
WHEELED BIN CHARGES FOR NEW PROPERTIES

To: Community & Environment Committee

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From: Waste Strategy Team Leader

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 The proposed Introduction of charges for the provision of wheeled bin waste containers to newly constructed properties

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Members agree to the introduction of charges for the provision of wheeled bin waste containers to newly constructed properties.

2.2 That Members agree to an initial fee of £21.50 per bin.

2.3 That charges are reviewed annually as part of the Fees & Charges Review Process

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

3.1 During 2013, the Council changed its recycling and garden & food waste collections to wheeled bin services.

3.2 Funding for initial changes, including the provision of wheeled bins was provided through a grant from DCLG's Supporting Weekly Collections Fund. Future supplies of bins will need to be purchased by the Council, imposing a financial burden on the Authority.

3.3 Under Section 46 of The Environmental Protection Act 1990, East Cambridgeshire District Council as a Waste Collection Authority is permitted to make a charge for the provision of waste collection receptacles, this power being re-enforced in the Local Government Act's of 1972, 2000, and 2003, as well as the Localism Act of 2011. Legal advice has confirmed that this is a correct interpretation of the legislation.

3.4 Charges can be levied as part of Section 106 contributions for new developments, and must be proportionate to costs incurred by the Authority.

3.5 All other Cambridgeshire councils charge for the provision of bins to new properties. The proposed charge would be equivalent to the

current lowest charge by another district, and would cover the cost of bin purchase, plus a small fee for administration and delivery.

- 3.6 Charges will in most cases be levied on developers, but can be applied to householders if necessary. The same levy is suggested for all property types, with larger communal bins being provided where considered appropriate.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Although grant funding covered the initial introduction of wheeled bin collection services for recycling, and garden & food waste, it will not cover the future provision of bins to new properties.
- 4.2 The ongoing supply of wheeled bins to new properties will place a financial burden on the Authority that can be transferred to the developers of new properties.
- 4.3 The charge suggested would cover the Council's costs for supplying bins to new properties, and would be justifiable in relation to costs incurred.

5.0 FINANCE

- 5.1 Current wheeled bin costs are approximately £20.50 each, with a £1/bin delivery & administration charge added to give the proposed £21.50 fee.
- 5.2 Based on dwelling stock forecasts, housing stock in East Cambridgeshire is expected to rise to 38,650 by 2016, an approximate increase of 2400 properties. Implementing proposed charges for this number of residences would result in savings of £103,200 over this period or £51,600/year.
- 5.3 Equality Impact Assessment (NRA) - Not required

6.0 APPENDICES

- 6.1 Nil
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Background Documents

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Nil

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