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REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 22ND NOVEMBER 2021

REPORT ON: CHARGING FOR GARDEN WASTE PERMITS - 2022

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

REPORT NO: 316-2021

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for increasing the current charge for garden waste permits during the calendar year 2022.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Committee is asked to note the content of this report and approve the charge of £40 per permit for collections scheduled to take place during 2022.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are financial implications associated with the approval of the above recommendation. If approval is granted, increasing the charge from £35 to £40 per permit, will result in an estimated £100,000 of additional income through permit sales.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 A permitting scheme for domestic garden waste collections was introduced during the financial year 2019/20 (Article II of the minute of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee on 21 February 2019, Report No: 49-2019 refers). The annual charge was set at £35 per bin with, with participating households receiving 20 fortnightly collections over the course of the year.
- 4.2 The collection of garden waste is not a statutory service that Dundee City Council has to provide to householders. In order to cover the increase in costs of delivering the garden waste service, that include staffing, transport, processing and the supply of bins and permits, during the third year of operation, it is proposed to increase the charge to £40 per permit. This is the first price increase since the charge was introduced in 2019/2020.
- 4.3 In order for appropriate scheduling, issuing of permits and communication with residents to be in place in advance of operational arrangements required for 2022, the registration period for householders is scheduled to open in December 2021. It is proposed to send reminders to customers who purchased permits online and offline via an electronic reminder or letter to facilitate the renewal of permits in advance of collections starting in March 2022.
- 4.4 Social media will also be used extensively to advertise the 2022 permit renewals with additional reminders also noted on the 2022 collection calendars.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality and Diversity, Fairness and Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. A copy of the Impact Assessment is available on the Council's website at www.dundee.gov.uk/ia

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Council Management Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report and agree with its contents.

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