LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for the Environment, Councillor Colin Smith, has made the following executive decision –

INCREASING THE PRICE OF STICKERS USED WITH THE COLLECTION OF GREEN GARDEN WASTE
(Report ES11004)

Decision

(1)   The cost of stickers for placing on the bags of green garden waste set aside by residents for collection be increased to £1.60 per sticker; and

(2)   The service take-up by residents be reviewed on an ongoing basis to monitor whether the price increase is generating the expected income and that the outcome be reported at a future date.

Reasons

In line with current budget considerations it is necessary to increase the price of stickers placed on bags of Green Garden Waste set aside by residents for collection by the Council's waste and recycling contractors, Veolia.

Currently the stickers are £1 each and this decision will enable the price to be increased to £1.60 per sticker. The price has remained at £1 for some time and the increase will enable the service to fully recover its costs in providing the collection facilities.

The matter was considered by the Environment PDS Committee at its meeting on 31st January 2011 when it looked at 2010/11 budget options for the Environment Portfolio.

A concern was raised at the meeting that the rate of increase might affect those for whom it was difficult to access a waste disposal site. It would therefore be helpful to have a future review of any impact the increased cost might have for the service. This is an area that the PDS Committee's Waste Minimisation Working Group might wish to consider looking at in greater detail including evidence of service usage and efficiencies generally with the service.

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