

**REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENTAL & CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
- 19 NOVEMBER 2001**

REPORT ON: EXTENSION OF THE COMPOST BIN COLLECTION SYSTEM

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL & CONSUMER PROTECTION

REPORT NO. 740-2001

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek authority to extend the existing compost bin collection system.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That approximately 2000 households be issued with a 140 litre compost bin which will be emptied on a fortnightly basis from March to November, inclusive.
- 2.2 The areas shown in Appendix I and II be approved for inclusion.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The total cost of the bins is £31,300 which can be met from the grant previously obtained from the Scottish Executive for the purpose of increasing recycling activities.
- 3.2 Due to the reconfiguration of existing routes, there will be no additional costs arising from the introduction of these new routes.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Resources will be used efficiently and waste minimised. Green waste will be processed into a usable compost product.
- 4.2 The National Waste Strategy and the Landfill Directive (99/31/EC) are geared towards reducing reliance on landfill and encouraging the treatment of waste at the highest point of the waste hierarchy practicable.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no implications

6.0 REPORT

- 6.1 In 1992, 10 routes were created to collect green wastes from households within the, then, district boundaries. 14,000 Properties were included.
- 6.2 In 1996, Scottish Local Government reorganisation caused the loss of areas where a compost bin service was provided. Invergowrie, Birkhill and Muirhead (3,100 properties) were lost to the Green Waste Collection Service.
- 6.3 In 2000, the Scottish Executive provided local authorities with the sum of £3,000,000 to improve recycling, the City Council's allocation being £72,000.

- 6.4 Reference is made to the Environmental and Consumer Protection Committee meeting of 15th January 2001, Article V (Report No. 31-2001) in which a raft of proposals were approved by the Council and these proposals were accepted by the Scottish Executive.
- 6.5 One of the proposals recommended an extension to the compost bin system.
- 6.6 Originally the purchase of an additional 1000 bins was proposed.
- 6.7 Savings made in implementing another proposal (i.e. the provision of a magnetic separator) have resulted in the ability to purchase a further 1000 bins (i.e. 2000 in total) and the Scottish Executive has agreed this expenditure.
- 6.8 Each property involved currently in the compost bin system receives around 19-20 collections of the compost bin per year. The payload per customer is around 200 kg per year. It is estimated that the inclusion of a further 1500 – 2000 properties in the service will generate 300 – 400 tonnes of material for composting, producing about 90 – 120 tonnes of compost for use each year.
- 6.9 This is a voluntary service. Customers can choose to opt out of this service.
- 6.10 No assistance is provided with presentation of the bin on the kerbside on the appropriate days.
- 6.11 Several months before a collection service is introduced, potential customers receive a leaflet outlining the service and a prepaid tear-off postcard which should be sent back to the department if the customer chooses not to participate. Uptake of this service is expected to be 90%.
- 6.12 Two weeks prior to the collections commencing in March 2002, compost bins will be distributed to the customers wishing to participate.
- 6.13 A calendar outlining the dates of services will be delivered at this time. Instructions relating to the use of the compost bin will be on the reverse side of this calendar.
- 6.14 The areas selected were chosen using several criteria viz, ability to merge with existing operations, and suitability of properties.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Chief Executive
Director of Finance
Director of Support Services

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 There are no background papers associated with the compilation of this report.

9.0 SIGNATURE

Proposed New Compostainer Areas

Route No.13

West End

Almond Place
Backhill Road
Birnam Place
Dalrymple Place
Dalrymple Street
Dalrymple Terrace
Deanbank Street
Denoon Terrace
Dickson Avenue – Jimmy Shand to Circle
Dunkeld Place
Eassie Terrace
Elmwood Drive
Elmwood Road – Glamis Road to Denoon Terrace
Ericht Place
Gala Avenue
Glamis Drive
Glamis Road (Blackness Road – Dickson Avenue)
Glamis Road (Dickson Avenue – Ancrum Road, excluding Blackwood Court)
Hayston Terrace
Hillside Drive
Hillside Place
Hillside Road
Hillside Terrace
Invergowrie Drive
Lennox Gardens
Liddel Road
Menziesshill Road
Nevay Terrace
Tarbert Place
Tummel Place
Whitefauld Road

Under Construction

New Ninewells Development (Ninians View)
New Ninewells Development (Kinloch Park)

Proposed New Compostainer Areas

Route No.14

Lower Fintry

Finavon Place
Finavon Street
Finavon Terrace
Findale Street
Findcastle Place
Findcastle Street
Findcastle terrace
Finedon Terrace
Finlaggan Crescent
Finlaggan Place
Finlaggan Terrace
Finlarig Place
Finlarig Terrace
Finmore Place
Fintry Crescent
Fintry Drive – East of Fintry Road (147-293; 152-222)
Fintry Drive – West of Fintry Road (1-145; 2-150)
Fintry Gardens
Fintry Mains
Fintry Road – South of Fintry Drive (1-77; 2-76)
Fintryside