

Rutland County Councillors will discuss the introduction of an annual charge for green waste services at their next Full Council meeting on Monday 11 September 2017.

Proposals to introduce a small annual charge to cover the cost of collecting green waste from households with a green bin were approved by Cabinet on Tuesday 15th August.

The plans would see a charge of £35 per year introduced from April 2018, helping the Council to reduce the overall cost of collecting and disposing of Rutland's waste, which has risen to almost £2million a year.

“While more and more green waste is being produced locally, the amount of money the Council is able to recover from recycled materials has fallen. This has contributed to a rise in the overall cost of our waste services, meaning it’s becoming too expensive to continue providing green waste collection for free. We need to look at alternatives and this is felt to be a reasonable change that would help to protect the service long-term.”

Councillor Alan Walters, Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Nationally, more than 70% of UK councils are expected to charge for green waste collection by the end of 2019.

If introduced in Rutland the scheme would be open to subscriptions for those who choose to join, with an annual renewal process at the beginning of each year. There would also be a 25% discount for anyone on local Council Tax support.

The proposal would not apply to general household waste or recycling and there would be no change to how regularly bins

are collected.