

Maidstone Borough Council

Freedom of Information Act Request

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Request and Response

1. a) Does your local authority use peat in its horticultural practices? E.g. planting.

No.

b) If so, and if you are able to quantify, how much peat do you use a month (m3)?

N/A.

c) Do you use peat raw, as part of a mixed compost, or in another way?

No.

2. a) Are any peat-free alternatives used instead?

Yes.

b) If so, which ones, and in what quantities?

Westlands Natural Peat Free and Organic Compost – 40x 80L bags per year

Puckamuck - 40x 80L bags per year

Leaf Malche – 1m³

3. a) Have any efforts been made to reduce the amount of peat used?

N/A.

b) If so, has this been a result of governmental policy/pressure, or other reasons? If other, please specify.

N/A.

4. If possible, please provide any figures on your historic peat use, for comparison. If this is outsourced, any available details would be appreciated.

We do not hold any information on historic peat use.

5. Are there any plans to reduce future peat usage?

N/A.

6. What could be done to support you in a transition to peat-free growing media?

N/A.