

REVIEW OF TRADE WASTE CHARGES 2008/9

REPORT BY HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRADING STANDARDS

REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER (ENVIRONMENT)

DATE REPORT WILL BE CONSIDERED (*and decided*):

IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF DECISION: 1ST APRIL 2008

Wards Affected

Countywide

Purpose

To consider and approve a review of the Trade Waste Charges, which reflect annual inflation, increase in Landfill Tax, the cost of disposal and to include on-costs levied under the contractual agreement and the supply of containers.

Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

Recommendation(s)

THAT Trade Waste Charges as listed in the attached appendix be approved for use from 1st April 2008 and that current customers be advised accordingly before the date of commencement.

Reasons

To continue in the provision of a collection service requested by commercial customers and to introduce charges that will reflect the costs of the service.

Considerations

1. A number of commercial collection companies currently operate within Herefordshire and any substantial rise in the cost of the service may have a significant impact upon the number of customers seeking to receive the service through Herefordshire Council.
2. Current legislation requires the Council to ensure provision is made for the collection and disposal of trade waste from commercial premises upon demand and to make such charges as are reasonable to recover the costs of so doing.

Risk Management

3. In establishing the charges for 2008/09 there has been an increase in administration and bin hire of 10% to more accurately reflect the costs of delivering the service. Worcestershire County Council are setting a disposal cost of £60 per tonne to the District Councils for Commercial waste in 2008/09. This will increase to £75 per tonne in 2009/10 to more accurately reflect the true cost of disposal. It is proposed to charge disposal costs at the same rate to ensure conformity with our Waste Disposal Contract partners. The average increase across the service is proposed to be 5.5% for 2008/09.

Alternative Options

4. Fees and charges remain at the level for 2007/8 but this would have substantial budgetary implications especially if traders switch from the commercial sector to the service provided through the Council.
5. Increase charges only by the rate of inflation. However, this would not recover the increased costs imposed upon the Council.
6. Increase charges to the actual cost of providing the service. It is anticipated that a rise of this magnitude in one step will have a substantial impact upon the current customer base and hence income.

Consultees

None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Review of Trade Waste Charges for 2008/09

Background Papers

None identified

APPENDIX 1

Review of Trade Waste Charges 2008/09

Trade Charges for 2008/09

	Current (£)	<u>Recommended</u>
	Inc VAT	<u>(£)</u>
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	2007/08	2008/09
1100 litre bins	10.46	11.11
950 litre bins	10.20	10.46
660 litre bins	7.54	8.04
500 litre bins	6.53	7.00
360 litre bins	5.90	6.34
240 litre bins	4.72	4.97
50 sacks	57.00	58.40