

Report to Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services (Operations)

Subject: Waste Services (Trade) Fees and Charges for 2024/25

Date: 31 March 2024

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Wards Affected

Borough-wide.

Purpose

The report details a revised set of Fees and Charges for Trade Waste Services and seeks approval for their introduction from 1 April 2024.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Recommendation(s)

- a) To approve the revised Fees and Charges for trade waste as detailed in Appendix A.
- b) To approve the price revisions to be introduced from 1 April 2024.

1 Background

- 1.1 The environment department continue to critically review the trade waste service to ensure it offers the most cost effective and efficient services to customers.
- 1.2 The trade waste fee setting procedure includes the following factors:
 - The Borough's priorities.
 - The comparative price of neighbouring authorities.
 - The effect an increase in price would have on the activity, including customer resistance.
 - Increasing operating costs.
- 1.3 Benchmarking data is important when setting fees and charges, however due to the commercial nature of Trade Waste benchmarking is difficult of obtain. The Council have obtained limited benchmarking for a 1100L container, and these comparators have been taken into consideration when setting fees for 2024/25. These are detailed in Appendix B.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that the trade waste fees and charges are revised as detailed in Appendix A.
- 2.2 For the past 2 financial years Local Government have been subjected to larger than usual pay awards by the National Employers which have equated to an average of 7% each year (higher for lower pay bandings). The forecast pays award for 2024/25 is also expected to be similar to the past two years, which would mean over a three-year period pay has risen by 21%.

In addition, the Council has seen significant cost increases across all of its services due to higher than usual levels of inflation, particularly around fuel and utilities, increases in insurance premiums and other cost increases exacerbated by Brexit and the War in Ukraine.

Increases in Fees and Charges for Trade Waste over the past two years have not increased in line with the additional cost pressures that the Council is facing, therefore, in order to continue to provide the same quality of service delivery that is also financially viable to the council whilst still remaining competitive in the market, fees and charges will need to increase accordingly.

A number of percentage increases have been considered by the Council and a 15% increase is deemed reasonable in terms of additional costs being incurred yet remaining competitive, and also acknowledging that a larger increase in one year is likely not appropriate given the impact inflation has had on all sectors across the Country.

A 15% increase for a 240L container for Trade Waste collection with disposal would see an increase of £1.25, and a 1100L container an increase of £2.25.

Currently trade waste customers are offered a discounted price if they have additional bins of the same size for contracts where the cost of the disposal is included. Currently this pricing structure differs between residual contracts and recycling contracts. It is proposed to only have two prices for both residual and recycling to ensure consistency and remove confusion at the invoicing stage.

Alternative Options

- 3.1 An alternative percentage increase for inflation could have been applied, however 15% is deemed to be reasonable for the reasons set out in section 2.2.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Fees and Charges for Trade Waste are proposed to increase by 15% for the reasons set out in 2.2. of this report. The proposed fees and charges for 2024/25 are set out in Appendix A. .

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Powers to charge for the collection of commercial and industrial waste derive from the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and regulations made thereunder. All charges levied must be reasonable.

6 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 The Equality Impact Assessment can be found in Appendix C.

7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications

- 7.1 None, although consideration is being given to improving the trade recycling option.

8 Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix A: Trade Waste Fees and Charges 2024/25 (exempt).
- 8.2 Appendix B: Benchmarking data.
- 8.3 Equality Impact Assessment.

9 Background Papers

- 9.1 None identified.

10 Reasons for Recommendations

- 10.1 To contribute to the delivery of a balanced budget both in 2024/25 and in the medium term and satisfy statutory requirements.

Statutory Officer approval

Approved by:

Date:

On behalf of the Chief Financial Officer

Approved by:

Date:

On behalf of the Monitoring Officer

Appendix A – Trade Waste Fees and Charges from 1 April 2024

EDUCATION & CHARITY SHOPS (Non disposal)	2023/24	2024/25
Size of Container	Charge (per collection)	Charge (per collection)
240 litres	£6.25	£7.20
360 litres	£7.00	£8.05
660 litres	£9.70	£11.15
770 litres	£11.00	£12.65
1100 litres	£11.75	£13.50

TRADE RECYCLING SERVICE (Non disposal - paper/cardboard/plastic/tins) *limited service	2023/24		2024/25	
Size of Container	Charge (per coll) 1st bin	Charge (per coll) 2nd bin	Charge (per coll) 1st bin	Charge (per coll) 2nd bin
240 litres	£4.20	£2.60	£4.80	£3.00
360 litres	£4.60	£2.90	£5.30	£3.30
770 litres	£5.60	£3.65	£6.45	£4.20
1100 litres	£5.90	£4.20	£6.80	£4.80

TRADE WASTE (with disposal)	2023/24	2024/25
Size of Container	Charge (per collection)	Charge (per collection)
240 litres	£8.20	£9.45
360 litres	£9.10	£10.45
660 litres	£12.10	£13.90
770 litres	£14.20	£16.30
1100 litres	£14.75	£17.00

ADDITIONAL BINS – 2023/24	2nd bin	3rd bin	4th bin
770 litres	£12.80	£12.45	£12.45
1100 litres	£12.90	£12.55	£12.55
ADDITIONAL BINS – 2024/25			
770 litres	£14.70	£14.30	£14.30
1100 litres	£14.85	£14.45	£14.45

Note: add VAT for Waste Management Companies we sub-contract to.

TRADE RECYCLING SERVICE WITH DISPOSAL	2023/24		2024/25	
Size of Container	Charge (per collection) 1st bin	Charge (per collection) 2nd bin	Charge (per collection) 1st bin	Charge (per collection) 2nd bin
240 litres	£4.50	£3.45	£5.15	£4.00
360 litres	£5.65	£3.65	£6.50	£4.20
770 litres	£7.40	£4.55	£8.50	£5.25
1100 litres	£8.50	£5.10	£9.75	£5.90

Appendix B – Benchmarking

Nb – limited data due to commercial restrictions

	1100L
GBC	£15.65
Mansfield	£20.50
Broxtowe	£41.45 (free recycling)
Derbyshire Average	£Over £23.00

APPENDIX 3 – EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Name of project, policy, function, service or proposal being assessed:	Waste Services (Trade) Fees and Charges for 2024/25						
The main objective of The Waste Services (Trade) Fees and Charges report is:	To set the Waste Services (Trade) Fees and Charges for 2024/25						
<p>What impact will this Waste Services (Trade) fees and charges report have on the following groups? Please note that you should consider both external and internal impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External (e.g. stakeholders, residents, local businesses etc.) • Internal (staff) 							
Please use only 'Yes' where applicable				Negative	Positive	Neutral	Comments
<u>Gender</u>	External			Yes			
	Internal			Yes			
<u>Gender Reassignment</u>	External			Yes			
	Internal			Yes			
<u>Age</u>	External			Yes			
	Internal			Yes			

<u>Marriage and civil partnership</u>	External			Yes	
	Internal			Yes	
<u>Disability</u>	External			Yes	
	Internal			Yes	
<u>Race & Ethnicity</u>	External			Yes	
	Internal			Yes	
<u>Sexual Orientation</u>	External			Yes	
	Internal			Yes	
<u>Religion or Belief (or no Belief)</u>	External			Yes	
	Internal			Yes	
<u>Pregnancy & Maternity</u>	External			Yes	
	Internal			Yes	
<u>Other Groups</u> (e.g. any other vulnerable groups, rural isolation, deprived areas, low income staff etc.)	External			Yes	
	Internal			Yes	

Please state the group/s:					

Is there is any evidence of a high disproportionate adverse or positive impact on any groups?	Yes	No	X	Comment
Is there an opportunity to mitigate or alleviate any such impacts?	Yes	No		Comment N/A
Are there any gaps in information available (e.g. evidence) so that a complete assessment of different impacts is not possible?	Yes	No		Comment N/A
In response to the information provided above please provide a set of proposed action including any consultation that is going to be carried out: N/A				
Planned Actions	Timeframe	Success Measure	Responsible Officer	

Authorisation and Review

Completing Officer Authorising Head of Service/Director Date Review date (if applicable)	Esther Storer

