

Item no 5.5

QUESTION NO 5

By Councillor Rust for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 March 2018

Question (1) When is it intended that the minority Administration Budget proposal for the introduction of a charge for garden waste collection will commence?

Answer (1)

Question (2) Is the charge per brown bin or per household?

Answer (2)

Question (3) How many brown garden waste bins are currently serviced in Edinburgh per ward and in terms of Council business planning how many of those households are predicted to opt-in to the new charged service?

Answer (3)

Question (4) What steps will be taken to retrieve brown bins from those households which have chosen not to opt into the new scheme?

Answer (4)

Question (5) What research has been undertaken in terms of potential increase in fly tipping or mis-use of other waste streams once the opt-in charging scheme comes into effect?

Answer (5)

Question (6) Does the new opt-in charging scheme

- (a) affect the existing agreement with Tiphereth which has an agreement with CEC to collect garden refuse in parts of Colinton and
- (b) affect future discussions regarding extension/re-negotiation of that agreement?

Answer (6)

- Question** (7) How many households are anticipated to be exempt from the opt-in charge and how will the exemption be applied?
- Answer** (7)
- Question** (8) What happens when a household which has opted-in to the garden waste collection service moves property during the year?
- Answer** (8)
- Question** (9) Can a household which has opted-in, opt out during the year?
- Answer** (9)
- Question** (10) Are recycling points for garden waste prepared for increased demand?
- Answer** (10)
- Question** (11) If on the basis of a bin sticker system, how will this operate where a sticker is removed or comes off?
- Answer** (11)
- Question** (12) Where there are tenemental properties or shared garden courtyards how will the charging be administered and can neighbours share bins?
- Answer** (12)
- Question** (13) What is
- (a) the resource requirement to implement and administer this new service, including staffing, spend on communications, issuance of stickers etc and retrieval of bins for those who have not opted in; and
 - (b) the anticipated income yield from the charge?
- Answer** (13)
- Question** (14) What evidence has been drawn from other local authorities which operate opt-in charge garden waste collection?
- Answer** (14)

- Question** (15) Will there be refunds offered for missed garden waste collections?
- Answer** (15)
- Question** (16) Where garden waste bins are lost/stolen, who meets the cost for a new bin?
- Answer** (16)
- Question** (17) By what date will it be possible for residents to request any of the services (that are to be provided above) on-line through the Councils website?
- Answer** (17)