

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



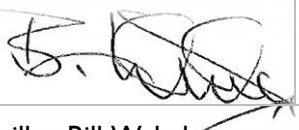
REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – ESS07 22/23

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Delivery charge for domestic waste containers
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Councillor Wakeham, Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene
3	Report author and contact details: Andy Sharp, Head of Business Improvement. Andy.sharp@plymouth.gov.uk
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the introduction of a charge of £20 (£16 excluding VAT) for the delivery of domestic waste containers to residential properties to be applied in all instances except where the Council have damaged the containers through the waste collection process. The charge will apply to the delivery not the number of containers. Approve a 50% discount to the charge for any person claiming Council Tax Support. Approve an ongoing inflationary increase to be applied to this charge to take effect for each year from 1 April 2024 onwards. Charges will increase in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as per the Corporate Charging Policy.
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To generate cost recovery for the cost of delivery by the Council of waste containers. To use the cost recovery to reduce the pressure on the corporate budget incurred by container delivery in the face of unprecedented increases in costs and pressure on the budget.
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>1) Do nothing and continue to provide free waste container delivery to Plymouth households: This was rejected on the basis that the service can no longer absorb the costs of the service to deliver bins to households for free due to the shortfall in the Council budget and the unprecedented increase in inflation and costs.</p> <p>2) Do not provide a bin delivery service: This was rejected on the basis that the only reasonable adjustment to facilitate this would be to allow residents to collect the bins themselves. However, due to high demand at Recycling Centres and limited resource at Depots to administrate collections, alongside Health and Safety concerns, this is not feasible.</p>
7	<p>Financial implications and risks:</p> <p>The budget for bin deliveries for 2022/23 is circa £105k, which includes staffing, fuel and vehicle charges. This excludes the cost of the bins which are capitalised over a period of £10 years.</p>

	<p>Following the implementation of this decision it is forecast that £32k income will be generated in 2023/24 which will be used to partially offset the cost of providing the Service.</p> <p>Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of not meeting forecast income of £32,000 due to demand reducing more than expected. • Complaints about the cost of what some residents may consider they already pay for through Council Tax. • Small risk of increased fly tipping if residents choose not to request bins and dispose of waste illegally. However, the proposed charge is significantly less than the penalty for fly tipping and therefore it is not considered as a real deterrent. It is a significant step to become an environmental criminal. 			
8	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</p>
			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 £1million
			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.
	<p>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions</p>			
9	<p>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:</p>	<p>The decision demonstrates the values set out in the Corporate Plan. It is fair and responsible to ensure as much cost recovery as possible for the provision of discretionary and non-statutory services.</p>		
10	<p>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</p>	<p>The introduction of the charge is likely to reduce demand for replacement bins and therefore the associated fuel and mileage will reduce also, thus reducing emissions.</p>		
Urgent decisions				
11	<p>Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)</p>
		<p>No</p>		<p>(If no, go to section 13a)</p>
12a	<p>Reason for urgency:</p>			

I2b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
Consultation				
I3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes		
		No	X	(If no go to section I4)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?			
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted			
I4	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No	X	
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Anthony Payne	
		Job title	Strategic Director for Place	
		Date consulted	16 December 2022	
Sign-off				
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS87 22/23	
		Finance (mandatory)	EJ/38851/10.1.23(1)	
		Legal (mandatory)	pl.22.23.322.	
		Human Resources (if applicable)		
		Corporate property (if applicable)		
		Procurement (if applicable)		
Appendices				
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix		
	A	Briefing report		
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment		

Confidential/exempt information								
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		No	X					
		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 I 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	8 January 2023			
Print Name	Councillor Bill Wakeham							

