FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 979/17

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

1. Please could you provide explanation as to why the County Council does not provide for the collection and recycling of food and kitchen waste.

   Answer: From the myriad of possible combinations of kerbside waste collections, each local authority must assess the best option for each material/waste stream. In the past, separate food waste collections in Rutland has been assessed as not being economically viable and, as nothing has changed since, this remains the case. Instead, our priority is to minimise food waste through campaigns and education. Such activities are currently under review as part of a wider refresh of our Waste Management Strategy.

2. And provide clarification of the policy and recommendations for residents to have access to subsidised home composting facilities.

   Answer: Our policy on the provision of home composting bins is as follows:

   2.5 Waste Minimisation

   (a) Policy: If budgets allow, limited reduced rate composters will be made available to residents together with the undertaking of regular initiatives to discourage waste creation and increase re-use and recycling:


   The information regarding the purchase of subsidised home composters:

   https://getcomposting.com/

   One of my Officers has also contacted the company that provide this service and they have confirmed that the only restrictions in place are that each customer can only order up to two of each type of bin. This may have been the problem that you experienced. They have offered that, in the event of any further problems, you can
contact them directly on 0844 571 4444 and they will be happy to help and discuss your requirements.

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Yours faithfully

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