


**ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL**

**OFFICER DECISION RECORD – EXECUTIVE DECISION**

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Decision:</b>   | <p>Green Garden Waste Annual Subscription</p> <p>To increase the annual subscription cost to residents for green garden waste to £102 per annum.</p>  |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Date above decision made:</b>   | 22 December 2023  |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Reason(s) for the decision:</b>   | <p>Due to reduced budgets and significant rises in inflation the council is required to find savings and additional income to meet budget requirements in 2024/25.</p> <p>The separate collection of green garden waste is a discretionary commercial service that is not required to be delivered by the council.</p> <p>The cost of replacement bins and reusable sacks, staff pay and overtime, uniforms, fuels, vehicle maintenance, and operating welfare facilities has increased by a basket of indices linked to the financial markets. The council pay the service provider to operate this service based on actual in year costs including annual indexation.</p> <p>The council is required to find savings or generate additional income in 2024/25. To enable the ongoing delivery of non-statutory paid for services it is commercially prudent to review fees and charges to ensure that the delivery of these services is paid for by the charge made. This means that inflation and its impact of delivery costs must be considered.</p> <p>Due to the need to prepare for Garden Waste subscription renewals from January this decision is being taken in December to enable subscriptions and renewals to open to residents early in the new year.</p> |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision:</b> | <p>The alternative approach would be to pay the inflationary uplift in costs to the service provider without recovering this from subscribers. This would decrease the income to the council and risk the council's ability to balance the overall budget for 2024/25.</p>  |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>Any conflict of interest declared by</b>  | None declared   |

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|           | <b>any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision:</b>                         |  |
| <b>6.</b> | <b>In respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service</b> | N/A  |
| <b>7.</b> | <b>Report(s)/Background Papers:</b>  | Officer Delegated Decision Report  |
| <b>8.</b> | <b>Name and post of decision-maker</b>   | Natasha Dix - Service Director Waste, Environment and Planning                     |
| <b>9.</b> | <b>Date of decision record:</b>  | 22 December 2023   |
|           | <b>Signature:</b>  |  |