Cllr Motion E Labour Amendment

Garden Waste Charges in Haringey

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Council notes that:

- Austerity measures which began under the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition government led to a significant cut to the council's budget, resulting in approximately 30% decrease in our budget;
- Haringey introduced garden waste charges in 2017 when many councils in England began charging for garden waste to remove burdens on shrinking local authority budgets including Liberal Democrat controlled Sutton Council who charge £80.52 a year; Liberal Democrat controlled Richmond Upon Thames council who charge £41 for a 6month service, and Liberal Democrat Kingston Council charge £86 a year.
- All three Liberal Democrat Council's provide a fortnightly collection as opposed to a weekly service in Haringey, and Haringey's charges are lower than all Liberal Democrat controlled councils in London.
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- The long awaited Government changes to recycling; now named "simpler recycling" sets out that all households must be eligible for a garden waste collection by 31 March 2026 and that where a collection is requested, local authorities can charge for the collection.

    Officers in Haringey alongside most councils responded to the 2021 consultation on consistency in household and business recycling in England accepting that free garden waste is a great initiative but can only be achieved if we are given full cost recovery new burdens funding. However it appears the UK Government may be u-turning on this commitment based on costs of implementing the scheme across England.

Council believes that:

- We must continue to put pressure on the UK Government to introduce fully funded statutory garden waste collections to increase recycling across the country.

Council resolves to:

    Write to the UK Government on behalf of the council to support this request to provide the funding to deliver free garden waste services as initially proposed across the country.