



Executive Committee

No Direct Ward Relevance

18th November 2009

'OPT-IN' CHARGEABLE GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION – BUSINESS CASE - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

1. Purpose of Report

To enable Members to consider a recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the revised 'opt-in' chargeable garden waste report.

2. Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee **RECOMMENDS** that

- 1) the Executive Committee approves Officers proposals to introduce an 'opt-in' chargeable garden waste collection;
- 2) the Executive Committee agrees to implement this scheme initially in the pilot area suggested by Officers;
- 3) the Executive Committee endorses recommendation 7a that 'the amendment of the Council's current collection policy relating to garden waste in grey bins be considered to coincide with the start of the new service to prevent garden waste being placed in grey bins in the pilot area; and
- 4) the Executive Committee approves recommendation 8a that 'the amendment of the Council's collection policy relating to the sale of orange sacks be considered to coincide with the start of the new service to prevent waste, including garden waste being disposed of in orange sacks in the pilot area.

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3. Background

On Wednesday 4th November, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a presentation from Officers detailing proposals for the Council to introduce an optional chargeable garden waste collection. Officers outlined the proposals for the additional service to Members. They explained that the service would be optional for residents and that two options were being considered for introducing the service. The first option involved undertaking a pilot in one area

of the Borough while the second option would be to deliver the service on a Borough wide basis.

The Committee considered the eight recommendations and one resolution that were to be presented to the Executive Committee at their meeting on 18th November. Members voted in favour of introducing the scheme, however there was a split vote with four Members voting for and three Members voting against the scheme. All Members agreed that the collection be introduced in a pilot area initially rather than throughout the Borough. They also requested that the Council pursue recommendation 7a and 8a rather than recommendation 7b and 8b in the Officers' report.

4. **Conclusion**

Based on the information contained within this report the Overview and Scrutiny Committee request that the Executive Committee give due consideration to their recommendation.

6. **Background Papers**

Business Case for the Collection of chargeable garden waste in Redditch

PowerPoint presentation slides presented to Members at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4th November 2009.

7. **Author of Report**

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