

Appendix A

Executive

Thursday, 25 January 2024

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Executive meeting held on Thursday, 25 January 2024. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a decision, notice must be given to Democracy Services no later than 4pm on Thursday 1 February 2024.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Robert Flintoft.

6. Waste Services – Service developments

Resolved:

- i. Noted the report and agreed to introduce a garden waste subscription service at a fee of £46.50 per bin, and instruct officers to begin work so that the Council can introduce an annual fee for kerbside garden waste collections in York;
- ii. That the Council should offer a 50% discount on the subscription rate for the garden waste service for residents who may struggle to afford the service and use Council Tax Support as a way of applying this.

Reason: To determine how the garden waste collection service will be delivered in the future.

- iii. To delegate authority to the Director of Transport, Environment and Planning and in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, to use the Waste Reserve and take all steps necessary to procure, award and enter into contracts to deliver and effectively implement the new service;

Reason: To enable resources, capital investment, and contracts to be put in place in a timely manner to ensure the garden waste subscription service can be effectively delivered.

- iv. Approved, as a one-off, a free collection of garden waste bins from those households not wishing to subscribe to the garden waste collection service (it is likely residents will need to register for this collection).

Reason: This will facilitate the collection of any unwanted garden waste bins (green wheelie bins) which will be hard for residents to dispose of. The Council will make appropriate arrangements for these unwanted bins to be collected and recycled.

- v. To formally adopt the Waste Policy which is included as Annex A to the report with a view to implementing the Policy from April 2024;
- vi. To delegate authority to the Director of Environment Transport and Planning in consultation with the relevant Executive members to update the Waste Policy and prepare Terms and Conditions.

Reason: To ensure there is a formally adopted waste policy that is clear for waste teams, members and residents and it reflects any decisions e.g. a subscription scheme for garden waste collections.

- vii. To delegate authority to the Director of Environment, Transport and Planning to transfer properties from 'bags to bins', implementing the scheme in affected areas.

Reason: To enable residents to benefit from waste collections via wheeled bins as opposed to bags. This will help with waste containment, reduce windblown litter, increase recycling and have health and safety benefits for collection crews.

- viii. To note that the service does need to undertake a round optimisation exercise to ensure that collection

rounds are efficient as the city continues to expand with additional households requiring waste collections. To delegate authority to the Director of Environment, Transport and Planning to implement an optimisation of collection rounds in consultation with the relevant Executive Members.

Reason: To ensure collection rounds are as efficient as possible and vehicle miles travelled are reduced (it should be noted that this will lead to a change of collection day for some residents at the point at which the new rounds are adopted).

- ix. To note that in parts of the city, waste and recycling collections are delivered by St Nick's under a contract for "Special Waste and Recycling Collection Arrangements for the City Centre". This contract is due to expire and tender prices are being sought.

Reason: To ensure properties in the city centre and that are hard to access, benefit from an option to have their waste and recycling collected effectively.

- x. To delegate authority to the Director of Environment, Transport and Planning, and in consultation with the Director of Governance and Chief Finance Officer, award the contract for "Special Waste and Recycling Collection Arrangements for the City Centre".

Reason: To ensure collection rounds are as efficient as possible.