

Report to Portfolio Holder for Environment

Subject: Waste Services Fees and Charges 2021/22

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Wards Affected

Borough-wide

Purpose

To seek approval for the Fees and Charges for Waste Services to be introduced 1st April 2021.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision

Recommendation

- a) To approve the fees and charges for waste services for 2021/22 as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2.

Background

- 1.1 The report details a set of Fees and Charges for Waste Services which includes the proposal to increase the charge for the Garden Waste first bin from £36 to £38 (£2 increase) and the price increase for an additional bin from £18 to £20 (£2 increase). This is to achieve the income target due to the increased staffing, vehicle and administration costs.
- 1.2 A 3% price increase has been included in the Fees and Charges report for Waste Services for New Bin Charges, which is in line with the discretionary income increase. Although charges for the sale of Bins falls outside the scope of Discretionary Income this increase will cover the costs of inflation, additional wage increases and the additional costs to the Council of sourcing and procuring the bins.
- 1.3 With Portfolio Holder and relevant Corporate Director approval, discretion can be made to apply varying percentage increases or freezes to relevant Fees and Charges as long as the overall cash amount for that area are met. This allows consideration to be made

for factors that influence the rate at which fees and charges are set.

1.4 These factors include:

- The Borough's priorities.
- The comparative price of neighbouring authorities.
- The effect an increase in price would have on the activity, including customer resistance.
- The statutory requirement to break even.
- Increasing operating costs.
- The cost benefit of the service.

1.5 There is no proposal to increase fees in respect of bulky waste collection and trade waste.

Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed the Fees and Charges are set as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 to increase the charge for the Garden Waste First bin from £36 to £38 (£2 increase) and the price increase for an additional bin from £18 to £20 (£2 increase). This is to achieve the income target due to the increased staffing, vehicle and administration costs.
- 2.2 To agree to set a 3% increase for New Bin charges as detailed in Appendix 1 which is in line with the discretionary inflation target agreed by Cabinet. This is to achieve the short to medium term income target due to the increased staffing, vehicle and administration costs.

Alternative Options

- 3.1 An alternative percentage increase for inflation could have been applied. This however would not have been in consideration of the proposed Medium Term Financial Plan or current CPI inflation measures.

Financial Implications

- 4.1 Applying the proposed Fees and Charges detailed in this report will attain the income target set, and help contribute to the delivery of a balanced budget both in 2021/22 and in the medium term, and satisfy statutory requirements

Legal Implications

- 5.1 Powers to charge for the collection of garden, bulky, trade waste and the provision of new bins derive from the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and regulations made thereunder.

Equalities Implications

- 6.1 The proposed increase in 'Fees and Charges' will not have any adverse equalities implications.
- 7.1 The proposed increase in 'Fees And Charges' will not impact on the Council's Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability targets.

Appendices

- 8.1 Appendices 1 – Fees and Charges 2021/22 (Garden, Bulky, New Bin).
Appendix 2 – Fees and Charges 2021/22 (Trade Waste – Exempt due to commercial sensitivity)

Background Papers

- 9.1. None identified.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 10.1 To contribute to the delivery of a balanced budget both in 2021/22 and in the medium term, and satisfy statutory requirements.

Appendix 1 - Waste Management Fees and Charges from 1st April 2021

Garden Waste	Current 2020/21	Proposed 2021/22
First bin	£36	£38
Additional bin (based on 50% of first bin)	£18	£20

Bulky Waste	Current 2020/21	Proposed 2021/22
First item of bulky household waste or sack including electrical items	£14	£14
Additional items	£8	£8

New Bin Charge	Current 2020/21	Proposed 2021/22
Initial supply of black and green bin plus glass box	£57	£59

Notes regarding new bin charge

1. Charge relates to resident unless developers/management companies willing to pay.
2. Charges include the cost of delivery.
3. Glass recycling boxes are provided free of charge.
4. No charge for bins damaged by the service.