

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

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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