

## **CABINET – 4TH JULY 2019**

### **Report of the Scrutiny Commission**

#### **ITEM 7**

#### **CHANGES TO BULKY WASTE COLLECTIONS**

##### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the introduction of charges for all bulky waste collections.

##### **Recommendations**

1. That the review period for the implementation of the charge be undertaken in 6 months instead of 12 months' time.
2. That the first collection for all residents be free of charge.
3. That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission supports the recommendations as set out in the report of the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces subject to the above amendments.

##### **Reasons**

1. To shorten the review period in case any changes need to be made to the scheme.
2. To help alleviate concerns over the cost implications for residents.
3. The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt the Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

##### **Meeting Discussion**

Following questions from the Commission, the Lead Member for the Performance of Major Contracts and the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces provided the following responses:

- (i) The last two years of fly tipping data had been collated which showed an increase in the number of cases which followed the national trend but also showed that even under the current free system fly tipping still occurred.
- (ii) There was some discussion about the £20 charge proposed for collections. There was concern that residents on lower incomes would find it difficult to pay for collections and this might result in further fly tipping occurring.
- (iii) The Commission felt that more could be done to promote recycling and reuse of items in the Borough and suggested that a promotional campaign be undertaken alongside the new collection scheme to raise awareness of local charities and places where residents could take items for recycling.
- (iv) The option of a means tested charging scheme was discussed but it was felt that it would be too labour intensive to administer, and a single charge would be easier.

## Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a scrutiny committee should be considered by the Cabinet.

## Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

## Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

### *Financial Implications*

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

### *Risk Management*

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Paper: Scrutiny Commission Minute 21 2019/20,  
1st July 2019

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