

Title of Report:	Sale of Compost at Letterloan Composting Facility
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services
Date of Meeting:	14th October 2025
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee YES/NO	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Climate Change and our Environment
Outcome	Increasing proportion of domestic and commercial waste recycled
Lead Officer	Head of Operations

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	N/A

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Members to approve a price increase for the sale of compost at Letterloan Composting Facility.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Prior to 1st July 2025, all green waste received via Household Recycling Centres and at Letterloan Composting Facility was composted at the latter and made available for sale.
- 2.2 Compost production ceased following a shredder on site being put beyond use.
- 2.3 Green waste received by council is currently collected and processed by Natural World Products (NWP). This is in addition to the Biowaste Contract with NWP for the processing and treatment of mixed food and garden waste collected via the household kerbside brown bin service.

3.0 Supply of Compost

- 3.1 Under the terms of the Biowaste contract, council can request up to 10% of the contract waste in a 12 month period. The cost of the processed material is deemed to be included in the contractor's gate fee.
- 3.2 In 2024-25, NWP processed c.12,900 tonnes of biowaste on behalf of council. During the same period, there was 1,964 tonnes of compost sold at Letterloan.
- 3.3 Whilst no charge is applicable for the supply of up to 10% of contract waste processed into compost, a charge is applicable for the haul of compost by NWP to Letterloan.

4.0 Price Increase

- 4.1 To cover the cost of haul and handling of compost on site, it is proposed to increase the price of compost on sale at Letterloan from the current price of £12 per tonne (plus vat) to £20 per tonne (plus vat).
- 4.2 Purchase of compost to be limited to 1 tonne per visit.

5.0 Recommendation(s)

- 5.1 It is recommended that Committee approves the price increase for sale of NWP supplied compost from £12 per tonne (plus vat) to £20 per tonne (plus vat).