

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE - 29 MAY 2003

COMMERCIAL WASTE - REVIEW OF CHARGES

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Abstract

This report brings forward proposals for adjustments in the charges for collecting and disposal by the Council of commercial and industrial wastes.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- a) Agree the under noted reviewed charges be applied from 1st December, 2003 for commercial and industrial wastes uplifted and disposed of by the Council.

	£		£*
Two wheeled 240 lt bin	1.64	(plus vat) per lift	1.59
Two wheeled 360 lt bin	2.45	"	2.38
Four wheeled 660 lt bin	4.50	"	4.37
Four wheeled 1100 lt container	7.50	"	7.28
Four wheeled 1280 lt container	8.74	"	8.48
Sack	0.94	"	0.91
*current charge			

- b) Agree the undernoted charge for commercial premises which in terms of the charging regulation may only be charged for collection.

	£		£*
Two wheeled bin	1.08	(plus vat) per lift	1.05
Four wheeled 1100 lt container	4.97	"	4.82
Four wheeled 1280 lt container	5.77	"	5.60
Sack	0.76	"	0.74
* current charge			

- c) Agree that the commercial charge exempt groups including registered charities, voluntary and youth groups, continue to have a single bin/container uplift per week at no charge as per the arrangements detailed in para 4 of this report, and that additional bin/containers are charged at the appropriate commercial collection rate in the same way as additional household bins.

2. BACKGROUND

The Council, as the waste collection authority under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 has a duty to charge for the collection of commercial and industrial wastes.

The Act requires that the Council recover their reasonable costs for the service, both collection and disposal of wastes as requested to be collected by commercial and industrial concerns.

There are certain commercial groups where the Council is only required to recover their costs of collection as in the case of residential homes.

3. COMMERCIAL WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES

The commercial collection system provides for the use of two wheeled bins and four wheeled containers. All bins and containers are charged per lift on the assumption that bins are full to their capacity. There is no practical method currently for payment by actual weight of waste disposed. In recent times a variety of sizes of containers have come into existence to meet individual

premises requirements. The reviewed charges reflect this change by providing a wider scale of charges and container types. A sack system is provided as an alternative only in approved situations, such as difficult access or limited storage areas.

Charges are based on the annual service payable in advance from December each year.

The proposed increases detailed in the recommendations would apply from 1 December 2003. These new charges reflect the full budget cost to the council in collecting trade wastes and as appropriate also the cost of disposal.

4. COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGING - EXEMPT GROUPS

Last year the Committee agreed (Report No 613/02) that charity, voluntary and youth groups continue to have a single bin/container uplift per week at no charge and in the same way as domestic premises wishing additional bins/containers would be required to pay for additional bins at the current commercial waste charge per bin type and lift.

The application of the policy is premises or site specific and where a number of charity groups shared premises there is an entitlement to a single bin for each charity group free of collection costs.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is estimated that with the increases in charges, an additional income to the council from commercial collections will be approximately £6,000 in year 2003/2004 and £19,000 in a full year to November 2004. The 2003/04 Revenue Budget was finalised in the expectation that this income would be realised.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

There are no human rights issues arising as a consequence of this report.

7. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Director of Law and Administration have been consulted on the contents of this report.

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No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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