

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**HOME COMPOSTING INITIATIVE**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To update cabinet on progress of the home composting initiative since its launch in 2020.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 North Lincolnshire Council launched its enhanced garden waste initiative in May 2020. Part of this initiative was the option for residents to relinquish their organic (brown) bin in return for a free composter.
- 2.2 We have continued to enable and promote the benefits of home composting to residents since 2020 through attendance at public events by Waste Services Officers, and via regular promotions on our NLC communications channels.

Each year since the introduction of the scheme we have seen more residents participating in the composter scheme.

**May 2020 to March 2021** – A total of **519** composters delivered in return for relinquishing brown bin.

**April 2021 to March 2022** – A total of **213** composters delivered in return for relinquishing brown bin.

**April 2022 to February 2023** – A total of **228** composters delivered in return for relinquishing brown bin.

This brings the current total number of composters delivered to residents in return for relinquishing their brown bins to **960 households as of the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**.

- 2.3 **960 garden waste bins would, on average, produce approximately 460 tonnes of garden waste material in a year (20kg per bin on average collection x 24 collections per year = 480kg per household, per year)**

That is over four hundred tonnes of garden waste material that is being utilised within the resident's home to produce quality compost.

This scheme has enabled over four hundred tonnes less of organic materials are having to be collected from the kerbside, transferred, and disposed of through our organic waste contract.

**3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 The report is for information only

**4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 Not applicable

**5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)**

5.1 There are no implications to report.

**6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)**

6.1 Not applicable.

**7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

7.1 Not applicable

**8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

8.1 Stakeholder engagement has taken place with those who have taken up the scheme, positive feedback has been received.

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 That Cabinet note the positive impact the scheme has had to date.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report – Nil**