

WC Information Item

Garden Waste Consultation

Summary of announcement:

The Council faces significant financial pressures with reduced funding from central government, increased service demand and inflation and these pressures are likely to increase. One way of achieving some savings towards this is by changing the way the garden waste collection service is delivered at the kerbside in Wiltshire. The Council currently delivers a fortnightly non-chargeable kerbside garden waste collection service to those residents that request the service.

The Council's Cabinet agreed to undertake a public consultation exercise to gain residents' views on potential future changes to the current kerbside garden waste collection service. The consultation runs from 1 July until the 1 September and presents residents with three proposals for changes to the service. The proposed changes are:

1. A three month suspension of the non-chargeable kerbside garden waste service with no collections taking place in December, January and February.
2. A five month suspension of the non-chargeable kerbside garden waste service with no collections taking place in November, December, January, February and March.
3. To introduce a chargeable kerbside garden waste collection service instead of the current non-chargeable service.

Residents are asked to pick the one option which best meets their needs. From 1 July you can find out more information and contribute to the consultation:

- Online by visiting the Council's website and following the link to public consultations
- Online at your local library
- By picking up a leaflet from your local library, leisure centre, council office or town council office.
- By completing the form in the summer 'Your Wiltshire' magazine

Leaflets will also be made available at area board meetings.

Should you have any further questions which are not answered by the consultation documents, you can contact the council by emailing gardenwasteconsultation@wiltshire.gov.uk or by telephoning 0300 456 0102.