

BRIEFING REPORT

Removal of Domestic Waste Container Delivery Charge



I. OVERVIEW

The removal of the delivery charge for domestic waste containers was set out as a commitment within the new Administration's first 100 day plan.

Commitment Ref:	Commitment	Executive Decision required	Further points of clarification
83	We will scrap the £15 bin delivery charge	Cessation of the delivery charge for domestic waste containers.	<p>The Executive Decision will remove delivery charges for households requesting additional or replacement bins, however charges will still apply for the provision of bins for new build properties.</p> <p>The opportunity for residents to collect containers themselves is currently suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic but will be reinstated as soon as possible.</p>

2. IMPLICATIONS OF EXECUTIVE DECISION ELEMENTS

2.1 FINANCIAL

Using available data between August and December 2020 a total of 1880 charged deliveries were made which makes an average of 376 per month. For the purposes of calculating forgone income this figure can initially be reduced by 20% to allow for income which will still be received from providing bins from new build properties. It can then be reduced by a further 47% which reflects the split between bins that were delivered vs collected prior to the coronavirus pandemic which has resulted in a temporary pause on customer bin collections. These factors reduce the average monthly deliveries to 159. Therefore the lost income can be calculated based upon 159 multiplied by 12 months and further multiplied by £12.50 (excludes VAT) which equals £23,850.

2.2 ENVIRONMENTAL & OPERATIONAL

Whilst the removal of waste-container delivery charges may lead to an increase in demand, the Service will continue to monitor the provision of containers to ensure there is a genuine need. Additionally, to prevent the proliferation of bins - and therefore plastic, collection of bins by residents from a designated location will always be encouraged, with delivery occurring only where needed. Furthermore, where delivery charges have acted as a disincentive for using green recycling bins, this barrier will be removed, resulting in an expected increase in participation and improved recycling rates.

DECISION SUMMARY

The Leader of the Council, Nick Kelly, is to approve the cessation of the delivery charge for domestic waste containers.