



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY DECISION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 12.00 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM A - SECOND FLOOR, THE CIVIC OFFICES

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Councillor John Ferrett, Labour

Councillor Robert New, Conservative

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence**

- 2 Declaration of Members' Interests**

3 Income Generation - Environmental Health (Pages 1 - 10)

Purpose of the Report.

As part of the budget setting process the council has identified an increase in income being required from the Environmental Health Service, 25% from Pest Control activities and a 15% increase from others areas, such as income generated from Port Health functions. The target levied against all Environmental Health functions equates to on-going additional income of £40,000 per year, of which £20,000 relates to Pest Control.

This report sets out the implications of such an approach but will primarily consider charges necessary to be introduced for pest control treatments as it is these that will have the greatest potential to impact upon the general public.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for the Environment and Community Safety approves:

- a) The introduction of charges for the treatment of rats in line with those levied for mice;
- b) The concession for householders in receipt of a qualifying benefit to be 50%;
- c) Due to an improvement in the potency of the poisons available, a reduction in the number of visits carried out within each treatment for rodents to three, following which a further charged will be levied;
- d) That only households where the homeowner/tenant or partner is in receipt of a qualifying benefit are eligible for the subsidised rate;
- e) That all charges are increased, from the 1 April 2014, in line with inflation.

4 Update on the Green Waste Club (Pages 11 - 18)

Purpose of the Report.

Portsmouth City Council, working with its main contractor, Biffa, introduced a new garden waste collection service in April 2013. The chargeable 'Green Waste Club' is run on behalf of the council by Biffa, as an optional part of the council's waste collection contract that commenced in October 2011.

This report is an update on the rollout of the Green Waste Club, indicating the following:

- Number of users of the scheme.
- Any operational changes since the scheme was agreed.
- Tonnage of garden waste recycled to date, and any impact on recycling levels.

Recommendations

That members acknowledge the progress of the Green Waste Club and support the further promotion of the campaign.

5 Incentives to Recycle - Update (Pages 19 - 44)

Purpose of Report

To update the portfolio holder on the incentives scheme detail, the launch, and the strategy moving forwards.

Recommendations

1. That members acknowledge the progress of the BIG Recycle reward scheme and support the further promotion of the campaign.
2. Members approve the re-profiling of the budget as laid out in table 9.3 of the report.

6 Portsmouth Recycling Centre Management Contract (Pages 45 - 66)

Purpose of Report

This report concerns Portsmouth City Council's (PCC) Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) located in Port Solent. It will outline the current services being offered and consider the options available for future site management built around a value for money approach supported by a new operating contract from 1 February 2015.

Recommendations

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the contract for the operation of the Paulsgrove HWRC is retendered as part of the Hampshire retender procedure for all 26 HWRC sites in Hampshire.
3. That the contract allows flexibility for PCC to operate the Paulsgrove HWRC in a way that suits local requirements.
4. That delegated authority be given to the Executive Member for Environment and Community Safety in consultation with the Head of Transport and Environment and on the advice of Legal Services to enter into the new HWRC contract and to agree the terms of the contract within existing budget limits.
5. That PCC continue to work with (Hampshire County Council) HCC on agreeing a reduced allocation of costs to PCC for the new contract that reflects the different levels of trade waste controls and different management options that are in place at HWRC sites used by Portsmouth residents.
6. Details on any cost savings as a result of the new HWRC contract will be finalised once the procurement process has finished.