

Briefing Note

Selby Area Garden Waste Collection Service Consultation

Background

Unlike the collection of paper, glass, cans, plastic, and non-recyclable waste, garden waste collection is a non-statutory service – this means the council is not legally required to provide it. Currently, garden waste collections across North Yorkshire are provided as an opt-in subscription service, except in the Selby area where garden waste is collected free of charge.

From 1 April 2023, the new North Yorkshire Council replaces the eight councils currently providing district and county level services. To provide a fair garden waste collection service to all households in North Yorkshire, a report proposing the harmonisation of garden waste collection services was presented to the council's executive members in December 2022.

The report highlighted charges for garden waste collection services have been frozen for most councils in recent years and in North Yorkshire, they have fallen behind the regional average of £44 per year. It was therefore proposed to bring all areas in the county in line with this and to charge £43.50 across the board for 2023/24. The only area where the fee will be different is in the Richmondshire area due to their smaller, non-standard, bin sizes. The annual fee in the Richmondshire area will be £26.50. Smaller bin sizes are not available in any other areas of North Yorkshire.

Selby Area Consultation

As households in the Selby area do not currently pay a garden waste collection fee, a consultation to determine the level of demand for the service operating under the same harmonised subscription fee, will begin on 20 February 2023. The consultation will run for six weeks, ending 3 April 2023. Residents will be given the opportunity to share with us:

- How they currently dispose of their garden waste

- If they will continue to use the garden waste collection service once an annual subscription fee is introduced
- Should they choose to not use the service, then how they plan to dispose of their garden waste
- Any other comments they wish to share

There will be no change to the existing garden waste collection service in the Selby area until after the consultation process has ended.

Promotion of the Consultation

The online consultation will be hosted on the existing North Yorkshire County Council website (page available to [view here](#) after 20 February 2023) and will be promoted by:

- Social media posts
- Advert in the Selby Times
- Article in the Selby Times
- Posters at the Selby and Tadcaster Household Waste and Recycling centres

For residents who prefer non-digital methods of providing feedback, copies of the consultation survey will be available at the Selby Library, Sherburn Villages and Community Library, and Tadcaster Community Library. Residents can also request a copy to be posted to them by calling North Yorkshire County Council's Customer Care on 01609 780 780, or emailing gardenwasteconsultation@northyorks.gov.uk. Easy read and large print formats will also be available, on demand.