

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2001**

### **HOME COMPOSTERS**

#### **Report by the Director of Community Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the Council's recycling and composting plans.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Local Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2001 a community representative asked for a report on Council proposals to facilitate the sale of home composters to householders.
- 2.2 Last December the Council submitted a successful bid to the Scottish Executive for the funding of a number of projects designed to encourage more recycling and composting.
- 2.3 Among the proposals approved was a project to purchase some home composting units for (subsidised) re-sale to interested members of the public.

#### **3. DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 The home composting units are expected to be delivered before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2001.
- 3.2 While the majority will be introduced in a specific area of East Ayrshire to allow the effect on waste production to be measured, it is intended that a number be retained for re-sale to members of the public interested in using these.
- 3.3 Householders purchasing units on this basis will be asked to keep some record of the effect which the unit has had on their normal waste production.

#### **4. LEGAL/FINANCIAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Nil.

#### **5. CONCLUSIONS**

- 5.1 Following a successful bid to the Scottish Executive, a number of home composting units will shortly be delivered to the Council.

5.2 It is proposed that a proportion of these be offered for (subsidised) re-sale to members of the public interested in using the units.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 The Local Committee is invited to note the report.

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12<sup>th</sup> March 2001

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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**AGENDA**