

Committee: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item

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Title: REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES

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Item for decision

Summary

1. This report advises members that a review of fees and charges appropriate to this committee is now due for 2007/8 and the proposed revised charges are attached to this report. The charges include Septic Tank/Cesspool emptying and Trade waste.

Background

2. These charges form part of the council's commercial activity, they are reviewed annually.
3. An annual review of Fees and Charges is necessary to keep pace with inflation and balance with market forces.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that members approve the proposed fees and charges for 2007/8.5/6.

Background Papers

5. Last year's fees and charges are noted on the table that follows this report.

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	Trade waste customers will receive notification of 2007/8 charges in February. Septic Tank customers will be advised of charge at point of commissioning.
Community Safety	None.
Equalities	None.
Finance	An assumption of a price increase has been built into the budget process.

Human Rights	None.
Legal implications	None.
Ward-specific impacts	All
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

7. There have been increases in the cost of providing these services most notably in the cost of fuel and the disposal of waste that dictates that the charges should rise above the rate of inflation.

Targets

8. These services operate on a commercial basis and the charges need to reflect this.
9. The charges need to be agreed now so that trade waste customers are advised of the charges in a timely manner.

Pay-Offs/Penalties

10. Approving these fees and charges will:
 - a) ensure the cost of providing these services is recovered and
 - b) the charges are competitive within the market.

Risk Analysis

11. The following have been assessed as the potential risks associated with this issue.

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
That custom may be lost due to a rise in price	Low	Low	Charges remain competitive within the local market.
Costs may be incurred by the local taxpayer if the services are not self supporting.	Low	Low	Officers will monitor the activity through the year and take appropriate action.

Refuse Collection	2006/07	2007/08
	£	£
Trade Refuse Sacks	0.95	1.00
Trade Tape	28.00	30.00
Cardboard Recycling Tape	12.50	15.00
Clinical Sacks	Free	Free
Sharps boxes	Free	Free
Bulk Refuse Containers 1100/1300 pr empty**	8.40	9.05
Bulk Refuse Containers 660 litre pr empty**	6.00	6.45
Bulk Refuse Containers 240 litre pr empty**	2.85	3.00
Large containers (Low Weight) 6/8/12 cu yd** (min)	56.00	60.00
Large containers (Medium Weight) 6/8/12 cu yd**	81.50	88.00
30 Cubic Yard containers	168.50	210.00
30 Cubic Yard – each subsequent tonne	46.70	51.70

** -plus Landfill Tax

Septic Tank Service	2206/07	2007/08
	£	£
One Load (up to 1000 gall)	78.00	88.00
Two Loads	145.00	154.00