

Committee: Open Spaces

Date: 3 October 2023

Title: Recycling of public waste

Purpose of Report

Members to receive information regarding future recycling of public waste and to note the report.

Recommendation:

Members to note the report.

Background:

1. In the past, when Ilminster came under South Somerset District Council (SSDC), the Town Council collected public waste from the bins located on its land, and SSDC would collect the waste on a weekly basis, free of charge.
2. With the formation of the unitary authority, Somerset Council, on 1st April 2023, disparities have appeared between how public waste was being collected within the four previously known district councils. Some areas paid for their public waste to be collected, others did not.
3. So far this year, Somerset Council have continued to collect the public waste at no cost that the Town Council grounds team collect on Town Council land. The waste is taken to a depot in Castle Cary where it is disposed of in an 'Energy from waste' incinerator.

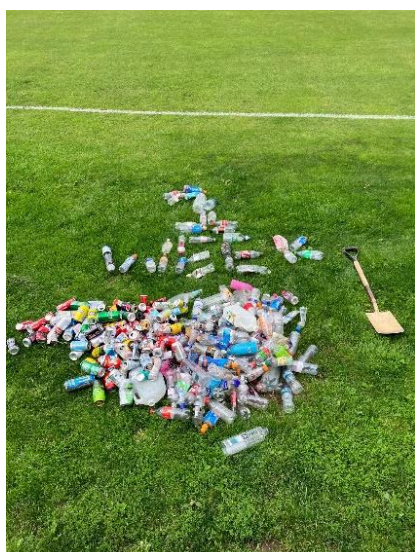
Report:

4. A meeting with the Street Scene Manager for Somerset Council revealed that Somerset Council are restructuring and reviewing the way forward. They are considering charging for the collection of public waste from local parish and town council land. At the time of this report, officers are not aware of when this change may come into effect, or how much Somerset Council would charge for this service.
5. The Street Scene Manager explained the problems with sorting public waste on a large scale, and the problems with finding a waste carrier with the appropriate licence to dispose of dog faeces.
6. Officers arranged to meet a representative of a waste collection company (with the appropriate licence) to gauge how much it could cost for collection of recyclables and general waste.
7. The company explained the Town Council would need to hire the company's containers, so that if they are damaged, the company just replace them. The costs are shown in the table below.

8. This is an indicative quote which includes the collection service which is for 2 x general waste bins and 1 x dry mixed recycling bin to be collected once a week. It also includes rental and duty of care certification.

Waste Type	EWC Code	Container Type (ltr)	Qty	Collection Frequency	Service & Disposal	Anticipated Monthly Charge £*	Weight Inc (kgs)	Excess per Kg
General (black bag)	20-03-01	1100	2	1 per week	£13.62	£118.49	65kg	0.18
Dry Mixed Recycling	15-01-06	1100	1	1 per week	£10.00	£43.50	39kg	0.16
Container Rental			2	Monthly	£3.00	£6.00		
D.O.C.			1	Monthly	£5.00	£5.00		
Anticipated Monthly Total:						£172.99	* Calculated using 4.35 weeks per month	

9. At the appropriate time when Town Council require a new contract, officers will seek three quotes in accordance with Financial Regulations.
10. During August, the grounds team carried out an exercise to see how much public waste that they collect, on a daily basis, that could be recycled. This is how much they collected in one week, and the total for one month that could be recycled.



11. Members will need to consider this extra cost when reviewing the budget for 2024/2025.

12. Members to note the report.

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September 2023