Garden Waste Subscription Service

Local Community engagement sessions September 2023

Session Overview

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Please ask any questions via the chat channel

They will be collated by officers and fed into the collection of comments

Guidelines for Participation



Any questions that spring to mind after the session please send to:

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There will be virtual breakout rooms with facilitators to gather feedback as part of the workshop element of the session.

Why are we doing this?



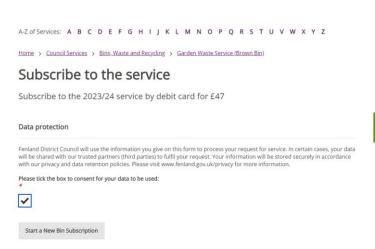
Given the Council's lack of room for manoeuvre, due to budgetary restrictions, any consultation on the decision about whether to introduce a charge would be disingenuous to our residents



The Agreement

- To provide a Garden Waste Subscription Service that protects garden waste services for those residents who wish to use it.
 - Completely removing the service would have resulted in residents having to travel to local recycling centres at greater cost
- ► The service will start from April 2024.

How it works



Resident orders via an online form; oneoff or annualised payment options



Confirmation of payment integrates with the collection crews schedules and appears within the in-cab system



A bin subscription sticker for the year is issued to the household



Current initiatives

- Subsidised Compost Bins buy 1 compost bin and get another half price.
 - Details can be found via <u>Additional Garden Waste Bin and Composting -</u> <u>Huntingdonshire.gov.uk</u> and
 - Compost Bins | Shop Our Bestselling Composters | GetComposting
- Home composting advice already link through from HDC website How to set up home composting | Recycle Now
 - Free soil conditioner (Compost)
 - At Waterbeach, Alconbury and March transfer station
 - Simply visit with a spade and a bag and you can help yourself. You collect your own soil improver from:
 - Waterbeach between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.
 - Alconbury and March Waste Transfer Stations, you can collect it from 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday.



Current initiatives

Bagged soil conditioner from Household Recycling Centres

If you cannot make it to any of these sites to load your own soil conditioner, then it can be purchased for £2.50 a bag at the Household Recycling Centres.

► Info at <u>Composting (thalia.co.uk)</u> – this info isn't currently on the HDC website, but has been promoted through our social media channels

Assisted Collections

 Available to residents who can't take their bins out themselves and there is no other person living at the household who is able to help

Apply via - <u>Assisted Collections - Huntingdonshire.gov.uk</u>



Your Ideas - Virtual Workshop

- We are keen to get your input to ensure that the implementation is as smooth as possible for our residents:
 - What are the best communication routes for your residents? What routes would you advise?
 - What role do you wish to play to ensure a smooth transition?
 - What do you see as the key frequently asked questions that we need to respond to?
 - Within the framework of the scheme, how can we support all segments of your community? Are there specific groups in your local community that need additional support?



Potential Initiatives - Pros & Cons

Potential Initiatives	Pros	Cons
Saturday Freighters	Skips on Saturdays in prearranged locations across the district. No subscription cost for users	The service could not cater for every village Requires the resident to transport their garden waste to a defined location on a designated date and time in their area
Subsidised home composters	Advertised along with new service mail out Transport mileage of waste removed	Cost to resident (but subsidised)
Community compost schemes	Residents learn how to compost Transport mileage of waste removed	Needs communities to buy-in to the concept and training/expertise required for success
Free loose compost	Work with the parish councils to arrange free compost giveaways Compost located in accessible locations for residents	The compost will be loose and will require the resident to bag the material for removal
Local land management green bin incentives	Allows local residents who cut the grass in local communal areas access to a free garden bin to support them in this role	Some areas may not have local champions maintaining their green communal areas
Local businesses sponsor bins for those on low income or in receipt of benefits or area of a community	Benefit to residents in need / community and business advertising	Administrative and logistic issues
Small number of bins available for parish councils to donate to residents in need	Benefit to residents in need.	Added burden to parish councils Difficult to establish a fair process for distribution
YOUR IDEAS		



Next steps

- Thank you for working with us to help design and sensecheck some of the initiatives we are considering. Beyond the session today we will:
 - Write up the discussions from the chat and breakout groups
 - Consolidate all the intelligence from the local community engagement sessions into a Handbook
 - Share the Handbook and feedback with all community leaders that were invites to attend
 - Develop the initiatives that were considered to have the most positive impact
 - Include these initiatives in the launch of the scheme so residents have all the information about offers across the district before deciding whether to subscribe to the garden waste collection service
- Actions for Town/Parish Councils and community groups

► Thank you