



Council
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WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ward(s) Affected: All

Motion on Notice

Report by the Director for Sustainability & Resources

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Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The report before Council sets out a motion received from Councillor Russ Cochran which has been seconded by Councillor Richard Nowak.
- 1.2. Council is asked to consider and debate the motion prior to it being referred to the Joint Strategic Committee for determination under provisions set out in paragraph 14 of the Council Procedure Rules (part 4 of the Council Constitution - Rules of Procedure).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Council is asked to debate the motion, as set out in Annex A to this report, prior to its referral to the Joint Strategic Committee for consideration and determination.

3. Context

- 3.1 A motion on notice has been received from Councillor Russ Cochran, (attached as Annex A).
- 3.2 The content of the motion is relevant to a matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties and which specifically affects the Borough.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 Motions considered by Full Council are done so under part 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules and are debated under rules set out under part 16 of the Council Procedure Rules.
- 4.2 The Council is asked to debate the motion under these rules accordingly.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The Council would be faced with falling income if a bi-weekly option is implemented. At this stage it is uncertain whether the cost of the service will reduce. The Joint Strategic Committee will consider the financial impact in detail arising from the motion as appropriate.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 Rules concerning motions are set out in the Council's Constitution under section 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules.

Background Papers

None.

Green waste - Motion on Notice to Worthing Borough Council

Flexibility in Green Waste collection Service

This motion has been prompted by a request from a resident that went unanswered by the administration.

Worthing Borough Council operates a weekly green bin waste collection service. In 2023 the administration increased the cost of this service to £89.00 per annum; this is, if not amongst, the highest charge level of local authorities in England. (*excluding any initial bin purchase cost*).

Accepting that many other authorities only collect green waste fortnightly, this increased cost is nonetheless placing additional financial burden on our already hard pressed residents.

The waste collection service is now digitalised, no longer with the need for Green bins to display annual stickers showing that they have been paid for, this is achieved by onboard technology that allows vehicle crews to be able to identify individual addresses where certain bins types are authorised for use and licensed.

Given this high level and quality of digitalisation, it is not unreasonable to anticipate that this system could now easily accommodate the difference between specific locations having a weekly or fortnightly green bin collection service, thus offering residents a reduced cost option.

At a time of a cost of living crisis, it is proposed that Worthing Borough Council adapts its Green bin collection service to offer the option of weekly or fortnightly green bin waste collections.

Proposer - Councillor Russ Cochran

Seconder - Councillor Richard Nowak