

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE – 7 AUGUST 2001

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 introduces charges for glass collection.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- a) that the Committee agree the undernoted review of charges be applied from 1 December 2001, for commercial and industrial wastes uplifted by the Council:-

	£	£*
Two wheeled 240lt	1.37 (+ VAT) per lift	(1.31)
Four wheeled bins 1100/1280 lt	6.30 (+ VAT) per lift	(5.98)
Sacks	0.81 (+ VAT) per lift	(0.77)

- b) 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 to introduce the undernoted charge from 1 December 2001 for glass bottle collections from commercial services, pubs, hotels, catering etc.

Two wheeled 240lt	£10 (+ VAT) per bin/year
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* 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 to reflect the variable frequency of collection days on offer. 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 2001. These new charges reflect the full costs to the Council in collecting trade wastes and as appropriate, also the cost of disposal.

4. GLASS WASTE COLLECTION CHARGE

Angus Council recovers for recycling something in the order of 1,030 tonnes of glass per year. Some 650 tonnes is estimated to be collected from pubs, hotels and other commercial catering establishments – currently at no charge.

While this generates income to the Council and savings in disposal at landfill, this falls considerably short of the overall cost outlay involved in the physical collection, handling and dispatch to processor.

While the Council wish to encourage recycling, it has to be borne in mind that there is also a duty on the Council to charge for commercial wastes collected.

The charge of £10 per bin per year proposed reflects the collection cost element and as this is less than the normal commercial waste collection charge, should encourage glass recycling to continue.

The proposal to introduce this charge was agreed by Committee as part of this year's budget review.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The level of income to the Council from glass collection will be £8,000 in this financial year.

The proposed charge for commercial waste collection represents a 6% increase in the previous year.. This is due to a combination of higher transport costs and the increased costs of disposal.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

There are no human rights issues associated with 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 (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report).