

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DOON VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE - 22 MAY 2001**

**HOME COMPOSTERS**

**Report by the Director of Community Services**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To advise the Committee of the progress on the Council's composting plans.

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 In December 2000 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 have been delivered to the Waste Management Section, Kilmarnock and a comprehensive advertising campaign is being carried out using various mediums including local press.

3.2 A good response has been received in the first week of the promotional campaign with interest from all areas.

3.3 Householders purchasing units may be asked to keep some record of the effect which the unit has had on their normal waste production.

3.4 Residents are being offered a home composting unit, an information leaflet and an activator to help with the process.

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

4.1 Nil.

**5. CONCLUSIONS**

5.1 Following a successful bid to the Scottish Executive, 2000 home composting units will shortly be purchased by residents of East Ayrshire.

5.2 This initiative will reduce the waste that is disposed of each year by East Ayrshire Council and produce a soil conditioner for residents to utilise in their gardens.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 The Local Committee is invited to note the report.

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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**AGENDA**