

## NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

## REPORT

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: REFUSE COLLECTION METHODS FOR HOUSEHOLDERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
From: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
Date: 26 March 1998    Ref: WB/JO	

**PROPOSED DECISION**

To note the report and thereafter consider the options listed in the Recommendation to the report with regard to additional refuse disposal facilities to be provided to families with special needs.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The main financial considerations of the proposals are the cost of providing refuse sacks, which would recur each year, and the cost of providing a suitably sized wheeled bin on a one-off basis.

Option 1 - Provision of sacks	£500 <u>Recurring annually</u>
Option 2 - Provision of an additional 240 litre bin	£750
Option 3 - Provision of a 360 litre bin in exchange for existing 240 litre bin	£1,100

The above costs are based on the provision of the service to 30 families.

**BACKGROUND**

The Department currently operates two methods of refuse collection for householders with special needs. In the former areas of Motherwell District and Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District householders, who submitted medical certification of their special needs, received a supply of refuse sacks to contain the clinical waste deriving from their special circumstances. However, in the former Monklands District the policy was that, on request and on receipt of a medical certificate from the householder, the Department would issue a larger bin free of charge.

**REPORT**

Recent requests from householders have highlighted the two different methods of refuse collection currently in use and it would be prudent to formalise a policy when dealing with householders with special needs.

Three options are available to the Committee, namely:-

Option 1      The provision of sacks which has proved satisfactory in the areas in which this method had been previously used. However, there is a financial implication of £500 per annum if it is decided to continue using this method.

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Option 2      The provision of an additional wheeled bin of comparable capacity to that already issued to the householder. There is a financial implication of £750 if this system were introduced. This would however be a one-of cost.

Members may wish to note that, when this option was put to the users of this service in the former Motherwell District, no one was interested in accepting this offer. This was based on the stigma of having two wheeled bins which was perceived as highlighting their special needs.

Option 3      The provision of a larger wheeled bin in exchange for the existing wheeled bin with this exchange being free of charge. The financial implication related to this method would amount to £1,100. This would however be a one-of cost.

Note : The costs above are based on the provision of the service to 30 families.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee consider approving Options 1 and 3, as detailed above, and thereafter give the householders the opportunity of choosing the option which best suits their needs. The only condition would be that the householder would be required to submit a medical certificate to the Department.

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