

Notice of :	CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
Decision Number:	PH31/2021
Relevant Officer:	John-Paul Lovie, Head of Waste Policy and Partnerships
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Jim Hobson, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change
Date of Decision:	26 February 2021

FEES AND CHARGES FOR WASTE SERVICES 2021/22

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The proposed Community and Environmental Services fees and charges for Waste Services 2021/22.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To agree to the Community and Environmental Services fees and charges for Waste Services for 2021/22, detailed in Appendix A with effect from the 1 April 2021 to the 31 March 2022.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The fees and charges from 2020/21 have been reviewed in order to take account of the costs of providing the service, business development, inflation, the Council's budget requirements and local market conditions.

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

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 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.

5.0 Council Priority:

5.1 The relevant Council Priorities are both:

Priority one - The economy: "Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool."
Priority two – Communities: "Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience."

6.0 Background Information

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

- Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)
- Domestic Waste Services including subscription Green Waste
- Bulky Waste Collection (Bulky Matters)
- Special Collections

6.2 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

- 6.3 Any increase to charges have recognised the need to reduce waste going to landfill and relate to those wastes which are generally not collected via the fortnightly refuse and recycling collection provision.
- 6.4 Bulky waste collections are delivered in conjunction with a third sector provider, as well is in partnership with Wyre Borough Council, and the proposed service charges are designed to remain affordable and allow residents a flexible and readily accessible service to residents to dispose of their bulky waste responsibly.
- 6.5 The green waste subscription service was introduced in 2016 and has continued to maintain a stable client base of circa 10,000 customers.
The rate has not been uplifted this year as the current rate is in line with neighbouring authorities charges and ensures that the cost of provision is met while any surplus realised is applied to off-set other waste related pressures, i.e. at the Household Waste Recycling Centre.
- 6.6 In terms of the charges for 2021/22, while there is no uplift there will be a pro-rata rate for in-year renewals to compensate for lost collections as a result of the suspension period over the first lockdown. This is shown in Appendix A.

7.0 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix A – Fees and Charges for Waste Services.

8.0 **Financial considerations:**

- 8.1 The proposals are in line with the provisional General Fund Revenue Budget 2021/2022.

9.0 **Legal considerations:**

- 9.1 Local Government Act 2003 Legislation allows local authorities to charge for provision of discretionary services.
The legal framework is guided by the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

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 **Equalities considerations:**

- 11.1 In the course of developing this report, consideration has been given as to whether there could be unintended adverse impacts on people because of shared characteristics protected by the Equality Act. The Council believes the report will not

have any indirectly discriminatory effects.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

13.1 The fees and charges have been benchmarked with other authority charges and are comparable to current market conditions and cost of provision.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.

15.0 Key decision information:

15.1 Is this a key decision? NO

15.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:

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

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

16.0 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

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

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17.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed:

Date approved:

18.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

18.1 None.

19.0 Executive decision:

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

To agree to the Community and Environmental Services fees and charges for Waste Services for 2021/22, detailed in Appendix A with effect from the 1 April 2021 to the 31 March 2022.

20.0 Date of Decision:

20.1 26 February 2021

21.0 Reason(s) for decision:

21.1 The fees and charges from 2020/21 have been reviewed in order to take account of the costs of providing the service, business development, inflation, the Council's budget requirements and local market conditions.

22.0 Date Decision published:

22.1 26 February 2021

23.0 Executive Members in attendance:

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24.0 Call-in:

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22.0 Notes:

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