



Derby City Council

Neighbourhoods Overview & Scrutiny Board
27 January 2015

ITEM 6

Report of the Strategic Director of
Neighbourhoods

Impact of charging for Brown Bin Collection

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report identifies the impact of charging for the collection of Derby's household garden waste.
- 1.2 This report describes the nature of the chargeable Garden Waste Collection Service which has reduced annual spending in Waste Management by around £1.003 Million per year.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note this report

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Garden Waste Collection Service has produced a saving of around £1.003 Million per year when compared with continuing with a free kerbside brown bin collection service.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 In April 2014 Derby City Council launched its Garden Waste Collection Service collecting garden waste from subscribers
- 4.2 The charge for 16 collections over a 32 week period is £40 and £20 for each subsequent bin.
- 4.3 In its first year, the service began on Tuesday 15th April 2014 and ended on Friday 21st November 2014.
- 4.4 Subscribers joined the scheme during the year and at the final count we had 11,859 subscribers of which 1,028 had a second bin.

- 4.5 The current forecast of tonnage collected at kerbside in black and brown bins along with additional tonnage of green waste at Raynesway Household Waste and Recycling Centre to date indicates that for the full year around 8,000 tonnes per year of garden waste that was collected in previous years in brown bins is now being composted in back gardens across the City.
- 4.7 The Derbyshire and Derby City Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy has identified that it is important to promote both home composting as well as the Garden Waste Collection Service as both activities will continue to have positive impacts on both the City's environment and the Council's waste management budgets going forward.
- 4.8 The City's household waste recycling rate has fallen and is likely to be around 32% for 2014-15 however measures are in place to continue campaigning and raising awareness which will enable the City to make incremental improvements in the years to come.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Continuing the free brown bin collection service would not have yielded the required annual savings.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 The report on the impact of the chargeable Garden Waste Service identifies a current estimation on budget savings of around £1.003 Million per year which complements the changes to the blue bin collection service which has saved a further £500,000 per year.

Saving on Brown Bins is as follows:

£957K saving on Vital Earth Contract compared to a previous full years tonnage
 £478K Income from Subscribers to the chargeable garden waste service
 £554K savings on Fleet and staff
£1.989 Million of savings

Offsetting migration of garden waste to black bins and Raynesway CA Site
 7,000 tonnes of garden waste into the black bin
 1,400 tonne extra to Raynesway Household Waste and Recycling Centre
£986K in additional costs

Net Saving

£1.003 Million

Financial Projections

The finance model for the garden waste collection service is designed to take into account a number of factors.

- Number of sign ups
- Garden waste collected by our collection teams
- Garden waste presented at Raynesway HWRC
- Garden waste collected in the black bins.

A number of assumptions have been made. And our forecast for savings relating to the garden waste scheme for 2015/16 will be based on;

20,000 signups for the service based on £40 per year

5000 signups for a second brown bin based on £20.00per year

This will produce a saving of £1,277,848

Legal

2.1 Not applicable.

Personnel

3.1 Not applicable.

IT

4.1 Not Applicable

Equalities Impact

5.1 Not applicable

Health and Safety

6.1 Not Applicable

Environmental Sustainability

7.1 Home composting or subscribing to the City's Garden Waste Collection Service are excellent ways of making a positive contribution to the City's environment and complements the success of the City's blue bin recycling scheme that increased the take of kerbside dry recycle by 16%.

Property and Asset Management

8.1 Not applicable

Risk Management

9.1 Not Applicable

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 Improving value for money for our customers and providing more efficient and effective processes.