07 February 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 90/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would ask the following Request for Information:

1. What is the cost of the current green waste service to householders?

   Answer: In response to questions 1, 2 and 3, the relevant Cabinet Report includes section 6; Financial Implications, as follows:

   6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

   6.1 The costs of delivering the service are estimated at c£308k; £209k for operational contract costs, £39k for overheads and £60k for administration.

   6.2 At a projected 50% take up, which equates to 8,000 bins, the associated income generation based on the annual £35 per bin charge, is £280k per annum.

   6.3 With a charge of £35 the Council therefore expects to recover the majority of costs.

   6.4 As operational contract costs and overheads are already included in the Medium Term Financial Plan, the new income is expected to deliver a net Medium Term Financial Plan contribution of £220k per annum. This assumes the projected 50% take up rate.

   6.5 The charge will be subject to indexation in future years, as the recoverable costs will also be subject to annual inflation increases. This will be subject to corporate procedures for setting fees and charges.

   Please note that this includes only the kerbside collection of Green Waste and excludes the cost of treating the Green Waste that the Council collects.

2. What is the proposed real saving to the council by introducing a charge of £35/yr/household?

   Answer: See answer to Q1
3. What is the projected cost to the council of administering a Pay to Empty scheme?

   Answer: See answer to Q1

4. Are you ceasing the ability to take green waste to the dump, or perhaps you are introducing a charge there as well?

   Answer: No, there are no plans to stop Green Waste being accepted at the Civic Amenity Sites, or to charge for this being accepted there.

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