

EXECUTIVE DECISION

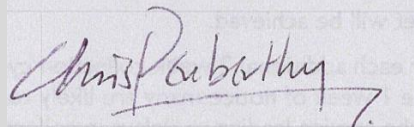
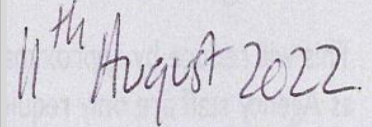
made by a Cabinet Member




REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – DL02 22/23

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Suspension of Domestic Garden Waste Collection
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Councillor Mark Shayer, Deputy Leader of the Council (On behalf of the Leader)
3	Report author and contact details: Philip Robinson, Service Director. Philip.Robinson@plymouth.gov.uk
4	Decision to be taken: To suspend Garden Waste Collections for the remainder of the 2022 season.
5	Reasons for decision: This decision has been taken to help mitigate the £13.6m shortfall in Council budget for the 2022/23 financial year.
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: Collections could continue but this would not achieve the identified financial saving. Collections could be suspended immediately resulting in a slightly higher saving, however this would leave residents with fully or part filled wheelie bins and would contradict our previous communication that Services will restart on the 15 August 2022. The collection frequency could be reduced, i.e monthly collections, but again this would not achieve significant savings as the Agency staff used to deliver the service would still need to be retained.
7	Financial implications and risks: On the basis that an urgent decision is made and collections are suspended after the 26 th August then a total saving of £200k for the 2022/23 budget will be achieved. This will reduce by approximately £30k for each additional 2 week collection cycle we deliver, however as Agency staff are only required to provide 1 week of notice many are likely to leave the Council much sooner leaving us unable to fully resource the service leading to delays in collections.

8	Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:
			X	in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total
			X	in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1 million
		X	is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.	
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions	N/A		
9	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	This decision links to our core value set out in the Corporate Plan that we are responsible and our commitment to provider value for money.		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	<p>Mileage by refuse lorries will reduce considerably thus reducing emissions and use of fuel. However, there will likely be an increase in private car journeys made to the Recycling Centres as residents dispose of Garden Waste.</p> <p>Garden Waste also contributes towards the Council's Recycling statistics and therefore if more residents home compost this will lead to a reduction in our Recycling proportions.</p>		
Urgent decisions				
11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes	X	(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No		(If no, go to section 13a)
12a	Reason for urgency:	To help reduce the Council's budget pressure for 2022/23. The urgency is to ensure we can give residents clear information on when the service will be ending. Also, as per section 7, if this decision is delayed it is likely that we will not have enough staff to provide the service thus resulting in failure to meet our service standards and increased missed collections.		
12b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	

	Scrutiny Committee name:	Performance, Finance and Customer Experience Overview and Scrutiny Committee		
	Print Name:	Chris Penberthy		
Consultation				
I3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	(If no go to section I4)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Bill Wakeham, Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene		
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	08 August 2022		
I4	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne	
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place	
		Date consulted	08 August 2022	
Sign-off				
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS34 22/23	
		Finance (mandatory)	djn.22.23.96	
		Legal (mandatory)	EJ/38851/11.8.22	
		Human Resources (if applicable)		
		Corporate property (if applicable)		
		Procurement (if applicable)		
Appendices				
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix		
	A	Briefing Report: Garden Waste Suspension 2022		
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment: Garden Waste Suspension 2022		
Confidential/exempt information				
I8a	Do you need to include any			(Keep as much information as possible in the

	confidential/exempt information?	No	briefing report that will be in the public domain)					
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:							
Background Papers								
19	Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.							
Title of background paper(s)		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cabinet Member Signature								
20	I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.							
Signature				Date of decision	11/08/2022			
Print Name	Councillor Mark Shayer, Deputy Leader.							