

Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Public Questions and Responses

From: Mr John Palmer

Will the new Chair be recommending the committee freshly scrutinise the subscription timescales concerning garden waste collection annual charges for 2025/26? Nearly half of eligible properties were not yet subscribed by 1 April 2025 (Shropshire Newsroom story 1 April). During summer, the height of residents' desire to join to use the vital scheme, the payment window is closed. For a council needing each and every £56, you couldn't make it up! The Conservatives' chaotic introduction of this scheme failed residents.

Response:

I would like to thank Mr Palmer for his question. As chair of the Economy and Environment Scrutiny committee I am keen that members of the committee will consider any topic. After this meeting we are holding a workshop to assess ways in which the committee might tackle a number of subjects which have been suggested by members over the past few weeks. Green waste is one of these topics which has been put forward by several members. There are always lessons to be learnt when introducing new policies on a county wide basis. I hope Scrutiny can be a useful tool to analyse the roll out acting as critical friends to make recommendations to improve services offered by the council for Shropshire's residents.