

7 February 2012		ITEM 9
Cleaner, Greener, Safer Overview And Scrutiny Committee		
charging for the collection of waste from public buildings and commercial premises		
Report of: John Gilford – Waste and Recycling Manager		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non Key	
Accountable Head of Service: Andrew Murphy – Head of Environment		
Accountable Director: Bill Newman – Director of Sustainable Communities		
This report is Public		
Purpose of Report: To seek the endorsement of Members to the introduction of a Policy for directly charging for the collection of waste from public buildings and commercial premises.		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sets out the provisions of the Controlled Waste Regulations 1992 together with proposals for the introduction of charges for the collection of certain types of waste materials.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 That Members endorse the introduction of a policy for recovering costs for the collection, treatment and disposal of waste materials from public buildings and commercial premises.**

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 2.1** The collection of waste and recyclable materials from public buildings such as village halls and community centres is currently provided by the Council at no cost to the owner and/or operator.
- 2.2** This practice has been in place for a number of years and is broadly in accordance with waste legislation and national guidance which places a duty on local authorities to collect waste from non-household premises where requested, whilst allowing the authority discretion whether to make a charge to recover its reasonable collection costs.

- 2.3 Recent budget pressures are leading to a review of the services provided by the council's waste service and in particular those services which are currently provided free for which a charge could reasonably be introduced.

3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:

- 3.1 The controlling legislation which provides definitions for waste types and the ability to charge for some collection services is the Controlled Waste Regulations 1992 (the Regulations). This defines household waste, commercial and industrial waste and sets out those wastes which are collected without charge and those which can, at the discretion of the authority be collected and a charge applied to cover the costs of collecting it.
- 3.2 Waste types and the ability to charge is set out in schedules forming part of the Regulations, these are set out in the following sequence
- Schedule 1 – defines household waste for which a direct collection charge will not be made
 - Schedule 2 – defines household waste for which a collection charge can be made
 - Schedule 3 – defines commercial waste
 - Schedule 4 – defines industrial waste
- 3.3 Schedules 3 and 4 do not form part of this report as wastes falling under these categories are broadly defined as Trade Waste for which the council is able to apply commercial collection treatment and disposal charges.
- 3.4 Schedule 2 is the primary focus of this report as it covers those premises for which the council is able to apply a collection charge. The types of premises covered are those which are used for private hire (weddings, funerals, parties), sporting events (football clubs), local meetings (village halls, community centres) and any other type of premises not defined as a dwelling house where people gather and produce waste which is similar in composition to that which would be produced by a dwelling house.
- 3.5 Collections from premises covered by Schedule 2 are included in weekly rounds for households where this is possible, otherwise collections are included in rounds for flats and multi occupancy properties. Precise numbers are not known but collections are provided on a weekly basis for over 60 premises.
- 3.6 For premises falling within the definition of Schedule 2, it is proposed that charges will be made for the collection of waste and that they will be in accordance with the Council's published Schedule of Fees and Charges

4. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 4.1 Environment Portfolio Holder – February 2012

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

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6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial

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A savings target has been agreed as part of the 2012/13 base budget to recover additional income through charging for Schedule 2 collections. Therefore this is already assumed as part of directorate's budgets and the introduction of the policy will count towards achieving the saving.

6.2 Legal

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It is important that the policy is properly applied. There are no other legal implications.

6.3 Diversity and Equality

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The Equalities Act places a duty on the Council to have due regard to the principles of equality in all of its decision making processes.

The matters raised in this report aim to recover costs for the provision of collections from certain types of buildings used for meetings and other social events.

Consideration should be given to issues such as fair access to services, dealing with residents who have varying levels of mobility and vision.

Information and literature should be available in a range of formats and languages.

6.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental

There are no other significant implications.

7. CONCLUSION

7.1 Approval of the Policy will enable the Council to recover costs for the collection of waste from premises which fall under the description within Schedule 2 of the Controlled Waste Regulations 1992.

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:

- There are no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- There are no appendices to this report.

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