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REPORT TO: CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT & BIODIVERSITY COMMITTEE - 10 JUNE 2024

REPORT ON: COMPOST CERTIFICATION 2024-25

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report provides an update on the Publicly Available Specification for composted materials (PAS 100) certification for the composting process carried out by Dundee City Council at Riverside.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes Dundee City Council has recently achieved accreditation to the PAS 100 quality standard for 2024-25. 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. The PAS 100 accreditation allows the sale of compost to the general public and commercial customers. Compost is available in 0-20mm grade from Riverside.

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 As of May 2024 Dundee City Council is one of nineteen certified processes in Scotland. Accreditation for PAS 100 has been held by Dundee City Council since 2008.

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 the pre-IIA screening tool and does not make any recommendations for change to strategy, policy, procedures, services or funding and so has not been subject to an integrated impact assessment. An appropriate senior manager has reviewed and agreed with this assessment.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Council Leadership Team have been consulted on the preparation of this report and agree with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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