Agenda Item 3.4



LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL FRAMEWORK HOME COMPOST BIN

SCHEME 2014/15

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

All Authorities within the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership currently support a home compost bin scheme with Straight plc that is due to end on the 31st March 2015. This is a scheme whereby residents can purchase home compost bins directly from the manufacturer but at a reduced price achieved by the supply being on a national framework scheme.

The support given by all partners of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership includes active promotion of the scheme and inclusion of the contact address on individual council websites.

Straight plc are in the second year of the Totally Managed Home Composting Bin Scheme, and details of products and prices have now been received for use from 1 April 2015.

The scheme continues to offer 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 and when these are compared with the costs of similar items from commercial outlets the prices remain favourable for residents purchasing through the scheme.

This information has arrived too late for consideration by the Waste Officer Group, so to ensure that the revised details are available for inclusion on all partner websites the chairs of the Officer Group and the Partnership agreed to circulate the details ahead of this meeting.

In making this decision due consideration was given to the unqualified support all members of the Partnership have given to this scheme in the past.

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership is recommended to endorse the decision of the Chairman and chair of the Waste Officer Group to continue with the National Framework Compost Bin Scheme during 2015.16.