



Friday, 13 November 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee will be held on Monday, 23 November 2020 via Microsoft Teams, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Should you require advice on declaring an interest in any item on the agenda, please contact the Monitoring Officer at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

To Councillors: L A Ball BEM
S Easom
L Fletcher
T Hallam
R I Jackson
P Lally

R D MacRae
G Marshall
P Roberts-Thomson
H E Skinner (Chair)
D K Watts (Vice-Chair)
R D Willimott

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies and notification of substitutes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda.

3. MINUTES

(Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 September 2020.

4. GARDEN WASTE SUBSCRIPTION CHARGES FOR 2021/22 (Pages 5 - 8)

To seek approval for the 2021/22 garden waste subscription fees.

5. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON REPORTS FOR NOTING

To note the following reports:

- Clean and Green Initiative Update
- Tree Planting - Free Ornamental Trees
- Management of Brooks
- Performance Management – Review of Business Plan Progress – Environment and Climate Change
- Funding Stream Availability for Housing Energy Efficiency Improvements
- Climate Change and Green Futures Programme Update

6. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 9 - 10)

To consider items for inclusion in the Work Programme for future meetings.

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2020

Present: Councillor H E Skinner, Chair

Councillors: L A Ball BEM
R H Darby
S Easom
L Fletcher
T Hallam
R I Jackson
P Lally
R D MacRae
G Marshall
P Roberts-Thomson
D K Watts
R D Willimott

39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

40 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

41 CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN FUTURES PROGRAMME UPDATE

Members were updated with the Climate and Green Futures Programme report that contained the Climate Change Strategy along with a report on each of the other 14 project strands including strategic actions. Members thanked all the Officers involved in producing the Strategy and acknowledged how comprehensive the document was. The programme was explained and a discussion regarding each strand took place including the communications plan and engaging with schools and businesses, The new Carbon Management Plan and its aims and the Council's approach to Climate Change and Green Futures.

RESOLVED that the Climate Change and Green Futures Programme in addition to the Transport and Fleet Strategy be approved.

42 CLEAN AND GREEN -BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

The Committee noted the impact that the Covid-19 pandemic had in not being able to safely undertake any Waste Day Events throughout the Summer and the bulky waste service being suspended between March and July 2020, alongside Nottinghamshire County Council's Household Waste and Recycling Centre's being closed. The impact had resulted in a backlog in bulky waste collections of around six weeks. By providing additional funding to allocate resources to reduce the lead time this would provide a better service for residents and prevent residents using alternative carriers who may not be licensed.

RESOLVED that where required the funding allocated to the Clean and Green budget be used to reduce the lead time of the bulky waste service.

43 IMPROVING THE BOROUGH RECYCLING RATE AND PROVIDING MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS TO RECYCLE

Members were informed of the opportunities and ways to improve recycling in the Borough and to improve the recycling rates. By providing a campaign of communication and education through schools, improve awareness of recycling and contamination and target resources to low performing areas would improve recycling and waste management practices.

The Committee also noted an impact on kerbside textile collection service due to a change in vehicle and the service being suspended currently due to the current vehicle not having a designated textile storage compartment. Two options were discussed of continuing with the textile service or to cease the service. Members considered the tonnage collection and the percentage increase of recyclables and agreed to cease the kerbside textile collection to allow for additional tonnage collection in particular to glass.

RESOLVED to adopt Option 2 with regards to the kerbside textile collection service.

44 NOTING REPORTS

The following reports were noted:

- Performance Management Review of Business Plan-Environment and Climate Change.
- Pride in Parks-Play area and Parks Open Space Improvements.
- Air Quality Annual Status Report 2020.

45 WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered the Work Programme and agreed to include the Environment Bill and Green Number Plate update to the programme.

RESOLVED the work programme be approved with the additional items of Environment Bill Update and the Green Number Plates be added.

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Report of the Strategic Director

GARDEN WASTE SUBSCRIPTION CHARGES FOR 2021/221. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the 2021/22 garden waste subscription fees.

2. Background

An income target of £727,000 was set for the 2020/21 subscription period. As of 1 October 2020, 21,634 properties have subscribed to the 2020/21 service, generating an income of £776,460.

The number of subscribers in 2020/21 has increased from those in 2019/20 suggesting that the service represents good value for money. However, a contributing factor to the increase in subscription numbers for 2020/21 will have been the lockdown measures imposed due to COVID 19. The restriction on the access to the Nottinghamshire County Council Recycling Centre, in conjunction with the stay and work from home principle, allowed households the opportunity to spend time in and realise the value of their garden.

The continuation of the kerbside collection throughout the COVID 19 lock down period provided households with the easiest way to dispose of their garden waste. The challenge for the 2021/22 season will be to maintain the customer base.

Outlined in the appendix are options relating to the charges for the garden waste collection service for 2021/22.

3. Financial implications

The financial implications of each option are shown in the appendix.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RECOMMEND to the Finance and Resources Committee that:

- 1. The price for the first bin for 2021/22 be increased to £36.**
- 2. The price for additional bins for 2021/22 be increased to £22.**

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX

Charges for 2020/211. Comparison of charges

The table below shows the charges for the kerbside garden waste collection service for all district councils within Nottinghamshire.

| Local Authority | First bin price (2020/21) | Additional bin price (2020/21) | Service Provision |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Broxtowe Borough Council | £34 | £18 | Fortnightly March to November, monthly December through to February |
| Ashfield District Council | £28 | £14 | Fortnightly March to September |
| Bassetlaw District Council | £32 | £32 | Fortnightly March to November |
| Gedling Borough Council | £36 | £18 | Fortnightly March to December – no service January and February |
| Mansfield District Council | £30 | £15.50 | Fortnightly March to November, monthly December through to February |
| Newark and Sherwood | £35 | £35 | Fortnightly March to November, monthly December through to February |
| Rushcliffe Borough Council | £40 | £25 | Fortnightly but no collections over the Christmas and New Year period |

The current fee of £34 for the first bin is around the average price across the Nottinghamshire districts. There are significant differences in the prices charged for additional bins. The current charge for an additional bin is £18 with the average price across the Nottinghamshire districts being £22.50.

By October 2020 2,223 subscribers have paid for the use of additional bins.

2. Charging mechanism

Residents can currently subscribe to the service in three ways:

- Online
- By telephone
- By using the kiosk (located in Beeston Council Offices)

Approximately 81% of Broxtowe subscribers use the online payment system. Online subscription is by far the cheapest and easiest payment method and equates to a cost of £0.15p per transaction.

3. Options for charges

Different proposed charges for 2021/22 are shown in the tables below. The figures used in the tables are based on 21,634 subscribers (the number as at October 2020).

The different options illustrate the projected income based on different prices for the first and additional bins.

| | | Projected income from first bins | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Number of bins | Number of subscribers | £34 (Current price) | £35 (Increase £1) | £36 (Increase £2) | £37 (Increase £3) | £38 (Increase £4) |
| 1 | 21634 | £735,556 | £757,190 | £778,824 | £800,458 | £822,092 |
| Potential Additional Income | | 0 | £21,634 | £43,268 | £64,902 | £86,536 |

| | | Projected income from additional bins | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Number of additional bins | Number of subscribers | £18 (current price) | £19 (Increase £1) | £20 (Increase £2) | £21 (Increase £3) | £22 (Increase £4) |
| 1 | 1964 | £35,352 | £37,316 | £39,280 | £41,244 | £43,208 |
| 2 | 193 | £6,948 | £7,334 | £7,720 | £8,106 | £8,492 |
| 3 | 49 | £2,646 | £2,793 | £2,940 | £3,087 | £3,234 |
| 4 | 7 | £504 | £532 | £560 | £588 | £616 |
| 5 | 5 | £450 | £475 | £500 | £525 | £550 |
| 6 | 2 | £216 | £228 | £240 | £252 | £264 |
| 7 | 2 | £252 | £266 | £280 | £294 | £308 |
| 9 | 1 | £162 | £171 | £180 | £189 | £198 |
| Total | | £46,530 | £49,115 | £51,700 | £54,285 | £56,870 |
| Potential Additional Income | | 0 | £2,585 | £5,170 | £7,755 | £10,340 |

4. Risks

Increasing the price may increase the risk that customers do not re-subscribe. The overall number of subscribers has increased by 1448 (October 2020) from the previous year. In October 2019 the increase from the previous year at that point was 316. Whilst the increase suggests the service represent good value for money it also demonstrates the influence that COVID 19 has had on the subscription numbers. The challenge for the 2021/22 season will be to maintain the existing customer base.

5. Recommendations

The following charges are proposed:

- The price for the first bin is increased to £36.
- The price for additional bins is increased to £22.

It is envisaged that the price increase on the first bin will generate additional income in the region of £43,268.

It is envisaged that the price increase for the additional bin will generate additional income in the region of £10,340.

Based on the current year's subscription numbers it is predicted that these changes will not have any major effect on the customer base or the Council's recycling rate.

The price increases will ensure that the provision of the garden waste collection service is in line with neighbouring authorities.

Report of the Strategic Director

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| WORK PROGRAMME |
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1. Purpose of report

To consider items for inclusion in the Work Programme for future meetings.

2. Background

Items which have already been suggested for inclusion in the Work Programme of future meetings are given below. Members are asked to consider any additional items that they may wish to see in the Programme.

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| 1 February 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Plans and Financial Estimates 2021/22 – 2023/24 – Environment • Pride in Parks Update • Clean and Green Update • Broxtowe Parks Standard • Climate Change and Green Futures Update Transport and Fleet Strategy Update • Environment Bill update • Green number plates • Air Quality Action Plan Update |
| June 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management – Review of Business Plan Outturn • Climate Change and Green Futures Update • Clean and Green Update |

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| <u>Recommendation</u> |
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| The Committee is asked to CONSIDER the Work Programme and RESOLVE accordingly. |
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Background papers

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