

DORSET WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE 16 JANUARY 2017

12. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

The following questions have been e-mailed by Councillor Clare Sutton, Dorset County Councillor for Rodwell, for submission to the DWP Joint Committee on Monday 16 January 2017:-

What quantitative estimate have Dorset Waste Partnership made on the effect on recycling rates of their proposals set out in the recent consultation on charging for rubbish containers, and how will their estimate affect their proposals?

What estimate have Dorset Waste Partnership made when a rubbish receptacle is lost or damaged of the proportion of occasions when that loss or damage is due to the householder concerned, Dorset Waste Partnership themselves, fair wear and tear or the actions of third parties?

What estimate have Dorset Waste Partnership made of the number of families in
a Dorset as a whole,
b Weymouth and Portland and
c the Rodwell Division
who will be affected by the plan to charge for extra sacks for disposable nappies, and why they think it is fair to single out this particular group for charging?

Response from Dorset Waste Partnership:-

Officers of the Dorset Waste Partnership have not made any estimates on the effect of these proposals on recycling rates, as we are not recommending to charge for lost or damaged containers. We believe this is the only form of charging that could potentially impact our recycling rates. Similarly we have not made estimates on the proportion of bins that are broken due to fair wear and tear as opposed to being lost or damaged by the householders as we are not proposing to charge for lost or damaged containers.

Officers estimate that approximately 2260 households in Dorset will be affected by the plan to charge for extra sacks for families with children in nappies. This figure is based on previous applications made to DWP for this service. This equates to 458 applications being made last year in Weymouth and Portland (1.5% of the total households) and 39 applications in Rodwell. An equalities impact assessment has been completed and appended to the committee report which details how staff would mitigate any impact on families.