

**LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP**

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**SUBJECT: NATIONAL FRAMEWORK HOME COMPOST BIN SCHEME  
2014/15**

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#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

At their meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February the Lincolnshire Waste Officer Group received a report advising that the current home compost bin scheme with Straight plc was due to end on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. This is a scheme whereby residents can purchase home compost bins directly from the manufacturer but at a reduced price achieved by supply on a national framework scheme.

All authorities within the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership currently support this scheme and actively promote it and include the contact web address on their websites.

The report further advised that Straight plc have been awarded the new Totally Managed Home Composting Bin Scheme contract for a further 2 years, and that whilst in previous years promotional leaflets had to be purchased from April 2014 each campaign will be eligible to a free promotional pack that includes 10,000 generic leaflets and 10 posters.

The current scheme offers a variety of items including:

- A range of different styles of compost bins
- Kitchen caddies and liners
- Water butts
- Wormeries
- Bokashi kitchen composters
- Composting accessories

The full range available and prices can be seen in Appendix 1.

The delivery charge has been altered is now scaled, with orders up to £10 having £1.99 delivery charge and orders over £10 having a £5.99 delivery charge.

From April 2013 until the end of December 2013, 757 units from the above list were delivered to residents in Lincolnshire by Straight plc. From this 129 Compost converters (220l) and 361 Compost converters (330l) were sold across the County.

The new contract does include a small increase in price which is due to the increased cost of raw materials. However, compared to similar products sold elsewhere the compost bins available through this framework are still at preferential rates.

Using the 220 Litre Compost Bin as an example the prices can be seen to be clearly favourable for residents purchasing through the scheme:

- Straight plc/getcomposting.com - £19.98 (£5.99 delivery) plus Buy One Get One Half Price Offer
- Trueshopping.co.uk - £29.99 (delivery £4.49)
- Home4eco - £33.30 (del £5.95)
- Argos - £34.99 (del free)

Straight plc also offer Buy One Get One Half Price offer on the 220 litre, and 330 litre compost bins.

Unfortunately there was no meeting of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership before the current compost scheme ended on 1 April 2014. Therefore the Waste Officer Group agreed to continue with the revised National Framework Compost Bin Scheme during 2014.15 and to report this decision for endorsement to the next meeting of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership.

All the necessary changes to partner websites have been completed to reflect the new scheme.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership is recommended to endorse the decision of the Waste Officer Group to continue with the National Framework Compost Bin Scheme during 2014/15.