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Waste Management Services - Fees and Charges for 2023/24

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1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To set the fees and charges for Waste Management services from 1 April 2023.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the proposed fees and charges for waste management services as set out in Appendix 1, from 1 April 2023.

3.0 Reason for recommendations

- 3.1 To comply with the Council's Budget Strategy for recovering fees and charges to contribute to the costs of service delivery.

4.0 Report details

Approach to setting fees and charges

- 4.1 In accordance with the Medium-Term Financial Strategy, fees and charges are required to be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that the cost of providing the service is recovered.
- 4.2 The Medium-Term Financial Plan is constructed on the basis that additional income will be generated from fees and charges. The process being followed for the review of income to be realised includes an assessment of each fee to identify how it meets the Council's strategic purposes and the level of increase that is proposed as well as taking account of present economic conditions. The fees have been based on a robust estimate of the impact of cost increases and

demand within the services and the Councils overall financial position. This includes assessing the affordability of any of these increases to our residents and customers. Cost pressures and changes in demand include:

- Increases in energy costs
- Inflationary increases (October CPI 11.1%) resulting in increases in supplier costs and materials
- NJC Pay Claim for 2022-23 which has resulted in a higher than budgeted for pay increase for staff and a higher than anticipated budget for the 2023-24 Pay Claim
- Any specific service issues around cost increases or service usage

Service specific context

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 – the way organisations such as schools, other educational premises, nursing homes, residential homes, registered charities and hospitals are charged 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 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.
- 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.
- Mixed Hereditament – These are premises with a mix of customer categories, i.e., a shop and public house or business with an associated residence. A reduced charge (allowance) is made if the customer enters a contract for the collection of their trade waste and the occupier opts to dispose of the domestic element of their waste in the trade bin that is provided.

4.5 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.

5.0 Alternative options

5.1 Members could decide not to increase fees and charges, but this would not enable sufficient income to be recovered to cover the cost of the service.

5.2 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 – Financial and value for money

6.1 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. The current cost to provide a trade waste service to those customers who require it is £705K. The recommended changes to waste services fees and charges will ensure the service costs are recovered and provides a projected net surplus for 2023/24 of £21,466.

7.0 Implications for consideration – Legal

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

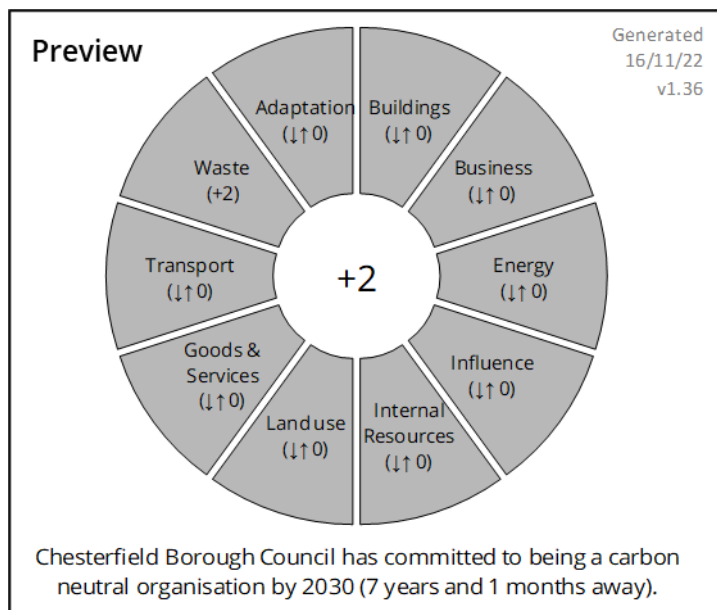
8.0 Implications for consideration – Human resources

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

9.0 Implications for consideration – Council plan

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

10.0 Implications for consideration – Climate change



11.0 Implications for consideration – Equality and diversity

11.1 There are no Equality or diversity implications associated with this proposal.

12.0 Implications for consideration – Risk management

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

Decision information

Key decision number	<i>All key decisions must be in the Forward Plan at least 28 days in advance. There are constitutional consequences if an item is not in the Forward Plan when it should have been. Contact Democratic Services if in doubt.</i>
Wards affected	all

Document information

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Background documents	
<i>This must be made available to the public for up to 4 years.</i>	
Appendices to the report	
Appendix 1	Waste Management Fees and Charges 2023/24