

#### NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

# **Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Committee**

14<sup>th</sup> 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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