

## **ENVIRONMENT AND COASTAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION – 24 JANUARY 2022**

### **2022-23 FEES AND CHARGES – WASTE AND RECYCLING**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

As part of the annual review of budgets, decisions are required to agree any non-statutory fees and charges for the forthcoming financial year.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

The decisions over fees and charges must be within the constraints of the overall financial framework and the medium-term financial plan. At the same time, decision making regarding the fees and charges must reflect a 'commercial' environment where there is a need to react swiftly and proactively to changing conditions. As a result, power to agree fees and charges, or to make formal arrangements for the setting of fees and charges within a Portfolio, is delegated to the Portfolio Holder.

#### **3. PROPOSED CHANGES**

##### *3.1 Refuse sacks*

The proposed increases in appendix 1, of c5%, for the sale of black and clear recycling sacks, reflect recent increases in the price of raw materials which have led to an increase purchase cost for the Council

##### *3.2 Garden waste collections*

From April 1<sup>st</sup>, garden waste subscription fees will increase by between 3.8% to 5.7% (see appendix 1), depending on the number of bags required and the point at which a customer joins the scheme.

These increases are in line with inflation. When compared with other councils, New Forest is still among the lowest fees, with the average minimum charge across 10 Hampshire Councils and two in Dorset currently being £50.60.

The garden waste service was significantly disrupted during 2021-22 due to staff shortages. For this reason, existing customers who re-subscribe to the service for 2022-23 will receive a discounted rate. This will be communicated directly to all those affected in February 2022.

##### *3.3 Special Collections*

This service collects bulky items such as furniture and white goods. Fee increases are shown in appendix 1. These increases are in line with inflation and rounded to the nearest £1.00 or £0.50 in the case of additional items. This service continues to offer very good value to customers, with prices in NFDC being among the lowest in Hampshire.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The proposals in this report equate to a projected combined increase in income of £45k. Any financial implications will have been or will be reported as part of ongoing budgetary control.

#### **5. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

The garden waste service diverts waste from incineration by composting the garden waste within Hampshire. The service is provided at £1.48 per collection which encourages good resident take-up to this service.

Bulky waste is the only waste stream collected within NFDC that is sent directly to landfill. Customers requesting the bulky waste service are advised of other potential outlets for their bulky waste, e.g. charities who may collect and reuse items, to prevent them going to landfill.

#### **6. CRIME & DISORDER AND EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **7. RECOMMENDATION**

That the fees and charges attached in Appendix 1, be agreed and adopted from the dates shown.

#### **8. Portfolio Holder's endorsement**

**I have agreed to the recommendation of this report.**

**Sign: Cllr Steve Davies**

**Date: 24 January 2022**

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Date on which notice given of this Decision – 24 January 2022

Last date for call in – 31 January 2022

## Appendix 1

| <b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; COASTAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO</b>   |  |                  |                       |                        |                 |                 |
|---|--|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2022/23</b>   |  |                  |                       |                        |                 |                 |
|   |  |                  | <b>Current Charge</b> | <b>Proposed Charge</b> | <b>Increase</b> | <b>Increase</b> |
|   |  |                  | <b>2021/22</b>        | <b>2022/23</b>         |                 |                 |
|   |  |                  | <b>£</b>              | <b>£</b>               | <b>£</b>        | <b>%</b>        |
| <b>REFUSE SACKS</b>   |  |                  |                       |                        |                 |                 |
| <b>Domestic Sacks*</b>  | <b>Black</b>   | Per roll (of 26) | 5.20                  | 5.45                   | 0.25            | 4.8             |
|   | <b>Clear</b>   | Per roll (of 36) | 2.00                  | 2.10                   | 0.10            | 5.0             |
| <b>GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION FOR COMPOSTING*</b>  |  |                  |                       |                        |                 |                 |
| Note - customers in 21/22 will receive a discount on their 22/23 full year subscription price if they renew their subscription. This is to compensate customers for the disrupted garden waste service in 2021-22 |  |                  |                       |                        |                 |                 |
| Collection charge for 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 for 1 reusable sack   |  |                  | 35.00                 | 37.00                  | 2.00            | 5.7             |
| Collection charge for 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 each additional sack  |  |                  | 18.00                 | 19.00                  | 1.00            | 5.6             |
| 9 month charge from 1st July for 1 reusable sack  |  |                  | 30.00                 | 31.50                  | 1.50            | 5.0             |
| 9 month charge from 1st July for each additional sack   |  |                  | 16.00                 | 16.50                  | 0.50            | 3.1             |
| 6 month charge from 1st October for 1 reusable sack   |  |                  | 24.00                 | 25.00                  | 1.00            | 4.2             |
| 6 month charge from 1st October for each additional sack  |  |                  | 13.00                 | 13.50                  | 0.50            | 3.8             |
| <b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS*</b>   |  |                  |                       |                        |                 |                 |
| Special Collection (1 item)   |  |                  | 32.00                 | 34.00                  | 2.00            | 6.3             |
| extra items (per item - maximum of eight)   |  |                  | 8.00                  | 8.50                   | 0.50            | 6.3             |
| 1 free collection up to 3 items per household claiming benefits   |  |                  |                       |                        |                 |                 |
| #   | 48 hours notice must be given to qualify for refund. |                  |                       |                        |                 |                 |
| <b>NOTE:</b> VAT. Charges are exclusive of VAT.   |  |                  |                       |                        |                 |                 |
| Charges which are zero rated or not subject to VAT are marked * either individually or by service.  |  |                  |                       |                        |                 |                 |