

**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL**  
**27 JUNE 2017**  
**APPENDIX I**

**Questions from Councillor Paterson**

1. To Executive Member for Roads and Infrastructure

At the recent Council elections several candidates made big play of the scrapping of the Green Waste Collection in the Scottish Borders, could the Executive Member please tell me if there are any plans to reintroduce this service once again in the Scottish Borders and with Scottish Borders Council now having a rural proofing policy if there are any plans to reintroduce this service will the most rural areas of the Scottish Borders be offered the same service?

Reply from Councillor Edgar

The Council is currently reviewing its kerbside collection service with the support of Zero Waste Scotland as part of its overall Waste Management Strategy. No decisions will be taken on the kerbside collection services until such time that a report has been presented to Council for consideration.

Supplementary

Councillor Paterson asked about timescale for the report. Councillor Edgar advised that the report would be brought to Council at the appropriate time.

2. To Executive Member for Neighbourhoods & Locality Services

I see that we in the Teviot and Liddesdale Area have been given an indication what toilets have been earmarked for charging. Some members of this committee claimed that charging was not the best course of action to be taking; can the Executive Member please tell me if there are any plans by this new administration to scrap charging for the use of toilets in the Teviot and Liddesdale Area?

Reply from Councillor Aitchison

The introduction of a 30p charge for the use of 27 of 41 public conveniences was agreed by Council as the first phase of a two-phase approach and savings of £210k were included in the financial revenue plan for 2017/18, with a further £100k of savings being delivered in 2018/19.

A second report on the second phase of implementation is intended to be brought to Council later in 2017 and this will include all feedback on charging as well as on alternative models of comfort schemes or partnerships. At that time, these options for the future of this non-statutory service can be considered.

There are currently no specific proposals being considered to remove the charges in Teviot & Liddesdale.

Supplementary

Councillor Paterson asked whether the members of the Administration would reverse the charges and Councillor Aitchison repeated that any feedback on charging would be included in the report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the scheme which would consider alternative facilities.