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Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
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Chief Executive: K.Jones

Date: Monday, 10 July 2023

Dear Member,

ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION AND STREETSCENE SERVICES
CABINET BOARD - FRIDAY, 14TH JULY, 2023

Please find attached the following urgent item for consideration at the next meeting of the **Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Board - Friday, 14th July, 2023.**

Item

- a) **Addition to Streetcare Fees and Charges 2023/2024** (Pages 1 - 10)

Yours sincerely

Chloe Plowman

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NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Committee

14th July 2023

Report of the Head of Streetcare - Mike Roberts

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

All Wards

Addition to Streetcare Fees and Charges 2023/2024

Purpose of the Report:

To determine an additional service charge in relation to trade waste.

Executive Summary:

Fees and charges are normally reviewed annually with response to changes in costs and financial requirements. However, in this case, whilst the Waste Service currently provides commercial waste services for building rubble etc., via its Waste Transfer Station next to the Briton Ferry HWRC, the Council has not set a charge for commercial green waste and the service similarly wishes to offer a

facility for traders to dispose of commercial garden/tree cutting waste at the facility.

Leaving the introduction of a charge until the next annual review would miss out on the current growing season. The proposed rate, if adopted, would be reviewed annually and provided by our site contractor, FCC Environment, as with other trade waste charges at the transfer station.

Background:

This report details an additional fee for the financial year 2023/24 for the disposal of commercial garden/tree cutting waste generated by the private sector at our general waste Recycling Centre in Briton Ferry.

Having spoken to our site operator, it is proposed to introduce the following charge:

	2022/23	2023/24
Waste Type	£ per tonne	£ per tonne
Green Garden/Tree Cutting Wastes	n/a	56.34

The green waste would be sent for composting and would help contribute to the Council’s overall recycling performance as other commercial recycling.

Providing a facility to the commercial sector for green waste may also reduce the number of green waste related fly-tipping reports received by the Council.

If a commercial green waste drop-off service were also introduced at some point at the Transfer Station in Crymlyn Burrows the same charge would be used.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial implications as the proposal is self-funded.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. In summary, the change would simply provide a new service option for traders to use with respect to commercially generated garden waste. Arboricultural and landscape companies etc. also have the choice to use other commercially available facilities. Householders can dispose of their garden waste free of charge at our Household Waste Recycling Centres and through the council's kerbside collection service, as existing.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

There are no implications.

Workforce Impacts:

There are no implications.

Legal Impacts:

There are no implications.

Risk Management Impacts:

Providing the facility may reduce the risk of green waste related fly tipping.

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item

Recommendation(s):

Having due regard to the first integrated assessment, it is recommended that an additional trade waste charge relating to Green Garden/Tree Cutting Wastes at a rate of £56.34/tonne is approved for implementation.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To agree an additional trade waste charge for the disposal of commercially generated garden waste for recycling.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Integrated Impact Assessment

List of Background Papers

None.

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Impact Assessment - First Stage

1. Details of the initiative

Initiative description and summary: Fees and Charges
Service Area: Waste Services
Directorate: Environment and Regeneration

2. Does the initiative affect:

	Yes	No
Service users	✓	
Staff		✓
Wider community		✓
Internal administrative process only		✓

3. Does the initiative impact on people because of their:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/How might it impact?
Age		✓			L	The service is offered to the commercial sector to dispose of their waste. Members of the public can dispose of the garden waste free of charge at our Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and would not have reason to use the service.
Disability		✓			L	See above
Gender Reassignment		✓			L	See above
Marriage/Civil Partnership		✓			L	See above
Pregnancy/Maternity		✓			L	See above
Race		✓			L	See above

Religion/Belief		✓			L	See above
Sex		✓			L	See above
Sexual orientation		✓			L	See above

4. Does the initiative impact on:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/ How might it impact?
People's opportunities to use the Welsh language		✓			L	Service is not forward facing and will not be used by members of the public. Any promotions on our website and any literature produced will be in both Welsh and English languages.
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English		✓			L	See above

5. Does the initiative impact on biodiversity:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence) / How might it impact?
To maintain and enhance biodiversity	✓				M	Provision of a reliable outlet for commercially generated garden waste may reduce the instances of fly-tipping, helps protect the local environment and ensures the safe disposal/recycling of collected waste at a licenced facility.
To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment, such as air quality, flood alleviation, etc.			✓		L	

6. Does the initiative embrace the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working):

	Yes	No	Details
Long term - how the initiative supports the long term well-being of people	✓		Providing a local outlet that was previously unavailable for commercially generated garden/tree cutting waste ensures that a reliable outlet can be offered in the longer term and may help reduce the incidence of fly-tipping and helps protect the local environment.
Integration - how the initiative impacts upon our wellbeing objectives	✓		Neighbouring local authorities have already introduced similar charges for commercially generated garden waste. Source segregated commercial garden waste can be sent for composting and provides the most economically advantageous treatment option.
Involvement - how people have been involved in developing the initiative	✓		We have discussed the proposal as part of the Fees and Charges paper and also discussed with our site contractor FCC Environment.
Collaboration - how we have worked with other services/organisations to find shared sustainable solutions	✓		We have taken into consideration Welsh Government's statutory recycling targets and discussed with our site contractor FCC Environment.
Prevention - how the initiative will prevent problems occurring or getting worse	✓		Providing an outlet for the commercial sector to dispose of garden waste helps the council meet its statutory recycling targets and helps promote a green circular economy and protect the local environment. It helps promote a healthier Wales and a globally responsible Wales.

7. Declaration - based on above assessment (tick as appropriate)

A full impact assessment (second stage) is not required	✓
Reasons for this conclusion	
The service is for commercially generated garden waste. Arboriculturalists /landscape gardeners also have the choice to use other commercially available facilities. Householders can dispose of their	

garden waste free of charge at our Household Waste Recycling Centres and would not have reason to use the service.

A full impact assessment (second stage) **is** required

Reasons for this conclusion

	Name	Position	Date
Completed by	Alan Harvey	Principal Waste Management Officer	21/06/23
Signed off by	M Roberts	Head of Streetcare	21/06/23