

# Agenda Item 2.2



**LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP**

**17 OCTOBER 2013**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>COMPOSTING CONTRACT FROM APRIL 2014</b>
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	<b>WASTE OFFICER GROUP</b>
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## **Background Information**

A report was presented to the meeting of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012 outlining an issue that had arisen concerning the transposition of the EU revised Waste Framework Directive (rWFD) into UK law that in order for compostable material to continue to count toward recycling performance it would need to go through a facility that was operating to PAS 100 standard.

This has serious implications for because within Lincolnshire there are a number of composting operators used by the Districts for processing garden waste from both kerbside schemes and from Household Waste Recycling Centres that do not operate to PAS 100.

The Waste Partnership wrote to Defra to seek clarification on this issue as the Lincolnshire composting contract required re-letting from 1 April 2013. As this clarification was not forthcoming it was agreed to let a short term (one year plus one year extension) contract to allow time for the Defra guidance on the use of PAS 100 to be released.

As this guidance has still yet to appear Lincolnshire County Council propose to exercise the extension option from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership is recommended to note the one year extension of the existing composting contract from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

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