

Questions from Councillors at City Council
Chief Executive's Department



Name of Member submitting the question Councillor Rebecca Smith

Date received by Democratic Support Team

To Councillor Dann

Question

Homelessness charities being charged for collection of waste - is this council policy?

Answer

There is no Council policy around charging charities for the collection of waste, but we adhere to Controlled Waste Regulations 2012, which provides a definition and classification of waste and lists the types of waste for which the Council may make a charge for collection and disposal of waste. Concerning registered charities waste, the Council may charge for the collection of waste arising from a charity for specific activities but cannot charge for the disposal costs. A charity can bring their wastes into the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Chelson Meadow free of charge. If they authorise a third party, which includes our commercial collection service to bring the waste into the Centre or to a disposal facility on their behalf then disposal costs apply as once the waste is transferred to another party the waste becomes commercial.

The determination of the charitable waste source and consequently if a charge for collection applies will require the assessment of the Council's Commercial Waste Officer. If any charity requires further information and/or assessment of their waste, the Commercial Waste Officer Contact details are dave.houghton@plymouth.gov.uk or call 01752 304700".

Signed:

Date: 3 July 2019

Note

- Written questions must be submitted to the Monitoring Officer via the Democratic Support Team.
- Written questions will be replied to within 10 working days.
- Written questions and answers will be published on the last Friday of each month.