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**REPORT TO:** NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

**REPORT ON:** PAS 100 COMPOST CERTIFICATION 2019

**REPORT BY:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

**REPORT NO:** 321-2019

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on PAS 100 certification for the composting process carried out by Neighbourhood Services at Riverside.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes that Neighbourhood Services recently achieved accreditation to the PAS 100 quality standard for the eleventh year in succession. Accreditation has been held since 2008.

**3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

**4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The British Standards Institution's 'Publicly Available Specification for Composted Materials' (PAS 100) sets a minimum compost quality baseline. PAS 100 is a widely recognised standard within the organics recycling sector. Independent certification means that the material is no longer subject to waste regulatory controls and has achieved product status.
- 4.2 PAS 100 requires the producer to establish a quality policy and management system to ensure compost that is fit for purpose. Materials composted and the resulting composts must be traceable. PAS 100 also requires that customers are provided with information about where the compost was made and guidance on storing, handling and using the compost.
- 4.3 The composting process is operated under a Waste Management Licence (WML/E/20079) regulated by Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA). An open air turned windrow process is undertaken at the facility on Wright Avenue, Riverside. The PAS 100 accreditation allows the sale of compost to the general public and commercial customers. Compost is available in 20mm grade from Riverside.
- 4.4 Accreditation for PAS 100 has been held by Dundee City Council since 2008. From 1st January 2019, PAS 100:2018 must be complied with and the most recent audit was carried out against this new version of the standard which replaced PAS 100:2011.

**5.0 CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 A high quality compost meeting PAS 100 certification continues to be produced by Dundee City Council and sold to the general public and commercial customers.

## **6.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality & Diversity, Fairness & Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. A copy of the Impact Assessment is available on the Council's website at [www.dundee.gov.uk/ia/reports](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/ia/reports).

## **7.0 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 The Council Management Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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