

# REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 12TH DECEMBER 2017

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – PROVISION OF RECYCLE BINS TO RESIDENTS

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in Paragraph 3.1 of the Report, and make an appropriate recommendation.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor Etheridge and is supported by Councillors G. Simmonds, B. Owen and A. Farina-Childs.
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure is now referred to this Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

## 3. REPORT

3.1 Councillor Etheridge requests in his Notice of Motion:-

"That current policy is amended to take into consideration vulnerable people who have never received a re-cycle bin provided by the Authority, and one is provided on request free of charge only in exceptional circumstances."

3.2 The following information is provided by the Member in support of his notice of motion.

Recently two elderly disabled residents provided 'statements of truth' both over 80 which were forwarded to the Director. Under the current policy they were charged and I wish the interpretation of the procedure to show a more caring and compassionate approach with the policy amended by Scrutiny and Cabinet. The most important factor here is re-cycle bins were never provided to these residents, and we call on the Council to adopt a more sympathetic and reasonable approach.

3.3 Members are reminded that the issue of charging for replacement waste collection containers was considered by the Regeneration and Scrutiny Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016. At that time it was resolved that the current charging policy for replacement waste collection containers be retained and the option of issuing second hand containers at a lower price be explored further by relevant Members and Officers.

## 4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific equalities implications that directly affect the Council arising from the report.

# 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are financial implications associated with this report.

# 6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are personnel implications associated with this report.

# 7. CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The views of the Head of Communities and Leisure Services will be provided at the meeting.

# 8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Members are asked to consider the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 3.1 above.

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