

**FOI 146/2015**

**REQUEST AND RESPONSE**

Regarding your kerbside garden waste collection service:-

What size of garden waste bin do you provide?

240 Litre

How much do you charge for the service?

£75 for the first year and then £50 a year thereafter

When did you begin charging?

May 2014

Was the collection of garden waste at the kerbside previously offered free of charge?

No

If yes, what was the number of households participating in the scheme in the last year of the free service?

Not Applicable

What was the number of households taking up the paid service in the first year?

2377 (May 2014- March 2015)

What is the number of households taking up the paid service today?

2377 ( up to week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> March)

What was the tonnage of garden waste you collected in the last year before charges were introduced?

Not Applicable

What was the tonnage of garden waste you collected in the first year of the paid service?

536.1 tonnes

What was the tonnage of garden waste collected in the most recent year you can report on?

536.1 tonnes

If the tonnage of garden waste collected at the kerbside has reduced since charges were introduced, what % of the 'missing' garden waste do you estimate has gone to a) Household Waste and Recycling Centres, b) Home Composting c) Bonfires d) flytipping e) Residual Waste bin

Not Applicable

Do you allow residents not participating in the garden waste scheme to put garden waste into their residual waste bin, if they have room?

No

What impact did your move to a chargeable collection of garden waste have on your refuse rounds/staff (ie were you able to make savings?)

No impact

Do you offer a separate free weekly collection of food waste?

Yes

Is this food waste collection offered to all households in your district or only the urban ones?

All households except flats and households on the restricted access round.

Are you considering moving to three-weekly collections for any of your waste streams? If so, which waste streams are you looking to collect on a three weekly cycle?

No