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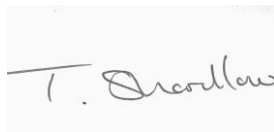
Date: 4th October 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Cabinet – 9th October 2024

I refer to the above meeting and attach **Item 8: Green Bin Update (Page 2)** report that was marked to follow on the agenda.

Yours faithfully,



Tom Shardlow

Chief Executive

To: Members of the Cabinet

Councillor C. Watkins (Leader of the Council and Housing)
Councillor J. Sheppard (Deputy Leader and Environment and Public Services)
Councillor S. Hey (Resources and Public Services)
Councillor T. Jenkins (Leisure, Communities and Health)
Councillor N. King (Business and Regeneration)
Councillor R. Roze (Planning and Enforcement)

Observer

Councillor K. Wilson (Leader of the Main Opposition Party)



Report Summary Sheet

Date: 9th October 2024

Subject: Green Bin Update

Portfolio: Environment and Public Services (Councillor J. Sheppard)

From: Assistant Director - Waste and Environment

Summary:

To provide an update to Cabinet on the Green Bin service and asks it to note that the subscription fee for the service will be reviewed as part of the Council's annual review of its fees and charges.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet note the following:-

- a) A review of the green bin charges will take place as part of the Council's annual process of reviewing its fees and charges.
- b) To ensure the service is meeting the needs and expectations of residents, a full review of the service, including a public consultation will take place in June and July 2025. This review will also examine the impact of the mandatory requirements on food waste collections.
- c) That the Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Panel working with the portfolio holder undertake a food waste review

Options: N/A

Reasons:

The price of the Service has remained unchanged since its introduction in 2018 and has never been reviewed. The Environment Bill 2001 will require the Council, as a waste collection authority, to collect food waste through a separate weekly collection. The Green Bin will no longer be able to accept food waste once a weekly food waste collection service is implemented.

Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders

Leader of the Council

Portfolio Holder – Environment and Public Services

Portfolio Holder - Resources and Customer Services

Chief Executive Officer

Strategic Director – Public Services

Strategic Director - Corporate Resources

Subject to call-in: Yes

Ward relevance: All Wards

Forward plan: Yes

Building a Better Borough

Aim: 1 – Live

Aim: 3 – Visit

Priority 3 – Sponsor a sustainable green approach

Priority 4 – improve the physical environment

Relevant statutes or policy:

Green Bin charging policy
Environmental Protection Act 1990
The Environment Bil 2001

Equalities Implications:

No direct equality implications identified. Any that are identified through the implementation of these changes will be reviewed accordingly.

Human resources implications:

None

Financial implications:

None

Health Inequalities Implications:

None

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:

None

Risk management implications:

None

Environmental implications:

None

Legal implications:

None

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet 9th October 2024

From: Assistant Director - Waste and Environment

Subject: Green Bin update

Portfolio: Environment and Public Services (Councillor J. Sheppard)

Building a Better Borough Aim: 1 – Live, 3 - visit

Building a Better Borough Priority: 3 - Sponsor a sustainable green approach, 4 – improve the physical environment

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report update's Cabinet on the Green Bin service and ask's it to note that the subscription fee for the service will be reviewed as part of the Council's annual review of its fees and charges.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Cabinet note the following :-

- a) A review of the green bin charges will take place as part of the Council's annual process of reviewing all its fees and charges.
- b) To ensure the service is meeting the needs and expectations of residents, a full review of the service, including a public consultation will take place in June and July 2025. This review will also examine the impact of the mandatory requirements on food waste collections.
- c) The portfolio holder will be undertaking a review of the impact of food waste collections for the Borough, working with the Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

3. Background

- 3.1 The garden and food waste collection service is a discretionary service that collects approximately 8,000 tonnes of compostable material a year from 24,888 households.
- 3.2 Since 2018 the subscription has been set a £40 per bin and has remained unchanged since its introduction. There are no discounts.

- 3.3 The service operates from February and ends the following mid-January, providing 25 collections.
- 3.4 Once collected, the material is passed to Warwickshire County Council who are the designated waste disposal authority, who are responsible for its disposal.
- 3.5 The Environment Bill 2001 will require the Council, as a waste collection authority, to collect food waste through a separate weekly collection. This service has to be free and is detailed to commence from April 2026.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Council hasn't reviewed the service since its introduction in 2018, operating unchanged since that time.
- 4.2 Due to the new requirements which will require the Council to collect food waste on a weekly basis for free, it is appropriate to review the whole service, as due to the upcoming changes food waste will no longer be able to be collected through the green bin.

5. Appendices

None

6. Background Papers (if none, state none)

None.