



**Report to: Policy and Resources Committee, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Report of: Head of Finance**

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**Subject: FEES AND CHARGES 2019/20**

**1. Recommendation**

- 1.1 That the Committee receives the report of the review of Fees and Charges for 2019/20 from the Income Generation Sub-Committee and recommends its approval to Full Council on 19th February 2019; and**
- 1.2 That the Committee approves an increase to the annual fee for Garden Waste collection of £5.00.**

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Council issues an annual schedule of the Fees and Charges levied by each of its services.
- 2.2 The existing charges have been reviewed by the relevant service and adjusted to reflect changes in the cost of providing the service. A comparison has also been made to the amount charged by local competitors to ensure that the Council is providing a service which is competitively priced and represents good value.

**3. Information**

- 3.1 The report was reviewed by the Income Generation Sub-committee on 15 January 2019.
- 3.2 The Sub-committee approved one proposed change to the charges for Bulky Waste collection. This is to formally adopt the reduced charges, shown below, that are currently in place on a temporary basis. A further report is to be received by the Sub-committee relating to the detailed expected costs and income arising from these charges and the approved fees will be reviewed further at that stage.
- 3.3 In the three months that these charges have been in place, they have led to a doubling in the number of collections, which means that the level of income is being maintained. The Service has confirmed that they are able to manage this volume of collections with the existing resource and that it represents full cost recovery.
- 3.4 A recent survey confirms that the charge below of £10.00 for a single item is in line with the average charged by councils in England.
- 3.5 The charges are to remain unchanged for fridges as these incur a separate disposal cost for the Council.

<b>Bulky Household Waste Collection</b>	<b>2018/19</b> £	<b>2019/20</b> £	<b>Price Change</b> £	<b>% Change</b>
Cookers/Washing Machines/Dishwashers/Spin Driers	21.90	10.00	-11.90	-54.3%
Domestic under-counter fridges or freezers and small chest freezers	26.00	26.00	0.00	0.0%
Tall fridge-freezers, large chest freezers and American-style fridges	38.50	38.50	0.00	0.0%
2 Items collected at same time (not white goods)	32.30	15.00	-17.30	-53.6%
3 Items collected at same time (not white goods, including 3 pc suites)	37.50	20.00	-17.50	-46.7%
Bagged Garden Waste (Minimum of 5 bags) - Price per bag	4.20	4.20	0.00	0.0%
All other single items including microwaves, bed complete with mattress	21.90	10.00	-11.90	-54.3%

- 3.6 The Income Generation Sub-Committee approved an increase of £1.50 (2.6%) for the annual fee for Garden Waste charges. However, following discussions with Members as part of the consultation process for the budget, a proposal has been made to increase the costs by £5.00 from £57.50 to £62.50 (8.7%). This is to reflect increased costs of collection and will generate additional income of approximately £35,000, assuming no reduction in current subscription levels.
- 3.7 The proposed charges for Trade Waste remain outstanding pending receipt of the proposed disposal charges that the Council has to pay for the disposal of Trade Waste.

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