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To Democratic Services Manager

We, the undersigned, wish to call in the following decision of the Cabinet:

Date of Cabinet meeting: 16TH JULY 2019

Report title: FEES AND CHARGES

Record of Decision number: 3673

Reason(s) for call in:

1

It is not necessary to increase the charge for garden waste collections (Brown Bins).

The income generated from the first year of operation (from 1st April 2018) produced a surplus in excess of what the proposed increase will generate (see reason 2).

2.

There are discrepancies in the amount of income generated from permits sold. An additional £166,000 above target in the first year does not equate to the number of permits sold in year 1. Because households can purchase 1, 2 or 3 permits, in total 33,871 households bought 39,279 permits in year 1. (Cabinet report 22.01.19. Agenda item 10 (1.07). Using these figures, the actual additional income generated above target is well in excess of the quoted £166,000.

3.

Cabinet report 16.07.19. Agenda item 12 (2.02) refers to "the rising cost of delivering the service". The rising cost figures (and supporting commentary) since the introduction of chargeable garden waste collections are not presented within the report.

4.

The number of permits sold have dropped since year 1, along with the lost income. (Estimated to be around 23%). How can the cost of delivering the service increase with less permits being sold (and a reduction in the number of brown bins to collect)?

5.

The figures of £136,000 and £88,000 relating to additional income from increased charges presented in the Cabinet report 16.7.19 Agenda item 12 (4.09) are challenged. Based on the number of permits sold @1st July 2019, the figures should be £127,964 and £82,799 respectively.

6.

It is considered that the increased charges in reason 5 are to mitigate against the reduction of income evidenced in reason 4, and not for an increase in the cost of delivering the service (with less brown bins to collect).

7. Cabinet report 16.07.19. Agenda item 12 page 477, advises (via chart) full cost recovery for the garden waste collection is not being achieved. This is challenged by reason 2.

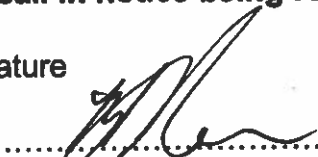
In initiating this call in, we recognise that it will be regarded as a gross discourtesy to the committee if Members who have requested the call in do not attend the meeting of the committee without contacting the Democratic Services Manager to explain their reasons.

We understand that the call in meeting will be held within 7 working days of this call in notice being received and accepted.

Signature

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Signed.....Chief Officer (Governance) or

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