

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE - 26 SEPTEMBER 2000

COMMERCIAL WASTE - REVIEW OF CHARGES

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

**ABSTRACT**

This report brings forward proposals for increases in the charges for collection and disposal by the Council of commercial and industrial wastes and for increasing the charge for commercial and trade concerns depositing wastes at the Recycling Centres.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a) That the Committee agree the undernoted review of charges be applied from 1 December 2000, for commercial and industrial wastes uplifted by the Council:-

	£	£*
Two wheeled 240lt	1.31 (+ VAT) per lift	(1.02)
Four wheeled bins 1100/1280 lt	5.98 (+ VAT) per lift	(4.73)
Sacks	0.77 (+ VAT) per lift	(0.72)

- b) and that in the case of those commercial premises which in terms of the charging regulations may only be charged for collection, agree charges for collection as:-

	£
Two wheeled 240lt	1.05 (+ VAT) per lift
Four wheeled bins 1100/1280 lt	4.85 (+ VAT) per lift
Sacks	0.74 (+ VAT) per lift

- c) That the Committee agree the undernoted review of charges be applied from 1 December 2000 for mixed loads of commercial waste received at the Council Recycling Centres for disposal:-

	£	£*
Cars, car based vans	1.96 (+ VAT) per load	(1.03)
Medium vans under 3.5 tonnes GVW	8.97 (+VAT) per load	(4.73)
Trailers up to 2 tonnes GVW	8.97 (+ VAT) per load	(4.73)

and

No charge where the total load/item consists of uncontaminated materials acceptable by the Council for recycling.

- d) That the Committee agree to introduce the undernoted charges from 1 December 2000 for mixed loads of waste received at the Council's Recycling Centres for disposal:-

	£
Medium Vans under 3.5tonnes GVW	8.97 (+VAT) per load
Trailers of up to 2 tonnes GVW (two axle)	8.97 (+VAT) per load

And

No charge where the total load/item consists of uncontaminated materials acceptable by the Council for recycling.

\* Current charge shown in brackets.

**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 some 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. 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 2000. These new charges reflect the full costs to the Council in collecting trade wastes and as appropriate also the cost of disposal.

### **4. COMMERCIAL WASTE CHARGING - RECYCLING CENTRES**

While the Recycling Centres are an established facility for the use of householders, the Council in response to Report No 186/96 agreed that the Centres could be used by certain trade and business concerns for the depositing of wastes.

Certain limitations on vehicle types and sizes are covered by the policy, which limits entry to cars, car based vans, medium vans under 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight (GVW) and trailers up to 2 tonnes (GVW).

Agricultural and industrial tractors and trailers and lorries etc over 3.5 tonnes (GVW) are not permitted to use the centres.

Charges currently consist of a two vehicle type charging structure based on vehicle capacity allied to the near equivalent wheeled bin/container system/capacity used at commercial premises for wastes, that is,

- cars and car based vans - equate to 240 wheeled bins
- medium vans (Transit type) under 3.5T 1100lt containers
- trailers up to 2T – 1100lt container capacity

Experience over the past few years has indicated that the van capacities are generally considerably more than the above by approximately 50%. On this basis it is proposed that charges should reflect a literage allocation to van/trailer type and based on the unit charge per litre as with the wheel bin system, that is:-

- cars and car based vans - 360 lt
- medium vans (under 3.5T) - 1650 lt
- trailers up to 2T - 1650 lt

### **5. VAN WASTE CHARGING - RECYCLING CENTRES**

The Committee should also be aware that there has been a significant increase in the number of medium vans using the centres claiming the waste not to be from businesses but that the waste is from DIY or from own house clearout or garden.

Officers monitoring the situation are not convinced this is the case due to the number and frequency of return visits made by certain vans. The same can be said of heavy two axle commercial type trailers.

Generally these large vans and trailers are full of mixed wastes and bulky items. It is suggested that on the basis of the charges proposed for the medium van and trailer group, this, represents good value to those with a van full of waste to be disposed of.

The Director if the opinion that the charges should now be extended to all medium vans and two trailers from 1 December 2000 the date from which the reviewed charges become effective.

Advance notice of such arrangements will be publicised at the centres.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

It is estimated that with the increases in charges, the level of income to the Council from commercial collections will be in the order of £410,000 in this financial year.

Increases in charges to traders using the Recycling Centres will bring an estimated additional income of £4,000 in a full year.

The proposed charges are significantly higher than the previous year. This is due in part to a combination of higher transport costs and the ever increasing cost of disposal.

The level of increase is also affected by changes in the method of calculating the charge. This was in response to the Accounts Commission's report on benchmarking refuse collection and comment that Councils with an income of less than £45 per tonne were probably not recovering their costs of collecting and disposing of commercial refuse.

## **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 (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report).