

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET RECORD OF DECISION

DATE OF MEETING: **19 DECEMBER 2017** **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

REPORT OF: **Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation)**

SUBJECT: **THE INTRODUCTION OF GARDEN WASTE
CHARGES IN FLINTSHIRE**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT: That Cabinet approves the charging policy for the Garden Waste Service and the arrangements detailed within the report for the smooth introduction of the charge which forms part of Stage One budget proposals for 2018/19.

DECISION: As detailed in the recommendation with an additional recommendation as detailed below:

- (2) That a full review of charges, possible concessions and take up rates is undertaken between September and December 2018.

REASON FOR DECISION: As in the report.

**CONSULTATIONS
REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT:** A Member workshop was held in October 2016 seeking views on the proposed changes to waste services and one of the recommendations was the possibility of charging for garden waste collections. The suggestion was further raised at budget workshops over the summer 2017 when the proposal received broad support.

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended Cabinet approve the proposals at their meeting in November 2018.

Extensive communications with residents is required, once the details of the proposals have been approved by

Cabinet.

A full Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed on the proposal.

Once the service is established a further period of consultation on the future direction of the garden waste service can be undertaken. This will include gaining residents opinion and input into the following developments:

- The potential to extend the service over the full year;
- The use of microchips within the bin to log and record collections;
- Payment mechanisms (Standing Order etc); and
- The potential to offer a reduced rate for residents on benefits will also be considered during the first year of introduction however it would be difficult to provide such a discount without passing additional costs onto other non-eligible residents.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There will be a reduction in the number of front line operational staff required to operate the service which will be taken up from existing vacancies within the service.

The financial benefit to introducing a charge is significant and is detailed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.


DISPENSATIONS

None.

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SIGNED



(Proper Officer)
