	Not currently available	£10.50
Compost sieve	Not currently available	£7.50
Compost book – Backyard composting	Not currently available	£4.95
Flat Pack & Specialist Composters		
Thermoking 400l	Not currently available	£54.50
Thermoking 600l	Not currently available	£64.50
Thermoking 900l	Not currently available	£99.50
Thermoking Base Plate	Not currently available	£18.90
Klip Kit Wooden 395l	Not currently available	£51.00
Klip Kit composter lid	Not currently available	£15.50
Wooden Modular 620l	Not currently available	£87.00
Wooden modular lid	Not currently available	£36.00
Compost Tumbler	Not currently available	£69.00
Can –O- Worms Wormery basic 45l	£50.00	£53.00
Can-O-Worms wormery 70l	£79.00	£84.00
Bokashi kitchen composter – single	£20	£21
Bokashi kitchen composter – 2 pack	£35.00	£36.00
Replacement bokashi bran 1 kg	£6.50	£7.00
Replacement bokashi bran 3 kg	£13.00	£13.50
Water Butts		
Rainsaver Water butt kit 190l	£42.95	£38.95 Buy one get one half price
Rainsaver Water butt kit 100l	Not currently available	£28.95 Buy one get one half price
Delivery charge (per order)	£5.00	£5.49

Publicity

The new prices of home compost bins will be promoted on the County Council and the Recycle for Lincolnshire websites, by press releases to local media, in district council and county council publications and on district council websites. In addition to this, information about home composting will be displayed in libraries and in other relevant places.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership is recommended to:

1. Accept the proposed changes to the pricing structure so that residents can take advantage of these preferential rates.