

CABINET MEMBER FOR STREETPRIDE

Venue: Training Room (Rooms 3/4), **Date:** Monday, 19th July, 2010
3rd Floor Bailey House,
Rawmarsh Road,
Rotherham. S60 1TD

Time: 9.30 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006).
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Amending charges for provision of highway services (report attached) (Pages 1 - 5)
Bob Stock, Streetpride Principal Network Engineer, to report.
4. Car Parking Charges (report attached) (Pages 6 - 8)
Martin Beard, Parking Manager, to report.
5. Wheeled Bin Replacement Policy. (report attached) (Pages 9 - 14)
Adrian Gabriel, Waste Strategy Manager, to report.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Streetpride
2.	Date:	Monday 19 th July 2010
3.	Title:	Amending charges for provision of highway services.
4.	Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

For Cabinet Member to consider amending the current charges made for a range of highway services.

6. Recommendations

That the proposed revised charges for established highway services outlined in the report be adopted with effect from 1st September 2010.

7. Proposals and Details

The Council has powers under either the Highways Act 1980, New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (NRSWA) or the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 to charge for licences relating to highways and street works.

At the last review of charges, it was determined that none of the current charges in Rotherham are at the highest level in Yorkshire, and a further review now suggests that there is some limited scope for increases to help offset the costs of the Network Management service.

It is therefore proposed that the cost of a **NRSWA Section 50** licence is increased to £250, and the cost of a **Planned Road Closure** is increased to £725. Both of these revised charges remain at or about the average for Yorkshire.

Allied to these changes, a better inspection regime for street works enforcement will generate additional income from defect reinstatements to enable to retain other charges at the current level.

Recently, representations have been received from Parish Councils and voluntary organisations regarding the cost of road closures for community and sports events. Consideration is being given to a scheme which would allow for differential fees for these types of events, and a report will be brought to the September cycle of meetings on the outcome of the review.

8. Finance

The proposed increase in charges along with the enhanced inspection regime will generate an additional £10,000 in 2010/11.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There is a small risk that the proposed new charges may be resisted. However as the increased charges are not excessive and they still fall short of the highest charges in the Yorkshire region, it is felt that this resistance will be minimal.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The priority themes for Rotherham's Community Strategy:

Achieving: contribution towards the delivery of the South Yorkshire Congestion Delivery Plan, and helping to support new businesses.

Safe: contribution to a reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents in Rotherham, and towards a cleaner greener borough.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Local Transport Plan 2006-2011

Traffic Management Act 2004

Highways Act 1980

New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984

Appendix A – Table of comparative charges – Yorkshire region

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APPENDIX A

Key.

	Highest fees
	Lowest fees

Table of comparative prices for permits/licences – Yorkshire region.

Type of permit/licence	Hull CC	Barnsley MBC	East Riding	Bradford City	Calderdale MBC	Doncaster MBC	Kirklees MBC	Leeds City	North Yorkshire	Sheffield City	Wakefield City MDC	City of York Council	Rotherham MBC (existing)	Rotherham MBC (proposed)
Skip	£15 (7 days)	£10 (10 days)	£13 (14 days)	£5	£10	£12	£7.25	£15	£15	£7 (14 days)	£10 (14 days)	£22 (per month)	£10 (14 days)	£15 (14 days)
Container on Highway	£80 for 1 month; £48 for each subsequent month	No charge	£13 (14 days)	£5	£10	£130	Not allowed	£15	No charge	No charge		£22 (per month)	£10	£15
Building materials	£80 for 1 month; £48 for each subsequent month	No charge	£53 (28 days)	No charge	No charge	£130	Not allowed	£70	No charge	No charge	No charge	£5 (per day)	No charge	No charge
NRSA Sec 50 (private apparatus)	£305	£315	£260	£127.50	£120	£130	£201	£288	£84	£375	£175	£150	£205	£215
Road opening	-	-	£160	-	£115	-	-	£123	£89	£275	-	£150	£205	£215
Permanent vehicular crossing	£79	£50	£99	No charge	£16	£55	£106	£15	Not allowed	£70	£45	£41.50	£40	£42
Temporary vehicular crossing (no excavation)	£80 for 1 month; £48 for each subsequent month	£50	-	No charge	£115	£55	£106	-	-	£65	No charge	£150	£40	£75
Temporary vehicular crossing (with excavation)	£80 for 1 month; £48 for each subsequent month	£50	£99	£127.50	£115	£55	£106	-	£84	£65	£45	£150	£40	£75
Hoarding	£80 for 1 month; £48 for each subsequent month	£110	£80	£25	£115	£130	£66	£119 + £49 monthly inspection	No charge	£80 (per street)	£65	£48 for first four weeks, £27.00 for each four week extension	£100	£115 for first street; £50 for each additional street

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Scaffolding	£80 for 1 month; £48 for each subsequent month	£110	£80	£25	£115	£130	£66	£70	No charge	£50 Domestic. £90 commercial up to 10m length; £160 over 10m length	£65	£48 for first four weeks, £27.00 for each four week extension	£100	£115
Mobile scaffolding	£56 for 1 day; £80 for 1 month; £48 for each subsequent month	£110	£80	£25	£115	£130	£66	£70	No charge	No charge	No charge	£48 for first four weeks, £27.00 for each four week extension	No charge	£115
Planned road closures.	£550	£640	£735	£1000	£625	£540	£690	£448 + advertising costs	-	£1900 (includes advertisement fees)	£600	£320 + advertising costs	£660 (includes advertisement fees)	£700 (includes advertisement fees)
Emergency road closures	-	£220	£460	-	£625	-	-	£355	-	£650	-	£320	£550	£575
Consideration of placing chairs and tables on the highway (Cafe Culture)	-	-	£300 6 months £550 12 months (planning permission may also be required at £265)	-	-	-	-	-	-	£80	£300 for first 15m ² and £100 for each additional m ² ; annual fee 50% of original fee	N/A	£60	£100 for 12 months
Consideration to place structures over the highway; rails and beams etc	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£80	-	-	No Charge	£100
Consideration to place refreshment facility (fast food vehicle / trailer)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No Charge	£42 for 12 months

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Streetpride
2.	Date:	19th July, 2010
3.	Title:	Car Parking Charges
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Service

5. Summary

This report proposes that on-street and off-street car parking charges are increased, generally, by 10%.

6. Recommendations

That Cabinet Member is asked to resolve that the proposed charges detailed in this report are implemented with effect from 30th September 2010.

7. Proposals and Details

At a Delegated Powers Meeting of 1st March 2010 it was resolved to review charges by September of this year. It is now proposed that the charges for parking in on-street pay and display bays and off-street car parks are increased by an average of 10% in order to offset the costs of operating the service. These changes would take place from September of this year.

Proposed Charges

On-street Parking Charges (inner town centre)

Duration	Current Charge	Proposed Charge (from September 2010)
30 minutes	£0.50	£0.60
60 minutes	£1.00	£1.10
120 minutes	£2.50	£2.80

On-street Parking Charges (outer town centre)

Duration	Current Charge	Proposed Charge (from September 2010)
30 minutes	£0.20	£0.20
60 minutes	£0.50	£0.60
120 minutes	£1.00	£1.10
240 minutes	£1.50	£1.60
Over 4 hours	£2.00	£2.20

Off-street Parking Charges

Location	Duration (Mon-Fri)	Current Charge	Proposed Charge (from September 2010)
St Ann's / York Road	All Day (long stay)	£1.80	£2.00
Wellgate multi-storey car park and Town Centre Pay & Display Surface Car Parks	Up to 2 hours	£1.20	£1.30
	Up to 4 hours	£2.80	£3.00
	Over 4 hours	£6.50	£7.00
Riverside Car Park (off Corporation street)	60 minutes	£0.50	£0.60
	120 minutes	£1.00	£1.10
	240 minutes	£2.00	£2.20
	Over 4 hours	£3.00	£3.30
Wellgate North	30 minutes	£0.50	£0.60
	60 minutes	£1.00	£1.10

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Wellgate Multi-Storey Car Park Permits (Public)

Duration	Current Charge	Proposed Charge (from September 2010)
1 month	£80.00	£90.00
2 months	£120.00	£130.00
3 months	£160.00	£175.00

8. Finance

The proposed prices will increase the income to Parking Services by approximately £30k.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There is a risk of a level of resistance to the increased charges; there is currently pressure from individuals and organisations such as the Rotherham Chamber to consider lower charges.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The proposals will mean that prices remain in accordance with the policy to discourage long-stay parking by means of a tariff which is more expensive on a pro-rata basis for long-stay, thus making more spaces available for short stay shoppers and business users.

The proposed price structure will help to support aims of the Local Transport Plan, in that they can significantly influence modal shift, and they help to encourage short stay parking and discourage long term “commuter” parking.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

No statutory consultation is required to maintain current charges.

The Transportation Unit has been consulted and supports the recommendations in this report.

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO DMT

1. Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Streetpride
2. Date:	19th July 2010
3. Title:	Wheeled Bin Replacement Policy
4. Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

Since wheeled bins were introduced there has been no review of the policy for replacements; this report proposes options for charging for consideration by Members. Recovering some of the cost for the provision of waste containers will enable the council to maintain services.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member is asked resolve that:

- 1. The option(s) and exemptions to charge for the provision of waste containers as contained in the report are adopted;**
- 2. The charges are implemented as soon as possible, but not later than end of September 2010;**
- 3. That charges are based on the principle of pre-payment for the service; and**
- 4. That a further report on the impact of the policy be made to Cabinet Member after 6 months.**

7. Proposals and Details

Since the introduction of wheeled bins in Rotherham there has been no review of policy with regards to charging for the replacement of refuse containers. This report contains options for charging for Members' consideration.

Current situation

The Council sets out its wheeled bin policy under the legislation contained in Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Section 46 provides that the local authority can define the kind, number and size of waste receptacles. The receptacles can be provided free of charge (single or periodic payment) or require the occupier to provide them. The occupier may be required to provide them himself if he does not agree to purchase them from the Council (as long as they conform fully to the Council specifications).

Households in Rotherham are currently provided with:

- 240 litre black bin (for residual waste)
- 240 litre green bin (for green waste)
- 50 litre blue box (for bottles, jars, cans, textiles, aluminium foil, and shoes)
- 35 litre blue bag (for waste paper recycling)

Multi Occupancy dwellings have:

either

- 1100 litre eurobin (for residual waste)
- or
- 240 litre black bin (for residual waste)

and

- 240 litre green bin (for green waste)
- 50 litre blue box / blue multi material bag (for bottles, jars, cans, textiles, aluminium foil, and shoes)
- 35 litre blue bag (for waste paper recycling)

If a wheeled bin or recycling container is lost, stolen or damaged a new container is provided free of charge (this includes free delivery).

A benchmarking exercise has been carried out with other Council's. Appendix 1 summarises other Council's arrangements. The main points of the analysis show:

- Half of the Councils charge occupiers of new build properties for waste containers.
- Some of the Councils charge residents for black 240 litre bins.
- No Councils charge for green 240 litre bins or recycling containers.
- One Council charges for waste container delivery only.

Options

Option	Detail
1	<i>Charge occupiers of new developments for refuse and recycling containers (includes delivery).</i>
2	<i>Charge for 240 litre black wheeled bins. (includes delivery).</i>
3	<i>Charge for 240 litre green wheeled bins. (includes delivery).</i>
4	<i>Charge for new blue boxes (includes delivery).</i>
5	<i>Charge for new blue bags (includes postage).</i>
6	<i>Charge for delivery only of green wheeled bin, but residents can collect free of charge from the depot.</i>

It is recommended that charges are introduced for options **1, 2 and 6** above.

For the options detailed above the following exemptions could be applied

Exemption	Category
1	Fired bins
2	Stolen bins
3	Damaged bins (by RMBC)
4	Extra 140 Litre residual bin for large families
5	Rothercard (50% discount on bin and delivery)

Requests to replace Stolen Bins would need to be supported by a police incident number.

For those containers where a charge is applied, Developers/Residents would have a choice to provide their own refuse containers as long as they conform fully to the Council specifications.

Note: the Council already charges for the provision of compost bins.

8. Finance

Charging residents for wheeled bins would generate income for the Council and assist in maintaining waste management services. Charging for wheeled bins would also assist in making the Council finances more sustainable. Delivery cost for refuse containers would be £8 for one to four items, and the service would be prepaid. Delivery would be within 10 working days of payment. There would be additional costs incurred in setting up payment systems and setting up a new process in the Streetpride call centre for the new arrangements and there would also be increased call volumes. The estimated cost for setting up this new arrangement has not yet been established. The potential annual income from the above options is detailed below:

Option	Detail	2009/10 number of requests	Cost	Income per annum
1	Charge for provision of refuse and recycling containers to new properties & developments 240 litre 1100 litre	372)) 43)	£57)) £ 294)	£ 34,000
2	Charge for replacement 240 litre and 140 litre black bin for residual waste (includes delivery). 240 litre 140 litre	3439)) 645)	£30)) £27)	£ 121,000
6	Charge for delivery only, but residents can collect free of charge from the depot.	Est 2740	£8	£ 21,920

The financial effect of the exemptions is detailed below:

Exemption	Category	Reduced income per annum
1	Fired bins	£4,000
2	Stolen bins	£ 44,000
3	Damaged bins (by RMBC)	£ 22,000
4	Extra 140 Litre residual bin for large families	£ 17,000
5	Rothercard (50% discount on 240 litre bin and delivery)	£ 2,000

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Charging residents for wheeled bins will present a number of issues for the Council, there may be an increase in anti social behaviour if residents decide not to purchase a bin and fly tip their waste. There could also be enforcement issues with respect to fly tipping. Internal resource issues may be encountered in providing additional customer service facilities. Implementation of this new charging regime is dependent upon RBT devising a payment process, should there be any delay beyond September 2010 the net income to the Council would be reduced.

Residents may also chose not to buy their waste containers from the Council (this may have an effect on the projected income).

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

This policy will assist the Council's finances in becoming more sustainable and help to maintain waste management services. It may have an adverse affect on Rotherham's Municipal Waste Management Strategy by reducing local resident's support of Rotherham's recycling schemes, which to date have proved very successful. It may also have an adverse impact on the Yorkshire and Humber Environmental Sustainability Index.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Waste Strategy for England 2007

Rotherham Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2005 - 2010

Yorkshire and Humber Environmental Sustainability Index.

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Appendix 1

Benchmarking results from Council Feedback

Council	Charge for wheelie bins?	New build properties	Domestic Properties
Bradford	Yes new build properties	240L / 1100 L residual waste bins. Builders buy their own.	No charge (only if they want an additional bin due to Alternate Week Collection scheme) .
Wakefield	Yes new build properties	240L £40.00 1100 L £ 325.00 residual waste bins. If the bin is stolen replacement bins free. (includes delivery)	No charge.
Kirklees	Yes new build properties	1100 L £ 250.00 residual waste bins. Replacement bins free. (includes delivery)	No charge
Barnsley	Yes residents for Wheelie bin delivery	240 L residual waste bins. (recycling containers free)	Yes £15 delivery Free collection from depot.
Oldham	Yes	240 L residual waste bin. (recycling containers free)	Yes When residents move into a new property. Also when a residual waste bin goes missing the first time it is replaced free. If it goes missing again there is a charge. 240 L residual waste bin £ 42.30
Calderdale	No		
Sheffield	No		