

CABINET MEMBER FOR SAFE AND ATTRACTIVE NEIGHBOURHOODS

Venue: Town Hall,
The Crofts,
Moorgate Street,
Rotherham S60 2TH

Date: Friday, 18th February, 2011

Time: 10.30 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. Clinical Waste Collection - Price Review (Pages 1 - 6)
4. Bulky Items and Special Collections: Price Review 2011/12 (Pages 7 - 11)
5. Exclusion of the Press and Public
Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended March 2006) to the Local Government Act 1972 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the Council)).
6. Homelessness Prevention and Under Occupancy Grants (Pages 12 - 24)

(The Chairman authorised consideration of the following item to enable the work to take place.)

7. New Council Houses (Pages 25 - 28)
(Exempt under Paragraph 3 of the Act - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the Council))

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods
2.	Date:	18th February, 2011
3.	Title:	Clinical Waste Collection – Internal Customers: Price Review 2011/12
4.	Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

- 5.1** This report presents the proposed fees and charges for the Collection of Clinical Waste from other Council Directorates and Departments.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 CABINET MEMBER FOR SAFE AND ATTRACTIVE NEIGHBOURHOODS IS REQUESTED TO APPROVE:**

- A). THE PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES FOR IMPLEMENTATION FROM 1ST APRIL 2011**

7. Proposals and Details

- 7.1** The clinical waste service concentrates our resources towards meeting our statutory duty to provide a quality service to the increasing number of householders receiving healthcare at home and also continue to offer internal customers with the choice of either using our service or one in the private sector.
- 7.2** The prices charged to other Council Directorates and Departments (including schools, day centres, etc.) for the Collection of Clinical Waste have been reviewed to take account of the increasing cost of treating and disposing of clinical waste. During the previous year our provider for Hazardous Clinical Waste treatment has increased its charges from £666 per tonne to £722 per tonne. We have no alternative but to carry on with the current provider for Hazardous Clinical Waste treatment as they hold a virtual monopoly within the local area.

8. Finance

- 8.1** The proposed fees and charges for the service provided to internal customers are intended to fully recover all operational, including treatment and disposal costs.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

- 9.1** The level of fees and charges set has a direct implication on both existing and new internal customers. Competition from the private sector may lead to some internal customers deciding to use private healthcare collection companies.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

- 10.1** The service provided contributes towards the themes and priorities of “Rotherham Safe” and the crosscutting “Sustainable Development” theme.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

- 11.1** APPENDIX 1 – Proposed Scale of Charges for Commercial Clinical Waste Collection from other Council Directorates and Departments – 2011/12

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Environment and Development Services

Clinical Waste Collection

Price Review 2011/2012

Collection Charge (applied per premise per occasion)

Based on Refuse Collection Contract Day Works Schedule

Item 58	Driver Non - LGV	£	11.34	per hour
Item 81	Light Van	£	16.21	per hour
		£	27.55	per hour

Allow 8 minutes per collection - travel to/from location **£ 3.67**

Provision of Container

	Purchase	Store (13%)	Total
Clinical Waste Sacks	£ 0.13	£ 0.02	£ 0.15
Sharps Container (0.645 litre) - small	£ 0.65	£ 0.08	£ 0.80
Sharps Container (1.630 litre) - medium	£ 1.51	£ 0.20	£ 1.88
Sharps Container (6.000 litre) - large	£ 5.11	£ 0.66	£ 6.34

Disposal of Waste

	2009/10 level	previous disp/tonne	SRCL disp/tonne	2007/08 level
Clinical Waste Sacks	£ 3.95	£ 666	£ 722	£ 4.28
Sharps Container (0.645 litre) - small	£ 4.76	£ 666	£ 722	£ 5.16
Sharps Container (1.630 litre) - medium	£ 11.99	£ 666	£ 722	£ 13.00
Sharps Container (6.000 litre) - large	£ 16.39	£ 666	£ 722	£ 17.77

Hazardous Waste Consignment Notes

Between Producer - RMBC	£ -
Between RMBC - White Rose	£ 19.20
	£ 19.20
Administration @20%	£ 3.84
	£ 23.04

Proposed 2011/12 Price
£ 3.67
£0.17
£ 2.46
£ 3.11
£ 6.34
£ 4.28
£ 5.16
£ 13.00
£ 17.77
£ 23.04

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Proposed Scale of Charges for Commercial Waste Collection from Other Council Directorates and Departments - 2011/12

Item	Unit	Proposed Charge	Previous Charge
Collection Charge	per occasion	£ 3.67	£ 3.61
Provision of Container			
Clinical Waste Sack	per container	£ 0.17	£ 0.16
Sharps Container (0.645 litre) - Small	per container	£ 2.46	£ 2.26
Sharps Container (1.630 litre) - Medium	per container	£ 3.11	£ 2.83
Sharps Container (6.000 litre) - Large	per container	£ 6.34	£ 5.77
Disposal of Waste			
Clinical Waste Sack	per container	£ 4.28	£ 3.95
Sharps Container (0.645 litre) - Small	per container	£ 5.16	£ 4.76
Sharps Container (1.630 litre) - Medium	per container	£ 13.00	£ 11.99
Sharps Container (6.000 litre) - Large	per container	£ 17.77	£ 16.39
Hazardous Waste Consignment Notes	per collection	£ 23.04	£ 18.70

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods
2.	Date:	18th February, 2011
3.	Title:	Bulky Items and Special Collections: Price Review 2011/12
4.	Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

- 5.1** This report outlines the prices to be charged to customers for the collection and disposal of bulky items and special collections from households with effect from 1st. April 2011.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 CABINET MEMBER FOR SAFE AND ATTRACTIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD IS REQUESTED TO APPROVE:**
- A). THE PROPOSED PRICE CHANGES FOR THE STANDARD COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF BULKY ITEMS FROM HOUSEHOLDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION FROM 1ST APRIL 2011.**
- B). THE PROPOSED PRICE CHANGES FOR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION FROM 1ST APRIL 2011.**

- 7.1 The Council has a statutory duty to collect household waste and if requested by the occupier of a premise to do so, may make a reasonable charge for the collection of bulky items. This price review takes account of the costs to be incurred by the Council during the review period, including the effect of inflation and the Government's announced increase in Landfill Tax by a further £8 per tonne to £56 per tonne.
- 7.2 In setting our prices for 2011/12 it is important that we do not suppress demand for the service.
- 7.3 All "white goods" and "cathode ray tubes (CRT's)", collected on the service (including fridges, cookers, televisions and computer monitors) are segregated and taken to our Household Waste Recycling Centres for processing and recycling
- 7.4 The full implementation of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations on 1 July 2007 has increased the number of items which can no longer be sent to landfill. The requirement to segregate more waste adds to collection costs, but the implementation of the WEEE Directive and the "producer pays" principle reduces our processing costs. All our Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC's) are now registered as Designated Collection Facilities (DCF's) for WEEE. An agreement has been made with a Producer Compliance Scheme (PCS) which now meets the processing costs for fridges and televisions previously paid for by the Council.
- 7.5 The WEEE savings do not fully offset the costs associated with the service, therefore **it is proposed that prices are increased by 5% with effect from 1st April 2011.**
- 7.6 The WEEE savings do not extend to Special Collections (DIY waste, House Clearances, etc). Inflation and Landfill Tax increases in the subsequent years means it is not possible to continue to hold these prices at the 2010/11 level. **It is, therefore, proposed that the price charged to customers for Special Collections is increased by 10%.** Full details of these charges are included in Appendix 1.
- 7.7 It is recognised that specific members of our community may still find the charges difficult to bear. Therefore, a discounted price will continue to be offered to Rothercard holders at 50% of the normal rate.

8. Finance

- 8.1 The revised charges made to customers are intended to continue to meet the full costs incurred by the Council in providing the service.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

- 9.1 The list of waste items requiring separate collection is likely to increase in the future. The Bulky Items Collection Service provides the opportunity to segregate such waste items at source and contribute towards achieving our targets for landfill avoidance.

- 9.2** Demand for the Bulky Items Collection Service is price sensitive. A too high charge for the service may lead to some individuals considering alternative ways of dealing with their bulky items of waste, which at worst, may include illegal methods of disposal. Such illegal methods may include fly tipping. An increase in the incidence of fly tipping would undermine our aim to work with the community to maintain and improve the street scene to a standard which promotes civic pride and community responsibility.
- 9.3** Benchmarking exercises have been conducted with other authorities to show direct comparison to charges of bulky waste collections. Details and charges highlighted in comparison table Appendix 2

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

- 10.1** The Bulky Items Collection Service provides a convenient means by which householders without their own transport (and not able to access our Household Waste Recycling Centres) are able to dispose of their bulky items of waste. A discounted price is offered through Rothercard to assist those with less resource. This follows the Corporate Cross Cutting Theme of “Fairness” by providing open and accessible services.
- 10.2** The collection of bulky items contributes towards providing clean, green and well maintained neighbourhoods and is complementary to the Corporate Priority Theme “Rotherham Safe”.
- 10.3** All “white goods” and “cathode ray tubes (CRT’s)”, collected on the service (including fridges, cookers, televisions and computer monitors) are segregated and taken to our Household Waste Recycling Centres for processing and recycling. This reduces input to landfill, recycles more and is a positive development in achieving sustainable methods of waste management.
- 10.4** All household items collected and segregated for recycling count towards our recycling targets and contribute towards increasing our rating for *NI192* “Percentage of Household Waste Recycled.”

11. Background Papers and Consultation

- 11.1** APPENDIX 1 – Proposed Scale of Charges for Bulky Items and Special Collections of Household Waste – 2011/12
- 11.2** APPENDIX 2 – Bulky Items Collection Service – Benchmarking Information.

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Bulky items & Special Collections - Price Review 2011/2012

Comparison with neighbouring Local Authorities

Local Authority	Standard Collection (based on up to three items unless otherwise stated)	Based upon Financial Year:
Sheffield (up to 10 items)	£39.36	Increased 12/01/11
Sheffield (up to 10 items) Concession	£15.32	Increased 12/01/11
Bassetlaw (up to 9 items)	£5.00 per item	2010/2011
Rotherham (proposed)	£21.00	2011/2012(proposed)
Rotherham (proposed) Rothercard	£10.50	2011/2012(proposed)
Doncaster (up to 8 items)	£21.63	2010/2011
Doncaster (up to 8 items) Benefit Conces	£5.41	2010/2011
Barnsley (4 items)	£10.00	2010/2011

COLLECTION OF BULKY ITEMS OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE
Proposed charges to be effective from 1: 1st April 2011

CATEGORY	TYPICAL ITEMS INCLUDE	PROPOSED CHARGE	PREVIOUS CHARGE
Household furniture & Domestic appliances <i>STANDARD COLLECTION</i>	Wardrobe Chair Table Bed 3 Piece Suite Fridge / Freezer Cooker Washing Machine Fire Television Carpet Underfelt Vacuum Cleaner	£21 per order (up to 3 items) £10.50 per order (up to 3 items) for Rothercard holders thereafter an additional £15 for each further 3 items up to a maximum of nine items	£20 per order (up to 3 items) £10 per order (up to 3 items) for Rothercard Holders. thereafter an addit'l £15 for each further 3 items up to a maximum of 9 items
Garden / Recreational Equipment <i>STANDARD COLLECTION</i>	Lawnmower Bicycle Children's Slide Children's Swing Pram Wheel Barrow Garden Furniture	£21 per order (up to 3 items) £10.50 per order (up to 3 items) for Rothercard holders thereafter an additional £15 for each further 3 items up to a maximum of nine items	£20 per order (up to 3 items) £10 per order (up to 3 items) for Rothercard Holders. thereafter an addit'l £15 for each further 3 items up to a maximum of 9 items
D.I.Y. Items	Bath Wash Basin Sink Unit Door Toilet Window Frame Boiler	£39.93 per order (up to 3 items) thereafter an additional £25 for each further 3 items up to a maximum of nine items	£36.30 per order (up to 3 items) thereafter an addit'l £25 for each further 3 items up to a maximum of 9 items
Plastic Sacks	Excluding Soil, Rubble, etc.	£39.93 per order (up to 10 sacks maximum)	£36.30 per order (up to 10 sacks maximum)
House Clearances (ten items or above)	Removal of items stored neatly outside the property	£181.50 per order	£165 per order
Buildings, Building Materials (for asbestos, a licensed asbestos removal company should be used)	Sheds Garden Waste Fencing Fall Pipe Garages Bricks Fireplace Rubble Timber Guttering	To be inspected and priced individually	To be inspected and priced individually

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