

MOTION 2

MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR WILL SUTTON REGARDING GARDEN WASTE

During the consultation with residents regarding garden waste, sixty two percent of respondents agreed they would prefer to keep the service at a reasonable cost rather than the only other option, to have no service at all. It came as a surprise to us and the residents of the Elm and Christchurch ward to receive election pledges by the ruling party's candidates, to do away with the charge, I have it on good authority that other wards had similar pledges, so this resolution should extend to the whole of Fenland.

I am of course aware of the Government consulting on garden waste, but these almost certainly won't be introduced until 23/24 at the earliest, if at all.

This Council resolves to:

1. refer this matter for consideration by Cabinet; and
2. if the resolution at paragraph 1 is agreed, that Cabinet considers taking the following steps:
 - a. refund all Garden Waste contributions paid by the residents of Elm and Christchurch and the rest of Fenland, for the 19/20 municipal year, as per the pledges made by candidates of the ruling party in their election publications;
 - b. discontinuing the garden waste charge for the remainder of the 2019/20 municipal year with a full review to take place ahead of the next municipal year;
 - c. recommend to Full Council any budget requirements necessary to give effect to that decision and in so doing spell out very clearly where they plan to find the circa £700K to do so