

Notice of :	Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Highways
Decision Number:	PH15/2018
Relevant Officer:	John-Paul Lovie, Waste Services Manager
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Fred Jackson, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Highways
Date of Decision:	19 February 2018

FEES AND CHARGES FOR WASTE SERVICES 2018/19

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The proposed Community and Environmental Services fees and charges for Waste Services 2018/19.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To agree to the Community and Environmental Services proposed fees and charges for Waste Services for 2018/19, detailed in Appendix A with effect from the 1 April 2018 to the 31 March 2019.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The fees and charges from 2018/19 have been reviewed in order to take account of the costs of providing the service, business development, inflation, the budget and local market conditions.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? NO

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? YES

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None. Analysis, assessment and benchmarking exercises against neighbouring authorities and local market conditions have been carried out in order to arrive at the proposed fees and charges.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are:

Priority one - The economy: "Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool."

Priority two – Communities: "Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience."

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Community and Environmental Services fees and charges relate to the following services within the department:

- Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)
- Domestic Waste Services
- Bulky Waste Collection (Bulky Matters)
- Green Waste Subscription Service
- Veolia Special Collections

5.2 In relation to the review process of the fees and charges, the services operate within a framework underpinned by the following key pieces of legislation:

- The Local Government Act 2003
- The Civic Amenities Act 1967
- The Local Authorities (Prohibition of charging residents to deposit household waste) Order 2015
- The Environmental Protection Act 1990
- Controlled Waste Regulations 2012

5.3 The HWRC currently operates a number of separate annual permit schemes. One for inert waste (rubble/hard-core) at £5 per year and another for vans/trailers using the site at £6 pa. This is in addition to ad-hoc charges for one-off use.

5.4 In April 2015 the Local **Authorities** (Prohibition of Charging Residents to Deposit Household Waste) Order 2015, was introduced. This allows a transitory period up to the

31st of March 2020 to ensure compliance.

- 5.5 The fees and charges for the HWRC propose to overhaul the above permit schemes and replace with a standardised, self-serve permit application process which covers all the above uses as well as extending the scheme to cover further inert waste types – detailed in Appendix B.
- 5.6 This new permit scheme would make use of a standardised administration fee of £12.50 which accounts for the 150% and 100% increase in the old permit charges.
- 5.7 This new permit scheme would not only ensure compliance with future legislation but would also bring us in-line with our neighbouring authorities in Lancashire, whilst making it simpler to administer and monitor and harder for commercial businesses to abuse.
- 5.8 The fees and charges propose a **new charge** be implemented for the **replacement of blue** lidded recycling bins. This is a subsidised charge of £15 to off-set the cost of purchasing bins.
- 5.9 It is proposed to increase the charge for bulky waste collections from the current £18 for up to 3 items to £19.50. Although reviewed annually, this charge has never been increased since the service was established some years ago and is reflected to take account of the cost of delivery and inflation. Additional bulky items are proposed to increase from £6 to £6.50 per item based on the above information. This will also bring our prices for bulky items collections in-line with Wyre BC, with whom we have a shared service.
- 5.10 This report outlines the proposal to increase the annual subscription cost of kerbside green waste collections from the current rate of £30 per bin/£25 per additional bin to the new rate of £35 per bin/£30 per additional bin. It is proposed that this charge is introduced for the financial year 2018 – 2019 and held constant for a two-year period with the next review scheduled for January 2020.
- 5.11 The report proposes to maintain the cost of Veolia special collections.

5.10 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? NO

5.11 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix A – Fees and Charges for Waste Services.

Appendix B – List of inert waste types

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 Local Government Act 2003 Legislation allows local authorities to charge for provision of discretionary services.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The proposals are in line with the General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/2019.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 The proposed fees and charges will assist in the Council delivering its medium term financial sustainability strategy.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 The fees and charges have been benchmarked with other authority charges and are comparable to current market conditions.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? NO

4.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? N/A

14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process?

NO

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

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16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed: N/A

Date approved: N/A

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None.

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Cabinet Member agreed the recommendation as outlined above namely:

To agree to the Community and Environmental Services proposed fees and charges for Waste Services for 2018/19, detailed in Appendix A with effect from the 1 April 2018 to the 31 March 2019.

18.2 Date of Decision:

19 February 2018

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The fees and charges from 2018/19 have been reviewed in order to take account of the costs of providing the service, business development, inflation, the budget and local market conditions.

19.1 Date Decision published:

19 February 2018

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

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