

Eden District Council

Executive

7 July 2015

Extension of Garden Waste: Skip Service

Reporting Officer: Director of Corporate and Legal Services

Responsible Portfolio: Services

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider extending the current garden waste recycling skip service to cover those villages previously supplied by Eden Recycling where there is no alternative provision (ie green waste bin collection).

2 Recommendation:

It is recommended that:

1. The garden waste skip service is extended to cover Milburn, Knock, Dufton, Murton, Hilton, Warcop, Great Asby, Soulby, Ravenstonedale and Nateby previously covered by Eden Recycling where there is no alternative provision for garden waste.
- 2 The additional estimated cost of £1,941 is funded by a budget virement.

3 Report Details

- 3.1 From 2013 The Council has been providing a green waste skip service to eight villages:

- Threlkeld, Bampton, Skirwith, Mungrisdale, Calthwaite, Ivegill, Glenridding and Pooley Bridge.

In 2014/2015 Skelton Parish Council also joined the scheme

In 2015/2016 Just prior to the start of the skip provision Hesket Parish Council confirmed they did not wish for skips to be sited in Ivegill and Calthwaite as they were aware commercial waste was being deposited in them.

- 3.2 Until the announcement by Cumbria County council to withdraw third party recycling credits Eden Recycling provided a free green waste service (skips to ten villages).
- 3.3 Report (CLS27/15) approved by the portfolio holder on 19 March 2015 recommends that a garden waste skip service is provided to those properties not served by a kerbside or alternative waste collection. This would now be extended to include the villages previously covered by Eden Recycling, with the exception of Bolton which already receives a green waste bin collection.

- 3.4 As part of the strategic considerations in relation to the renewal of the Recycling Contracts in 2011 Members determined (Council; 8 September 2011; Minute CI/60/9/11) to “continue the existing Garden Waste Service” rather than extend it to additional properties. This decision recognised that the Council does not provide a kerbside garden waste service to approximately 8,000 properties. Council policy, therefore did not permit an extension of the garden waste service and the matter was referred to Council to approve Option 4, which Council did on 11 April 2013 Minute; E/164/4/13
- 3.5 The detail for Garden Waste Skip Scheme is as follows:
- The relevant Parish Council requests the provision of a garden waste skip and identify a suitable location for a skip; obtaining any permissions as necessary.
 - Agreements are signed by both the District and Parish Councils
 - The proposed locations for the skips are risk assessed by the Council and the successful contractor
 - 8 yard skips are provided on a one per month basis between the months of April to October; there may be a delay to this as agreements will need to be signed and the sites risk assessed.
 - The skips are on site for a maximum of two weeks or less when the Parish Council informs the District Council that they are full.
- 3.6 The Council claims the Recycling Credits for the garden waste material at the Statutory Minimum figure of £62.21 in 2014/15 with an increase of 3% for 15/16.
- 3.7 The signed Agreements note that the Parish Council is responsible in ensuring that the sites upon which the skips are situated are kept clean, tidy and that all the garden waste is deposited in the skip provided.
- 3.8 The proposed locations for the additional skips are:
- Milburn, Knock, Dufton, Murton, Hilton, Warcop, Great Asby, Soulby, Ravenstonedale and Nateby
- 3.9 In order that the scheme continues to be cost effective the scheme is reviewed annually by the Director of Corporate and Legal Services and reported through the Portfolio Holder Plan.

4 Policy Framework

- 4.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:
- Decent Homes for all
 - Strong Economy
 - Thriving Communities
 - Quality Council
- 4.2 This report meets the corporate priority Quality Council - By delivering accessible, effective and value for money services

- 4.3 It will help to reduce the amount of waste that is not recycled through improving doorstep collections and promotional activities. The garden waste skip service does assist in the reduction of waste and in pursuing this corporate priority.

5 Implications

5.1 Legal

- 5.1.1 There is no statutory requirement for the Council to collect garden waste. We meet our obligations under the Household Waste Recycling Act 2003 by collecting a minimum of two types of recyclable waste material from the kerbside. The Council collects five materials (glass, cans, plastics, paper and card) through the bag and green box scheme.
- 5.1.2 Agreements with the Parish Councils include that they require having the necessary approvals for sitting skips from any landowner or occupier.
- 5.1.3 The annual review guarantees best value will be achieved in the quotation process for the garden waste skips and gives the Council the opportunity to give consideration should circumstances change.
- 5.1.4 To continue to provide a garden waste skip collection service is contrary to the County Council's wish to reduce tonnage of garden waste and increase home composting.

5.2 Financial

- 5.2.1 Any decision to reduce or increase resources must be made within the context of the Council's stated priorities as set out in its Council Plan 2015-19 as agreed at Council on the 16 April 2015.
- 5.2.2 The existing Garden Waste Skip Scheme is being administered by the Contracts Team and it is accepted that this will continue. The annual review reduces the risk of any additional resources being required.
- 5.2.3 Based on the 2013/14 tonnages and the 2014/15 costs for the current Garden Waste Skip Service it is expected that the costs to extend the service for a full year will be:
- Cost of providing and collection the skips for the potential 10 villages - £9,310
 - Total Tonnage - 11.5 tonnes/ skip (115t)
 - Recycling Credits (£64.08) - £7,369
 - Total Cost of Garden Waste Skip Service - £1,941
- 5.2.4 The estimated total cost of the skips will be funded by an ongoing budget virement from the 03047-2010 budget.

Total recycling credit income may vary depending on the volume collected and the amount of credit per tonne.

5.3 Equality and Diversity

- 5.3.1 The Council has to have regard to the elimination of unlawful discrimination and harassment and the promotion of equality under the Equality Act 2010 and related statutes.
- 5.3.2 In general the more rural areas of the District are not included within the Kerbside Garden Waste Contract. Local support arrangements for the use of the skips would be at a local level.

5.4 Environmental

- 5.4.1 The Council has to have due regard to conserving bio-diversity under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.
- 5.4.2 The collection and composting of garden waste provides an environmentally friendly method of waste disposal and reduces the risk of any garden waste entering the residual waste stream. It also improves the Council's recycling rate.

5.5 Crime and Disorder

- 5.5.1 Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Council has to have regard to the need to reduce crime and disorder in exercising any of its functions.
- 5.5.2 There are no crime and disorder implications.

5.6 Children

- 5.6.1 Under the Children Act 2004 the Council has to have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in the exercise of any of its functions.
- 5.6.2 There are no children implications that apply.

5.7 Risk Management

- 5.7.1 Risk Management is a process whereby attempts are made to identify, actively control and reduce risk to protect the Council. This covers not only the traditional areas of insurance risk but also the organisational risk that the Council faces in undertaking all its activities.
- 5.7.2 There is a risk of reputational damage to the Council in delivering a kerbside garden waste collection service to only approximately two thirds of the District. This has been the case for a significant number of years.
- 5.7.3 The Skip Service will not be cost neutral, however the annual review minimises any risks with regard to the Council's expenditure and value of the service. The skip service is budgeted for through the existing recycling budgets.

6 Reasons for Decision/Recommendation

- 6.1 To ensure the continuation of the garden waste skip service for properties that do not benefit from any type of garden waste service.

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Governance Checks:

Checked by or on behalf of the Chief Finance Officer	✓
Checked by or on behalf of the Monitoring Officer	✓

Background Papers: None

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