

Council – 19 April 2010

Notice of motion Garden Recycling Service

Service Area: Street Pride

Wards: All

1. Summary of report

This report provides background information with regard to the following notice of motion submitted by Councillor Oliver:

“This Council congratulates all those who have played a part in bringing about the policy and its implementation this year which for the first time, now extends the “Brown Bin” Gardening Recycling Scheme to every household in the Borough with a garden. This will not only be welcomed by thousands more households, now able to be included in the scheme but will also add to Walsall’s recycling success story to date.”

2. Background information

From April 2010 the Councils garden waste (Brown Bin) collection service will cover approximately 93,000 households.

The service is available to all residents in low rise properties who wish to take part in the scheme.

The table below details how the brown bin service has developed since its introduction in 1997, identifying the tonnage collected in each year from the kerbside collection scheme

Year	No of Properties rolled out	Kerbside tonnage collected
1996/97	Trial period (250)	
1997/98	11,000	2721.72
1998/99	2,000	3796.48
1999/2000	7,000	6351.84
2000/01		5813.98
2001/02		5845.04
2002/03	13,000	6237.00
2003/04	19,000	7063.66
2004/05	7,000	10,428.62
2005/06		10,428.84
2006/07	5,000	11,059.40
2007/08	17,000	12568.31
2008/09		14672.98
2009/10		15,000 (est)
2010/11	12,000	No data available
Total	93,000	

The total tonnage of green waste from the brown bin scheme now diverts approximately 13% of waste from landfill every year. At current costs, this service saves the council around £525,000 each year in landfill disposal costs.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie Morris', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jamie Morris
Executive Director: