

**Report of: Business Officer**

**Report to: Chief Officer Waste Management**

**Date: 04 July 2019**

**Subject: Prices for Waste Disposal at Transfer Stations**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## Summary of main issues

- 1 Trade waste disposal charges have been reviewed and increased in line with latest contract prices for waste disposal and an increase of £2.40 per tonne for landfill tax.
- 2 The revised charges will be implemented from 6 September 2019. The charges are reasonable, competitive, cover the full costs of waste disposal and provide a contribution to operational overheads.

## Recommendations

- 1 The Deputy Chief Officer of Waste Management is recommended to approve the charges as set out in Appendix 1.
- 1 **Purpose of this report**
  - 1.1 To approve annual changes to waste disposal charges at Kirkstall and East Leeds Transfer Stations. These changes will reflect the current market/contractual rates for disposal of the different material types and the revised cost of landfill tax.
- 2 **Background information**
  - 2.1 A revised and simplified pricing structure was introduced in April 2013. This sought to encourage small businesses and traders to use the facilities offered by the Council.

2.2 The simplified pricing sought to ensure the Council covered its external costs of disposal (mainly landfill tax and relevant disposal gate fees) as well as making a contribution to the operational costs of the two transfer stations.

2.3 This report proposes to update charges from 6 September 2019.

### **3 Main issues**

3.1 The cost of landfill tax on residual waste will increase by £2.40/tonne to £91.35 per tonne in line with the government landfill tax increase on 1 April 2019.

3.2 Gate fees for disposal have increased from the 2018/19 prices in line with inflation by ~3%.

3.3 Inert waste is subject to a lower rate of landfill tax of £2.90 per tonne and the charges to customers reflect this. However, should the material be contaminated, then the rate of disposal for this material will revert to that of general waste.

3.4 A new schedule of prices is set out in Appendix 1 for all waste types.

### **4 Corporate Considerations**

#### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement.**

#### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

4.2.1 An Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration screening for the proposed charges has been carried out and this concludes that an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required.

#### **4.3 Council policies and City Priorities**

4.3.1 The charges have been set with the intention to recover the full cost of the disposal of waste and also a contribution to the operating overheads of the transfer stations. This is in line with the Council's approved fees and charges policy.

4.3.2 Dealing with the City's waste is a key Council priority.

4.3.3 In line with current legislation charities that deliver materials classified as 'household waste' are afforded free disposal at the transfer station.

4.3.4 Landlords registered with the Leeds Rental Standard will continue to receive some waste disposal concessions for certain tenant generated household waste (see Appendix 1).

#### **4.4 Resources and value for money**

4.4.1 The charges set out in the report are designed to encourage small and medium sized business to continue to use the Council's transfer stations and make it easier for them to recycle and dispose of their waste.

4.4.2 Total external income in 2018/19 was approximately £544k

#### **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

4.5.1 This is a significant operational decision and is not subject to call in.

#### **4.6 Risk Management**

- 4.6.1 Prices are being increased by revised landfill tax fees and inflation. This will have a minimal impact on overall gate fee and should not affect customer numbers.

## **5 Conclusions**

- 5.1 A small rise in charges to reflect new landfill tax charges and inflation mean that prices are still competitive and the sites will continue to attract customers from small businesses whilst continuing to cover the cost of waste disposal and contribute towards operational overheads.

## **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 The Deputy Chief Officer Waste Management is recommended to approve the charges as set out in Appendix 1

## **7 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

- 7.1 None

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

## Appendix 1

### 2019/20 Charges for Waste Disposal

Waste Type	Gate/t (£)	LFT/t (£)	Handling / Transport (£)	Total/tonne (£)	Min 0.2t (£)
<b>Landfilled Waste</b>					
General**	21.80 (21.15)	91.35 (88.95)	23.10 (22.00)	136.25 (132.10)	45.73 (44.02)
Inert (Rubble)**	10.30 (10.00)	2.90 (2.80)	23.10 (22.00)	36.30 (34.80)	25.74 (24.56)
Asbestos (LCC Unit only)	33.10 (32.10)	91.35 (88.95)	23.10 (22.00)	147.55 (143.05)	47.99 (46.21)
Small Business General Waste 25kg Bag. Max 5 bags per visit	1.50 (1.50)	2.22 (2.22)	0.58 (0.55)	4.30 (4.30)	4.30 (4.30)
<b>Recyclables</b>					
Cardboard/Paper	0.00 0.00	0.00	23.10 (22.00)	23.10 (22.00)	23.10 (22.00)
Garden	22.20 (21.55)	0.00	23.10 (22.00)	45.30 (43.55)	27.54 (26.31)
Mixed Recyclables	26.60 (25.86)	0.00	23.10 (22.00)	49.70 (47.86)	28.42 (27.17)
Plasterboard**	76.60 (74.40)	0.00	23.10 (22.00)	99.70 (96.40)	38.42 (36.88)
Wood	16.40 (15.94)	0.00	23.10 (22.00)	39.50 (37.94)	26.38 (25.19)
Mixed Construction and demolition waste**	22.40 (21.71)	2.90 (2.80)	23.10 (22.00)	48.40 (46.51)	28.16 (26.90)
WEEE – Fridges Domestic**	12.00 (11.00)	0.00	23.00 (22.00)	35.00/unit (33.00/unit)	
WEEE – Fridges Trade**	23.00 (22.00)	0.00	23.00 (22.00)	46.00/unit (44.00/unit)	
WEEE –TVs**	23.00 (22.00)	0.00	23.00 (22.00)	46.00/unit (44.00/unit)	
WEEE –Tubes**	2.60 (2.50)	0.00	23.00 (22.00)	25.60/unit (24.50/unit)	
Small domestic electricals: kitchen appliances, computer equipment (exc. monitors) microwaves etc. Max of 200kg.	113.30 (110.00)	0.00	0.00	113.30 (110.00)	22.00kgs Max
Weighbridge				11.60 (11.00)	

2018/19 charges shown in brackets

\*\* Chargeable to landlords on the Leeds Rental Standard. Most other waste types are free of charge.