

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**1 FEBRUARY 2022**

**REFERENCE FROM COUNCIL**

**MOTION – GARDEN WASTE BIN SERVICE**

The following motion was moved by Councillor Harper, seconded by Councillor M Rose, at the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 8 December 2021:

*The Garden Bin waste service is a popular one with residents, with a large number of Maidstone residents subscribing to this paid Maidstone Borough Council service. However, as a result of Covid-19 and Brexit, the service is not being delivered as contracted with customers.*

*Residents pay for a fortnightly collection and this is supported by a yearly payment currently of £45. The two weekly collection is clearly stated in the terms and conditions on the Council website.*

*Different residents are getting different messages. Some have been individually notified by text as to the state of the service, other residents have negotiated for their contract payment to cover a period of 13 or more months, and others have had no contact from the Council as is evidenced by the level of complaints coming through.*

*The service is not running as it was until the middle of the year. This is not good enough, a large number of people do not have space at home to compost garden waste, which will frequently include weeds etc.*

*This Council therefore resolves to:*

- 1. Make it clear to residents that the service is sporadic at the moment and the frequency will most likely be monthly.*
- 2. Receive a full report on what actions can be done to get the service back to the fortnightly collection which the Council contracts to deliver.*

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 18.5, the motion, having been moved and seconded, was referred to the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee.

A copy of the briefing note which was prepared to assist Members in their consideration of the motion is attached as Appendix A.

**RECOMMENDED: That the Committee consider the motion relating to the Garden Waste Bin Service.**