

Report of the Assistant Director for Transport, Highways & Environment

**Briefing Update on Effectiveness of Green Waste Collections**

**Summary**

1. This report sets out the costs of providing a Green Waste Collections service both from a collection and a disposal perspective, and provides performance information of green waste collections across the region. The Committee are asked to note the briefing.

**Background**

2. In November 2017 the Committee received a quarterly report detailing the 2017/18 forecast outturn position for finance and performance across services within the Economy & Place Directorate. As part of that update, Members were made aware of a rescheduling exercise that had been undertaken in relation to recycling.
3. At that time, Members were already scheduled to receive an update on Mixed Recycling and Waste Collections at their January 2018 meeting. In light of the information provided Members instead requested an update on the effectiveness of green waste collections in January 2018. However, following a suggestion from officers, it was agreed it would be more appropriate to slip the item to a later meeting, when the statistics for the full 2017/18 year were known.

**Green Waste Collections 2017/18**

4. The cost of collection is circa £515K split almost evenly between staff cost and vehicle costs.
5. The cost of disposal for both kerbside collection and Household Waste Recycling Centre green waste is £267K.
6. The total cost of green waste is therefore £782K.

7. The current split is heavily in favour of kerbside collection with 12,649 tonnes collected per annum and 2,214 collected from the Household Waste Recycling Centres.
8. If that total tonnage of Green Waste went to landfill the cost of disposal alone would £1,487,000.
9. If that quantity of green waste went to Allerton Park it would cause problems to the agreement as it would swallow up the spare capacity that subsidises the charges we benefit from and skew the current % share with North Yorkshire County Council.
10. The table below compares the performance of Green Waste across North Yorkshire. Whilst the data is a year or two out of date it shows the key facts. Showing the kilograms collected per household, the size of bin provided and if a charge is applied.

<b>Authority</b>	<b>Garden Waste Kg per Household</b>	<b>Bin Size</b>	<b>Does the Authority Charge</b>
Hambleton District Council	280.5	240	Yes
Selby District Council	253.1	240	No
Ryedale District Council	208.6	240	Yes
York City Council	172.8	180	No
Richmondshire District Council	150.4	140	Yes
Harrogate Borough Council	150.2	240	Yes
Scarborough Borough Council	112.6	240	Yes
Craven District Council	109.7	240	Yes

### **Recommendation**

11. The Committee are asked to:
  - i. Note the information provided in this briefing note

- ii. Agree any further work they wish to see in relation to recycling and/or waste collections.

Reason: To update Members on the effective of the Council's Waste Strategy

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