



Terms of Reference for the Market Development Working Group Compost Certification Scheme & Biofertiliser Certification Scheme

1. The Market Development Working Group (MDWG) is the working group authorised by Renewable Energy Assurance Limited (REAL) to provide industry with the opportunity to build and develop new and existing markets for *quality compost* and *biofertiliser*.
2. MDWG is chaired by an individual elected by REAL who works independently from the Compost Certification Scheme (CCS) and Biofertiliser Certification Scheme (BCS). The chair will be in post for a three-year term. The post will be advertised at the end of two years with the in-coming chair in post during the Chair's third year of post.
3. MDWG is a sub-group to the CCS and BCS Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).
4. The Group will meet face to face at least twice a year. Papers will be circulated at least one week in advance of the meeting. MDWG Participants may be called to extraordinary meetings as and when required, but these may be teleconference calls.
5. MDWG consists of representatives from relevant stakeholder groups, including:
 - REAL Representative
 - Trade Body Representative
 - Zero Waste Scotland (ZWS) Representative
 - A nominated CCS Producers' Representative (nomination every 3 years)
 - A nominated BCS Producers' Representative (nomination every 3 years)



6. Key stakeholders and representatives of the certified compost and digestate producers will be invited to attend as and when appropriate.
7. The Working Group will investigate and discuss means for building and developing markets for certified compost and digestate.
8. The Working Group will seek to identify research requirements to address potential barriers within new and existing markets for certified compost and digestate and communicate requirements to the CCS and BCS Technical Advisory Committee and hence to the Research Hub.
9. In addition, maintaining market confidence which will include but not be limited to:
 - Building and developing new and existing markets for the certification schemes and certified compost and digestate;
 - Liaising with environmental regulators including SEPA, EA, Defra and Natural England;
 - Liaising with the Research HUB to suggest direction and requirements for R&D projects;
 - Reporting to the CCS & BCS TAC;
 - Liaising with farm assurance schemes and retailers;
 - Liaising with certified compost and digestate producers.