

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene & Engineering Cabinet Board

2 March 2018

Report of the Head of Streetcare

M. Roberts

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: ALL

Streetcare Fees and Charges

Purpose of Report

- 1 To determine Streetcare Fees and Charges for 2018/19

Executive Summary

- 2 Fees and charges are renewed annually with respect to changes in costs and financial requirements.

Background

- 3 This report details proposed fees and charges for the financial year 2018/19 for the following:
 - i. Streetworks
 - ii. Cemeteries
 - iii. Trade Waste and Bulk Collections
 - iv. Neighbourhood Services
 - v. Pest Control
 - vi. Stray Dogs
- 4 With respect to cemetery charges, following the Campaign led by Carolyn Harris, the Swansea MP, Welsh Government is providing a grant to Local Authorities to abolish all fees directly relating to the burial of person under the age of 18 years old. This will come into effect from 1st April 2018 and associated changes are included in Appendix 2.

This grant is covered by a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered into by the Welsh Government Association and the commitment to absorb fees relating to:

- i. The *interment* of a person under the age of 18 years (including stillborn and foetal remains);
- ii. The *exclusive right of burial*, where required;
- iii. Any *other fees* directly relating to the burial of a person (for example the fees charged for permission to erect a memorial).

The commitment does not relate to wider funeral costs such as, for example, the cost of a memorial or funeral director fees.

The continued operation of the MOU will be reviewed by WG in advance of the financial year 2020/21.

Financial Impact

- 5 To maintain service charges in line with service costs.

Equality Impact Assessment

- 6 Screening Assessments have been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessments it has been determined that the proposals do not require an Equalities Impact Assessment.

Workforce Impact

- 7 There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impact

- 8 There are no legal impacts associated with this report.

Risk Management

- 9 There are no risk management issues associated with this report accepting that increases in charges are never welcome by service users.

Consultation

- 10 There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendation

- 11 It is recommended that the proposed increases in Streetcare Fees and Charges as set out in the appendices are approved and implemented with effect from 1 April 2018.

Reason for Proposed Decision(s)

- 12 To determine the level of charges within Streetcare

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

- 14 Appendix A – Streetworks Fees and Charges
- 15 Appendix B – Cemeteries Fees and Charges
- 16 Appendix C – Trade Waste and Bulk Collection Fees and Charges
- 17 Appendix D – Neighbourhood Services Fees and Charges
- 18 Appendix E – Pest Control Fees and Charges
- 19 Appendix F – Stray Dog/Kennelling Fees and Charges

List of Background Papers

- 20 There are no background papers to this report

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Appendix A

Streetworks Fees and Charges

Service	NPT	NPT
	Charges	Charges
	2017/18	2018/19(+)
	£	£
Pavement café Licences	N/A	N/A (#)
Skip licence	35	37
Scaffolding licence	65	68
Heras Fencing panel	65	68
Hoarding permit	65	68
Oversail Licence	65	68
External cladding/insulation licence	N/A	N/A
A-Frame permit	N/A	N/A
Cabin/Container permit	65	68
Roll On/Off permit	65	68
Deposit Materials (S171)	65	68
Compound permit	65	68
Vehicle Crossing application	95	130
Vehicle Crossing Construction	1500	1500
Temporary Excavation	130	136

For Comparison

Carmarthen	Swansea	Bridgend
Charges	Charges	Charges
2017/18	2017/18	2017/18
£	£	£
126 (chair and Admin)	31 (Per Chair)	163
43	39	30
65	75	57
N/A	75	115
N/A	75	115
N/A	75	N/A
N/A	75	N/A
126	75	163
43	81	115
N/A	81	N/A
426	81	115
126	81	N/A
135	88	104
N/A	1300-1400	N/A
N/A	149	165

permit		
Streetworks Licence	500	525
Streetworks Licence (over 6 dwellings)	500	525
Temporary Traffic Notices (works under 5 days) Emergency Urgent Works	N/A	N/A
Temporary Traffic Orders (works over 5 working days) not including advertisement costs	570	598
Emergency TTNotice	570	598
H BAR markings	225	225
Construction Traffic Management, Pre-Application Advice, CTMP	N/A	N/A

	187	523	481
	187	1046	N/A
	334	649	467
	334	2451(*)	467
	334	649	467
	N/A	£80	N/A
	334	1236	N/A

Notes:

* Including Mandatory Advertising costs

+ All charges subject to 5% uplift

Pavement café licence: To date charges have been deferred each year since introducing the licence to encourage take up-

Appendix B

Cemetery Charges

Exclusive Right of Burial:-	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>
Purchase of New Grave (depth of 2)	£834.00	£851.00
Purchase of New Grave (depth of 4) <i>available at Margam Cemetery only</i>	£1047.00	£1068.00
Full Grave for Cremated Remains Only	£610.00	£622.00
Purchase of New Cremation Plot	£296.00	£302.00
Extension of Exclusive Rights of Burial	£68.00	£69.00
Burials:-		
Interment Fee	£646.00	£659.00
Interment of Cremated Remains	£271.00	£276.00
Interment of Cremated Remains in a New Grave- full depth	£646.00	£659.00
Scattering of Cremated Remains	£74.00	£75.00
Cremated Remains in/out of Vault <i>(Cymmer Cemetery only)</i>	£74.00	£75.00
Additional Charge for Saturday Interments	Interment fee + 50%	Interment fee + 50%
Test Dig	£137.00	£140.00
Person under the age of 18 years old (including stillborn & Foetal remains):-		*No fee directly relating to a standard burial as grant funded by Welsh Government.
Others:-		
Erection of Headstone & Memorial	£162.00	£165.00
Erection of additional memorial <i>(next to existing memorial)</i> or Re-erection of memorial,	£68.00	£69.00
Added inscription	£68.00	£69.00
Change of headstone/memorial	£68.00	£69.00
Search of Cemetery Records	£38.00	£39.00
Burial Chamber <i>(for the use with shallow grave's or family preference)</i>	£462.00	£496.00

Note: *Position relates to the standard burial of a person under the age of 18 years old (including stillborn & foetal remains)

TRADE WASTE AND BULK COLLECTION CHARGES 2018/19

The trade waste service is a chargeable function currently provided to circa 1,100 customers throughout the County Borough.

Refuse Component

Fees for 2018/19 provide for an increase in residual waste charges of 2% rounded up to the nearest 50p (individual increases are shown in the attached tables) unless otherwise stated.

Any trade customers that exceed their contracted waste capacity and present excess waste in bags adjacent to their bins will be subject to a fee of £3.50 per bag before collection is made (an increase from £3 per bag previously).

Trade customers that regularly make no attempt to pay their trade waste invoices following the allocated payment period will have their service suspended and waste/recycling containers removed from site. Following payment in full, customers that want to continue with the Council for a collection service will be liable to a one-off reinstatement fee of £100.00 before the containers are returned and the collection service is re-introduced.

Recycling Component

The price for the compulsory kerbside recycling service will also increase by 2% for 2018/19, rounded up to the nearest 50p (See attached).

Recycling is a compulsory component of all trade refuse agreements and customers are required to pay for both a refuse and weekly recycling service within their contract (*), furthermore all trade sack customers will be subject to a minimum annual charge. (As shown on the attached).

(* There is a low number of small businesses, e.g. traditional barbers/dog grooming services, which produce a very limited amount of waste including a negligible quantity of recyclable material. Any request for such businesses to waive the requirement to sign up to the recycling service will be considered on their individual merit]

It is noted that if trade customers are not recycling, they may contribute to the risk of Welsh Government (WG) fines being levied against the Council for failing to meet recycling targets. If they do

not wish to recycle then they are at liberty to buy in services from local private sector service providers.

Trade Refuse Annual Contract Charges

Refuse component - weekly

Bin size (litres)	2017/18 collection (£)	Annual Rental (£)	2018/19 Collection *	Annual Rental (£)
240	354.64	35.36	362.00	36.00
360	482.56	47.84	492.50	49.00
660	786.24	87.36	802.00	89.00
1100	1235.52	168.48	1260.50	172.00
Trade refuse sacks	£59.00 (per 26)		£60.00 (per 26, see Note 1)	

Note 1: Minimum requirement of agreement is to purchase 26 bags/year.

Excess waste – charged at £3.50 per bag

*Two collections per week will attract twice the collection charge (only available in Neath town centre).

Refuse component - fortnightly

Bin size (litres)	2017/18 collection (£)	Annual Rental (£)	2018/19 Collection (£)	Annual Rental (£)
240	177.32	35.36	181.00	36.00
360	241.28	47.84	246.50	49.00
660	393.12	87.36	401.00	89.00
1100	617.76	168.48	630.50	172.00
Trade refuse sacks	£59.00 (per 26)		£60.00 (per 26, see Note 1)	

Note 1: Minimum requirement of agreement is to purchase 26 bags/year.

Excess waste – charged at £3.50 per bag

Recycling Contract Charges

For 2018/19, collection fee of £6.50 per week for all of the range of trade recycling options provided plus half price bin rental where bins are required, with the exception of trade sack and single 240 bin customers where the charge will be £4.50 per week. Traders who wish to access the Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs) for the disposal of recyclable commercial waste will be charged £278.50 per annum (52 permits in each book purchased).

Registered Charity Contract Charges (Charity Shops Only)

The Controlled Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2012 state that only registered charity shops selling donated goods originating from a domestic property are eligible to qualify for discounted charges. All other charities and charity shops that do not meet the requirement will be charged the full amount.

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360	241.28	47.84	246.50	49.00
660	393.12	87.36	401.00	89.00
1100	617.76	168.48	630.50	172.00
Trade refuse sacks	£29.50 (per 26)		£30.00 (per 26, see Note 1)	

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Refuse component - fortnightly

Bin size (litres)	2017/18 collection (£)	Annual Rental (£)	2018/19 Collection (£)	Annual Rental (£)
240	88.66	35.36	90.50	36.00
360	120.64	47.84	123.50	49.00
660	196.50	87.36	200.50	89.00
1100	308.88	168.48	315.50	172.00

Trade refuse sacks	£29.50 (per 26)	£30.00 (per 26, see Note 1)
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Trade Refuse/Recycling Service is a non-Vatable service.

Bulk Waste Collection Charge

For 2018/19 an increase from £20.50 to £21.00. Whilst there is no specific limit on the number of items, to prevent abuse, such as a complete house and garden clearance, a 'fair use'

Building Rubble Charges

Waste Type	2017/18 Charges (£)	2018/19 Charges (£)
Building Rubble Only	23.75	24.25
Mixed Building Rubble (Containing stones, wood Ceramic items etc).	60.60	61.80
Ceramic Waste Only	36.35	37.00
Soil	23.75	24.25
Plaster and Plasterboard	130.00	132.60
Asbestos (Asbestos sheets should be wrapped in	17.70	18.05
	(Based on 8ft X 3ft sheets) Polythene	(Based on 8ft X 3ft sheets) sheeting)

Appendix D

Neighbourhood Services Charges

	Standard		Concession/Junior		Comments
	2017/18	2018/19	2017/18	2018/19	
Allotments					
Per plot	£30.50	£31.00	£22.50	£23.00	
Victoria Gardens					
Victoria Gardens	£64.50	£66.00	£32.50	£33.00	
Victoria Gardens (Part Hire)			£16.50	£17.00	Up to 2 hours
Grit & Grit Bins					
One Tonne Bin - New bin & grit	£541.00	£552.00			
Top up existing one tonne bin	£106.00	£108.00			
Half Tonne Bin - New bin & bin	£313.50	£320.00			
Top up existing half tonne bin	£83.50	£86.00			

Pest Control Charges

Residential	2017/18	2018/19	Comments
Rats Mice (up to 3 visits)	£39.00	£40.00	
Cockroaches/BedBugs (up to 3 visits)	£39.00	£40.00	
Ants/Wasps/Fleas (inside property per visit)	£39.00	£40.00	
Out of Hours Service (Residential only)	£76.00	£78.00	
Commercial			
Rats/Mice/insects (per visit)	£76.00+vat	£78.00+vat	£78.00+vat for the 1st hour with £39.00 for every half hour thereafter

Stray Dog & Kennelling Charges

	2017/18		2018/19	Comments
1 Day	£61.00		£62.00	
2 Days	£71.50		£73.00	
3 Days	£82.50		£84.00	
4 Days	£93.50		£95.00	
5 Days	£104.50		£107.00	
6 Days	£115.50		£118.00	
7 Days	£126.50		£129.00	
Dog Adoption Fee	£32.50		£33.00	