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REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 20 AUGUST 2018

REPORT ON: PAS 100 COMPOST CERTIFICATION 2018

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

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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 tenth 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 As of March 2018 Dundee City Council are one of twenty two certified processes in Scotland. Accreditation for PAS 100 has been held by Dundee City Council since 2008. The composting process was also re-validated by the certification body during 2017-2018. The process reduced from 26 weeks to 14 weeks. The change was made to improve operational efficiency on site.

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 The report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. No major issues were identified.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Council Management Team have been consulted in relation to this report.

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