

INFORMATION NOTE

Update on Green Waste charging across Lancashire

At the meeting of the Operational Management Committee on the 31st March it was RESOLVED that the subscription service for green waste be considered as part of future budget proposals and the intervening time used to research other options for the service, to be reported to a future meeting of the Operational Management committee. It was also agreed that officers would keep Members updated about green waste arrangements across Lancashire.

Latest industry figures indicate that 42% of local authorities in Britain will charge residents an annual fee for kerbside garden waste collection in 2016, according to research. The average cost for a chargeable kerbside garden waste collection is £41.2, with Harlow District Council charging the highest rate for its standard service, at £96. Twenty local authorities will introduce a chargeable service in 2016, according to the research, and 18 local authorities do not offer a regular kerbside garden waste collection service at all.

Blackburn – decision to charge is currently with Members with a view to introducing a chargeable, seasonal collection from March 2017.

Blackpool – introducing a chargeable service for the 6th June at £25 for the first bin and £20 per additional bin. The charge will rise to £30 in 2017 for the full financial year. Delivery of information leaflets commenced on the 3rd May with 712 subscriptions received within the first two weeks. Residents can sign up at their local library, sports centre, HWRC, Customer First, online or via a

Burnley – no plans to charge at this time

Chorley – no plans to charge at this time

Fylde - subscription service for green waste to be considered as part of future budget proposals an

Hyndburn – no plans to charge

Lancaster – introduction of charge from August 2016 of £30 per bin

Pendle – Pendle are about to commence the 3rd year of the subscription based scheme with an increased charge of £30 per bin. Prior to the scheme an estimated 16,000 properties participated in the free collection. In year 1, 7,626 households subscribed with payments for 8,576 bins, income of £214,400, i.e. 12.5% paid for more than one bin. In year 2, 7,909 households subscribed with payments for 8,912 bins, income of £222,800, i.e. 12.7% paid for more than one bin. It is too early to indicate how the increased charge will affect participation as the cut of date to subscribe is the 17th June however 3,000 payments have been received to date.

Preston – introduction of charge of £30 per bin from 1st July (£25 for early payment). Delivery of information leaflet commenced on 9th May, with Facebook and press campaign. 600 people has signed up to the scheme in the first week.

Ribble Valley – no plans to charge at this time

Rossendale – no response received

South Ribble – no plans to charge at this time

West Lancashire – subscription scheme rejected in favour of seasonal collection service; may be reconsidered moving forward

Wyre – subscription scheme commenced on 2nd May 2016 with a charge of £30 for the first bin and £25 for additional bins. Prior to rollout of the scheme Wyre carryout an exercise which determined there are 27,000 green bins in regular use throughout across the borough. To date 18,867 properties have signed up to the scheme with an income of £556,000 and 1600 households have paid for an additional bin. On the first week of collections the crews stickered and rejected 800 green bins that had not opted into the scheme resulting in an additional 600 new requests. Requests are still coming in with 63% signing up online despite a designated phone line and a number of landlords have also paid for the bins.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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