

Agenda Item No:	<b>8</b>	
Committee:	<b>COUNCIL</b>	
Date:	<b>15 SEPTEMBER 2016</b>	
Report Title:	<b>PETITION - GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS</b>	

### **1 Purpose / Summary**

For Council to consider a petition regarding the proposal to charge for garden waste collections

### **2 Key issues**

- The Council has received a petition objecting to the proposal to charge for garden waste collections.
- In summary the petition states "We believe that the proposed charge for garden waste collections will disproportionately hit the worst-off in Fenland: those living in lower-band council tax properties; the disabled; those relying on public transport; lower-income families; and those with mobility problems. We would like Fenland District Council to scrap proposals to charge for garden waste collections.
- The petition has received 1622 electronic signatures, therefore exceeding the minimum 500 signatures required to facilitate a debate at full Council
- When considering a petition, the Council has several options on how to respond to the petition including;
  - Taking the action requested in the petition
  - Considering the petition at a council meeting
  - Referring the petition for consideration by the Council's overview and Scrutiny Committee
- The Garden Waste Consultation was presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 06 June 2016 and in addition has also been considered at an all Member Seminar on 14 July 2016
- It is therefore suggested that this petition is considered by Council prior to final consideration by Cabinet on 20 October 2016.

### **3 Recommendations**

- For Council to consider the petition, following which the matter is then scheduled to be considered by Cabinet on 20 October 2016.

<b>Wards Affected</b>	All
<b>Forward Plan Reference</b>	
<b>Portfolio Holder(s)</b>	Councillor Peter Murphy

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<b>Background Paper(s)</b>	Cabinet Garden Waste Service Consultation Report 26 May 2016 Overview and Scrutiny Garden Waste Consultation Overview report 06 June 2016.