

Waverley Tenants' Panel

Landlord Services Advisory Board

26th May 2022



Proposal - Waverley Borough Council Garden Waste Collection

Tenants' Panel Chair Terry Daubney (WBC Tenant)

Decision - Recommendation

The annual subscription for the Waverley Borough Garden Waste Collection has increased again this year and now stand at £72 for the collection of one bin to be collected fortnightly, except for the Christmas period.

The subscription for this service has been the highest in Surrey, bar one Tandridge £74.50.

Annual subscription for Garden Waste Collection of neighboring authorities.

	Annual Subscription	Concessions	Addition Bins
Elmbridge Borough Council	£49	£34	
Epsom and Ewell Borough Council	£62.70		
Guildford Borough Council	£45		
Horsham District Council	£44		
Mole Valley Council	£58		
Reigate and Banstead Council	£65		
Rushmoor Borough Council	£45		
Surrey Heath Borough Council	£50		
Spelthorne Council	£61.00		£34
Tandridge District Council	£74.50		
Waverley Borough Council	£72		
Woking Borough Council	£45		

Following recent correspondence with Waverley Environmental Service, regarding the increase in subscription, the author received the following reply :-

*'The cost of the garden waste service is reflective of the size and extensive rural character of the Waverley district, in comparison to other more urban Surrey boroughs such as Guildford.
In addition, due to economies of scale, subscriber numbers affect the annual cost to the resident'*

Reasons given by Waverley Environmental Service, suggest that the rural character of Waverley reflects the cost of providing the service, but the above chart, indicates that other Surrey or surrounding authorities can provide a service at less cost to their residents.

The response also gives "economies of scale" and "subscription numbers" because of the higher cost, I would suggest that subscription numbers must be affected by the continue increase in subscription and residents revaluing the cost against the convenience of free trips to local refuse centres.

Economics of scale, questions the sustainability of providing this service.

Our neighbouring authority, Guildford Borough Council, with a subscription Charge of £45, appear to be able to sustain a working service to their residents, in an area covered, with the exception of Guildford, being fairly rural.

Recommendation

That the Landlord Services Advisory Board recommend to the Executive Board that it instigates a service review on a verger of Garden Waste collection with Guildford Borough Council, or other authority.

This review should evaluate the opportunities of addressing the "economies of scales", "Subscription numbers" and a reduction in over running cost which would be reflected in future subscription costs.

Although Environmental Services may not fall within the remit of the Landlord Advisory Service Board, along with the raising costs of all services, this is a concern to all residents of Waverley, be they Residents or Tenants, in private owned or Waverley property.

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