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**Fees and Charges proposals for Waste Management for the financial Year
2021/22.**

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Cabinet portfolio:	Health and Wellbeing
Directorate:	Leisure, Culture and Community Wellbeing

1.0 Purpose of the report

1.1 To set the fees and charges for Waste Management from 1 April 2021.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the increases as shown in appendix 1 should be introduced from 1 April 2021

- The cost of collection and disposal of trade waste
- The cost of collection and disposal of chargeable household waste
- The collection and disposal of bulky household items
- The collection and disposal of trade waste from charity shops
- The collection and disposal of trade waste from registered charities
- The collection and disposal of waste from mixed hereditament properties
- One of waste collections
- The provisions of new wheeled bins to domestic properties (new builds)
- Where there are promotional opportunities to stimulate usage, support the retention of customers and /or to respond to external market forces that the Environmental Services Manager through delegated

authority with the Portfolio Holder applies appropriate fees and charges to maximise these opportunities.

3.0 Reasons for recommendations

3.1 To comply with the Council's Budget Strategy.

4.0 Report details

4.1 In accordance with the Council's Budget Strategy, this is the annual review of fees and charges taking into consideration that charges should aim to recover at least the full cost of the service except where:

(1) There is an opportunity to maximise income: or

(2) Members determine a reduction or subsidy should be made for a specific reason.

4.2 In preparing this report, we have had regard to The Council's Budget Strategy in that provision should be made for a minimum inflationary increase of 3% each year.

4.3 The Council has a duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to arrange for the removal of Commercial Waste from shops, offices, hotels and similar businesses if requested to do so by the occupier. Businesses from which waste is removed must pay reasonable charges for the collection and disposal of such waste.

4.4 The services covered by this arrangement are listed below:

- Industrial Waste – Waste Collection Authorities (WCAs) such as CBC may collect if requested but only with the consent of the Waste Disposal Authority (WDA). Derbyshire County Council, our WDA, does not permit any of the WCAs in Derbyshire to collect and dispose of such waste so this is not a service CBC can offer.
- Chargeable Household Waste – Such as schools, other educational premises, nursing homes, residential homes, registered charities and hospitals are charged has changed. These changes were agreed by Cabinet 14 July 2015 and a new non-profit making charging structure was set up.

- Hire Charges For Trade Waste Receptacles – A separate charge is itemised on the customers invoice for the hire of a receptacle. This is for administrative purposes and also in order to ensure that as a minimum the total cost of servicing each size of receptacle is recovered and preferably makes a positive contribution to the Trading Account profitability.
- Healthcare Waste – In the interests of public health and safety certain types of healthcare waste defined as offensive or infectious are collected free of charge from domestic properties. However, it is Council policy to charge Commercial Waste rates at Residential Homes who request the service.
- One-off Collections – The Council may be requested to make special journeys for one-off collections of Commercial or Chargeable Household Waste. These are charged at an hourly rate. The annual number of such jobs is variable with current income estimated for this financial year at £4,500.
- Wheeled Bins – In April 2001 the Council introduced a charge for the supply and delivery of wheeled bins to new domestic properties and these charges include the cost of delivery.
- Bulky Household Waste Collections – Charges are based on the overriding waste management principles of the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Re-use, Recycle) and the polluter pays.
- Sharps Boxes – Occasionally we get requests from Residential Care Homes to collect sharps boxes.
- Mixed Hereditament – These are premises with a mix of customer categories, i.e. a shop and public house or business. A reduced charge (allowance) is made if the customer enters into a contract for the collection of their trade waste and the occupier opts to dispose of the domestic element of their waste in their trade bin that is provided.

4.5 However, producers of Commercial Waste may request the service from one of a number of private sector companies who operate in the Chesterfield area. Traditionally these have provided strong

competition for the Council, normally focusing on the servicing of larger 1100 and 660 litre sized receptacles.

- 4.6 Our knowledge of the service and our stable share of the market indicate that the fees and charges recommended will remain competitive. The service has in place now provision to launch a commercial recycling service; this will improve the overall offer of the service to our customers as well as meet our Council Objectives. Currently we have no uptake for this service, which is largely due to the uncertainty around trading conditions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We expect that this service will come online as and when the pandemic wanes and businesses are operating on a more secure footing.

5.0 Alternative options

- 5.1 A larger increase could be applied to fees, however, this may result in services being either not competitive or not affordable.

6.0 Implications for consideration – Council Plan

- 6.1 By considering and approving the fees and charges included with this report members will be supporting the council's stated aim to provide value for money services. Similarly the provision of the council is particularly attractive to smaller businesses and so the waste services provided by the council also support the council's stated aim to support our independent traders.

7.0 Implications for consideration – Financial and value for money

- 7.1 The services provided by the council are particularly attractive to the smaller business and offer a value for money service when compared to that of larger waste collection businesses which are looking for large scale collection opportunities

8.0 Implications for consideration – Legal

- 8.1 There are no new legal implications arising from these suggested fees and charges

9.0 Implications for consideration – Human resources

9.1 There are no human resources implications associated with the suggested fees and charges

10.0 Implications for consideration – Risk management

Description of the Risk	Impact	Likelihood	Mitigating Action	Impact	Likelihood
Reduction in customer base due to pandemic	H	H	Open dialogue with customers about what level of service is required and ensuring the correct charges are applied	M	H

11.0 Implications for consideration – community wellbeing

11.1 Professional and timely collection of waste is essential for the wellbeing of the community as it ensures neighbourhoods remain clean and tidy

12.0 Implications for consideration – Economy and skills

12.1 The waste collection services offered by the council are attractive to smaller business. All business must have a plan in place to deal with their waste. The value for money offered by the councils waste collection service will be a factor in businesses choosing to locate and then remain within the borough.

13.0 Implications for consideration – Climate Change

13.1 How we deal with our waste products has implications for climate change. The council ensures that its contractors operate as efficiently as possible for example all new vehicle have electric bin lifts, smaller vehicles are electrically powered and research continues into powering larger vehicles by means other than diesel.

14.0 Implications for consideration – Equality and diversity

13.1 There are no equality and diversity implications associated with this report

Decision information

Key decision number	989
Wards affected	All wards

Document information

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Background documents These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when the report was prepared.	
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Appendices to the report	
Appendix 1	Waste management Fees and Charges 2021/22