

# Waste & Street Cleansing Savings Proposals

Finance and Performance Sub-Committee

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# Summary

Savings (and fees and charges) proposals for the Waste & Street Cleansing Contract: -

1. Negotiate contract savings - £200K
2. Reduce Street Litter Bins - £30K
3. Increase Bulky Waste Collection Fee - £5K
4. Increase Garden Waste Charge - £30K

# Negotiate Contract Savings - £200k

**Proposed – To open a negotiation with Veolia with a target saving of £200K from the annual cost.**

- Options under consideration include lowering the 'Zone Z' standard. Zone Zs are areas of Folkestone and Hythe Town Centre that are cleansed to a higher specification.
- Savings likely to be linked to reduction in cleansing operatives to be achieved over time through staff turnover.
- Veolia likely to propose changes to the performance criteria e.g. longer rectification periods.

# Reduce Street Litter Bins - £30K

**Proposed – Reduce the number of street litter bins to around 775 bins.**

- Listed on the contract are 912 bins costing £104K p/a. Recent check has identified additional unlisted bins.
- Litter bin stock is aging and there is only limited budget for replacement.
- Freeze on new litter bins requests since 2021 to control spend.
- Review needed of locations, amenity and condition.
- Savings will be incremental – annual contract adjustment.

# Increase Bulky Waste Fee - £5K

**Proposed – Increase the bulky waste collection fee from £35 (for one item) to £53 (for three items) to ensure cost recovery.**

- Current service charge £47.52 per booking. Current fee £35 + £9 per extra item i.e. any booking less than three items runs at a loss.
- Proposal less about income generation and more about ensuring cost recovery for a discretionary service.
- This approach to bulky charges already adopted by DDC.

# Increase GW Charge - £30K

**Proposed – Increase the annual garden waste subscription from £53 p/a to £60 p/a.**

- Proposal would be an above inflationary increase.
- Number of current subscribers – 15,638
- The main risk is a loss of subscribers and a loss of green recycling tonnage.

# Questions?