FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 566/18

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request/Response:

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

Do you charge residents to dispose of garden waste as part of the regular (weekly/fortnightly/monthly) doorstep collection of household waste and recyclables?

Answer: Rutland County Council currently charge for garden waste collections. For clarity, this charge is for the fortnightly kerbside collection of garden waste and does not relate to the resultant treatment (composting) costs.

If you do currently have a charge:

1. How many households subscribe to this service, and what proportion of all households does this represent?

Answer: Nearly 9,500 households currently subscribe to this service, which is approx. 57% of Rutland households.

2. How much revenue did the charge generate in financial years:
   a. 2014/5
   b. 2015/6
   c. 2016/7

Answer: This service generated no revenue in the above financial years, as the service was only introduced from April 2018.

3. Is there currently a plan to increase or decrease the charge over the next three years (for example, in line with inflation, or if the introduction of a charge has been staggered)?

Answer: There is currently no plan to increase or decrease the charge, the introduction of which has not been staggered, although the charge will be subject to an annual review.
If you do not currently have a charge:

4. Is the council implementing such a charge in the next 24 months?

   Answer: N/A

5. Please release any plans, proposals, impact assessments or other documents detailing the discussion of options relating to the imposition of a charge on the collection of garden waste.

   Answer: All relevant publicly available documentation is available via www.rutland.gov.uk/greeneaste

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Yours faithfully

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