



EXECUTIVE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Monday, 11th February, 2019 at 6.30 pm

81. Notice of Motion-Community Skips

Purpose.

To respond to the motion raised at Full Council on the 19th December 2018 by Cllr Commis proposing that “This Council reintroduces a Community Skips scheme.”

Reason For Decision.

Any re-establishment of a Council operated scheme will require additional budgetary allocation for skip provision, back office administration, dedicated and fully trained deployed Officer(s) and insurance liabilities to meet the requirements of the Council’s insurers and the waste disposal authority.

Associated operational costs to deliver a community skip scheme have increased significantly, rendering the motion to reinstate cost prohibitive.

There is no local evidence to support a business case for the re-establishment of the provision of skips that will require increased investment at current costs. There is no evidence to support that the provision of community skips increases resident participation in household recycling or reduces fly tipping.

The borough’s recorded incidents of fly tipping have shown an annual decrease since the withdrawal of the scheme.

Alternative operational targeted ward initiatives and patch management working by Housing and Streetscene Officers in conjunction with residents have yielded better outcomes.

Decision.

(1) That Full Council be recommended that the community skip scheme not be reinstated on the basis of the increased financial costs , which is currently not budgeted for, and operational risk implications for the Council; and

(2) That the Council strengthens its existing targeted ward interventions, within existing officer and operational budget resources, to deliver alternative additional environmental activities to wards and residents that require additional support with recycling and household waste collections. This approach will co-ordinate events and activities that aim to respond to local priorities and will align with existing Urbaser resources and existing third sector organisations to remove and upcycle reusable/unwanted household items.