This questionnaire is concerned with the composting scheme (and some related issues) run by the local council. We would be very grateful if you could take the time to complete the questionnaire even if you do not participate in the home compost scheme.

The questionnaire should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. All information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence and no names or addresses will be recorded.

The council also gave out log sheets and if you could include these with the completed questionnaire then again we would be most grateful.
General information

Please answer the following questions about your household by ticking the appropriate box.

1. How many people are in your household?
   - 1 [ ] 2 [ ] 3 [ ] 4 [ ] 5+ [ ]

2. What is your gender?
   - Male [ ] Female [ ]

3. What is the main occupation(s) in your household?
   __________________________________________________________

4. Do you own a car?
   - YES [ ] NO [ ]

5. What best describes your household?
   - Young adults with no children [ ] Family with young children [ ]
   - Family with older children [ ] Family - children left home [ ]
   - Retired [ ] Other ____________________________ [ ]

6. What type of house do you live in?
   - Detached [ ]
   - Semi - detached [ ]
   - Terraced [ ]
   - Flat [ ]

7. Do you own or rent your house?
   - Own [ ] Rent [ ]
Gardening

8. Do you have access to a garden or allotment? YES [ ] NO [ ]

a) If yes, then how big would you say your garden / allotment is?
   _________ metres by _________ metres

9. How often do you normally work in your garden during the summer?
   4-5 times a week [ ]
   2-3 times a week [ ]
   once a week [ ]
   less than once a week [ ]
   never [ ]

10. Please indicate your knowledge and interest in the following subjects:

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<td>How knowledgeable would you say you are about composting?</td>
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11. Please indicate how much you agree/disagree with the following statements about home composting, by ticking the appropriate box:

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<td>Composting demands a high degree of technical knowledge</td>
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<td>Composting requires a lot of space</td>
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<td>Composting bins attract flies and vermin</td>
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<td>Compost bins are unsightly</td>
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<td>People in my household think I should compost</td>
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<td>My friends think I should compost</td>
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**The Environment**

12. Do you participate in any of the following ‘environmental’ activities?

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<td>Aluminium can recycling</td>
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<td>Choosing to buying recycled products</td>
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<td>Donating products to charity shops/jumble sales</td>
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<td>Re-using materials that would be otherwise thrown out (other than composting)</td>
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<td>Decline excess packaging</td>
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<td>Buying / Growing organic vegetables</td>
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13. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements concerning the environment by placing a tick in the appropriate box:

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<td>The balance of nature is very delicate and easily upset</td>
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<td>People have the right to modify the natural environment to suit their needs</td>
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<td>Mankind was created to rule over nature</td>
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<td>When humans interfere with nature it often produces disastrous consequences</td>
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<td>Plants and animals exist primarily to be used by humans</td>
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<td>A healthy economy relies on a steady state economy where industrial growth is controlled</td>
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<td>People must live in harmony with nature to survive</td>
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<td>The Earth has only limited room and resources</td>
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<td>Humans need not adapt to the natural environment as they can remake it to suit their own needs</td>
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<td>Industrial growth must be controlled to protect the environment.</td>
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<td>Humans are severely abusing the environment</td>
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14. Do you ever talk to your neighbours about composting?  
   Never □  
   Occasionally □  
   Frequently □
15. Do you currently compost?

   **If yes please now turn to the green sheets**

16. If no then what is the main reason why you do not compost?
____________________________________________________________________

b) How do you get rid of waste from your garden and / or kitchen?
____________________________________________________________________

17. Have you ever tried composting? YES ☐ NO ☐

   a) If yes then how did you compost?

      Compost Bin ☐ Compost Heap ☐
      Other (Please Specify) ☐

   b) Why did you stop? ________________________________

   c) What might persuade you to start composting again?

      ________________________________

If you do not currently compost this is the end of the questionnaire

Thank you very much for completing it.
Compost Scheme

18. How do you compost?
   - Compost Bin (through council scheme)
   - Compost Bin (other)
   - Compost Heap
   - Other (Please Specify) ________________________________

   If you do not use a compost bin supplied through the council scheme go directly to question 24.

19. Who, in the household, was the main instigator in getting the compost bin?
________________________________________________________________________

20. What was your main reason for getting a compost bin through the council scheme?
________________________________________________________________________

21. How many compost bins do you have and what size are they?
   220L________
   330L________

22. Do you compost:
   - Throughout the year
   - April to Sept / Oct
   - Other____________________

23. Did you use worms from the compost centre?
   - Yes
   - No
24. Please indicate how important the following reasons are in your decision to compost:

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<td>Cheaper than buying compost</td>
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<td>Produce better quality compost</td>
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<td>Don’t like waste</td>
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<td>Saves room inside dustbin</td>
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<td>Saves landfill space</td>
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<td>Helps the Council</td>
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a) Were your reasons for composting environmental or for the garden?

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25. How long have you been composting for?

_________________________________________________________________________________

25. Have you used any compost that has been produced?  YES ☐  NO ☐

26. Have you had any problems composting?

NO ☐

YES ☐ (Please indicate problems): ___________________________________________________________
27. Have you been able to get help/support with composting when needed?

- YES □
- NO □
- Not needed □

a) If yes, then where have you obtained help? __________________________________________

28. How much of your uncooked kitchen vegetable and fruit wastes do you compost?

- None □
- A quarter or less □
- About half □
- About three quarters □
- All or nearly all □

a) If you do not compost all or nearly all of this type of waste, which of the following reasons apply?

- You forget □
- It can be inconvenient □
- It is (or sometimes is) too much bother □
- You find some or all of this waste too unhygienic or too unpleasant to handle □
- You do not always produce enough to make composting worthwhile □
- You believe or are unsure that some of this waste should not be composted □
- Other (please state) __________________________________________

29. Do you regularly compost any types of kitchen waste, other than vegetable and fruit wastes?

- YES □
- NO □

If yes then what?________________________________________________________________________
30. Do you sometimes add any of the following to the compost bin?

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a) If you do add some paper and cardboard, is it because?

- You use it to wrap other wastes that are being composted  
- You believe the compost needs it  
- You believe that it is a good way to use or get rid of this material  
- By accident  
- Other (please state) _______________________________________________

b) If you do not add paper and cardboard, is it because?

- You believe that paper and cardboard should not be composted  
- You are unsure whether paper and cardboard can be composted  
- You prefer to recycle your paper and cardboard  
- You believe it can be composted, but your compost does not need it  
- It is too much bother  
- You forget  
- Other (please state) _______________________________________________

This is the end of the questionnaire. Thank you very much for completing it. If you wish to make any comments on the council scheme, want to ask us any questions on composting or would like more information on our research please turn to the yellow sheet.
If you wish to make any comments on the council’s scheme to promote home composting, please let us know.

Comments:
_____________________________________________________________________
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If you have any specific questions on composting then please tell us and add your name and address below. We will try our best to answer them.

Questions :
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________
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If you would you like a copy of the results of the scheme from Inverclyde Council please tick here and add your name and address below.

☐

Name ___________________________________________________________

Address__________________________________________________________
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Daytime tel. number ________________________________________________

Evening tel. number ________________________________________________