

**Deputy Leader and portfolio for Communities,
Environment and Enterprise**

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DLC15(12/13)**

**Review of fees and charges for
Trade Waste at Waste Transfer Stations and for
Strategic Planning**

**Key Decision:
Yes**

June 2012

Part I

**Report by Director of Communities and
Infrastructure**

**Electoral
Divisions: All**

Executive Summary

Trade waste a waste transfer stations

In April 2004, Viridor commenced the Recycling and Waste Handling Contract. A key part of this contract is the management and operation of the County Council's waste transfer stations, including trade waste or recyclables brought into the facilities at Burgess Hill, Westhampnett, Crawley, East Grinstead and Lancing.

In 2011/12, the County Council accepted approximately 1000 tonnes at its trade wastes facilities. The trade waste charge covers the costs of the Viridor handling charge at the transfer stations, in addition to the costs associated with transport, landfill tax and disposal of the waste.

This report proposes an increase in trade waste charges at the transfer stations to reflect inflationary contract/landfill cost increases and increased landfill tax.

Strategic Planning - see paragraph 1

Recommendations

(1) That the revised charges for commercial waste and recycling, as detailed in Table 1, be introduced during the financial year 2012/2013.

(2) That subject to approval, some fees and charges for Strategic Planning will be introduced either during 2012/2013 or in April 2013.

1. Strategic Planning

The Strategic Planning Business Unit was created as part of the full service restructure that was undertaken in early 2011. As part of that restructure, fees and charges were reviewed in January 2011 and some changes were made to contribute towards the associated savings target, with implementation from April 2011. No changes were made in April 2012 but it is proposed that existing fees and charges will be reviewed at the start of 2013 with a view to implementation in April 2013 (subject to approval).

In addition, the introduction of new fees and charges is currently being considered as set out in Appendix (2), in some cases as part of the review of those service areas. Therefore, subject to approval, some new fees or charges may be introduced either during 2012/13 or in April 2013.

2. Trade waste a waste transfer stations

2.1 Background

2.2 In addition to its statutory duties, the County Council makes arrangements at its waste transfer stations to accommodate direct deliveries of certain trade wastes from small/medium size enterprises (SMEs). This service is offered on the basis that the charges reflect the corresponding overall costs incurred such as handling, transport and landfill or recycling costs and do not unfairly compete with those levied at alternative commercially operated facilities.

3. Discussion

3.1 There is no statutory requirement to accept trade wastes (other than that collected by the WCAs) at the facilities provided by the County Council. The trade waste service at transfer stations was, however, established to provide a disposal facility for traders seeking to dispose of their wastes using small vehicles, which are not generally suitable for access to tipping areas on landfill sites.

3.2 The County Council currently accepts commercial waste and/or recycling through the existing transfer stations at Burgess Hill, Westhampnett and Crawley. Trade waste will only be accepted at the new facility at East Grinstead once the new arrangements have demonstrated adequate handling capacity. Lancing transfer station is extremely restricted in size and does not accept commercial waste or recycling.

4. Proposals

4.1 The current charges for 2011/12 are included in table 1 below.

4.2 It is proposed for 2012/13 to alter the costs to reflect inflationary contract/landfill cost increases and increased landfill tax, as shown in table 1.

4.3 The following factors also need to be considered:

- Charges in Table 1 are on a tonnage basis and exclude VAT.
- All trade waste charges at the transfer stations include administration and transport fees payable per tonne to Viridor.
- VAT will be added to the charges which are then rounded to the nearest pound to facilitate cash transactions.
- The charges are pro-rated to account for deliveries that are not exactly of one tonne multiples and a minimum charge is made for exceptionally small loads.

Table 1

	2011/12	2012/13
	£/tonne	£/tonne
Trade Waste	120.86	121.09
Single Stream Recyclable Waste	10.50	10.50
Co-Mingled Recyclable Waste	83.01	86.33
Green Waste	46.14	47.99
WEEE Cat A	117.22	117.59
WEEE Cat B	329.49	331.47
WEEE Cat C	329.49	331.47
WEEE Cat D	329.49	331.47
WEEE Cat E	117.22	117.59

* these charges are prorated per tonne so the actual cost of disposing of an item of WEEE are significantly less than the cost per tonne shown here.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 The Cabinet Member with responsibility for Communities, Environment and Enterprise and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources have been consulted and support the recommendation .
- 5.2 It is proposed to advertise the proposed changes at the sites for one month prior to implementation. Information will also be given to the press and circulated to Town and Parish Councils, District and Borough Councils and local Chambers of Commerce.

6. Equality - Customer Focus Appraisal

- 6.1 A Customer Focus Appraisal has been undertaken and is attached as Appendix 1

7. Resource Implications and Value for Money

- 7.1 This report is focussed on trade waste disposal or recycling prices at waste transfer stations which reflect the costs associated with managing the material. As such, the changes are expected to ensure a balanced budget. There are no other staffing or resource implications.
- 7.2 This report updates the trade waste charges for the sites Waste Transfer Stations. The financial impact of this decision is to ensure that the County Council does not lose any money on providing arrangements for the disposal of commercial waste.

8. Risk Management Implications

Risk implications include:

- Minimising risk of recyclable materials and green waste going to landfill by providing appropriate facilities for SMEs to recycle their waste.
- Preventing abuse of HWRS by traders by providing appropriate facilities for SMEs to recycle their waste and so containing the waste to the transfer stations.
- There is a risk that traders could deliver unauthorised waste. This risk is borne by Viridor and contractual mechanisms are in place for this possibility. These include checks that appropriate Waste Transfer licenses are held, a register of authorised users and vehicles and regular inspections of waste deliveries.

9. Crime and Disorder Act Implications

The provision of a trade waste service is already established and this report is limited in recommending an increase in charges for the provision of trade waste coming onto the sites. There are no apparent implications on crime and disorder.

10. Human Rights Act Implications

There are no identifiable Human Rights Act Implications.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Customer Focus Appraisal – Trade Waste Charges at Waste Transfer Stations

Appendix 2 – Review of charges for the Strategic Planning Business Unit

Appendix 3 – Customer Focus Appraisal - Review of charges for the Strategic Planning Business Unit

Background Papers

None