



To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: Proposed increase in charges for Department Services
From: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
Date: 7th February, 1999 Ref: GB/TM	

PROPOSED DECISION

To increase the charges for the various services provided by the Department in line with the proposals contained in the following Report and its Appendices.

REPORT

The Department supplies services at a charge to householders, traders and local businesses as follows:

- 1) Domestic Skip Hire
- 2) Trade Waste Collections
- 3) Special Uplifts for businesses
- 4) Contract Cleaning of car parks and trading estates
- 5) Waste Disposal at Dalnacoulter and Auchinlea Landfill Sites

It is proposed to increase the charges for the above services with effect from 1st April, 1999 as follows.

- 1) Domestic Skip Hire

This service is currently provided to householders at a cost of £20 plus VAT (Total £23.50) per hire. However the true cost of this services is nearer £66.68 + VAT as it is made of delivery and uplift costs of £30, disposal costs of £16.68 and landfill tax of £20 (at the new rate of £10/tonne). While it is not proposed to recover the full charge it will be seen that the current charge only covers the new landfill tax charge. It is therefore suggested that the cost should be increased to 50% of the actual cost i.e. £33.34 + VAT (Total £39.17).

- 2) Trade Waste Collections

The Council is required by Section 45(4) of the Environmental Protection Act, 1990 to recover the full cost of its Trade Waste Collection Service a point reinforced by the external auditors, Messrs. Price Waterhouse, in their Value for Money Report to the Council last year. This means that not only the actual collection costs must be recovered but also the disposal costs including the increase in landfill tax from 1st April, 1999, an increase of £3/tonne from £7 to £10.

It is therefore proposed to increase the Trade Waste Charges as per increases shown in Appendix 1 to this Report to take account of all the increased elements

which make up the charge.

3) & 4) Special Uplifts for Businesses and Contract Cleaning of Car Parks and Trading Estates

It is proposed to increase the charges for these services by the rate of inflation, 4% on the current service charge in addition to the new disposal charges which reflect the increase in landfill tax charges.

5) Waste Disposal Charges at Dalnacoulter and Auchinlea Landfill Sites

It is proposed to levy the charges for waste disposal at the above sites in accordance with Appendix 2 to this Report. These charges have been increased by a small amount to reflect increased costs as it is felt that a large increase would be counter productive and would lead to increased levels of fly tipping. The increase in the landfill tax from £7 to £10 per tonne from 1st April will be added depending on the rate which applies.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee agree to the proposals for increased charges with effect from 1st April, 1999 as described in this report and also in Appendices 1 and 2 to this Report with the exception of the Trade Waste Charges which will increase from 1st July.

259gbtmr

M'Kenzie L. Hutton.

APPENDIX 1

Trade Waste Charges

Bin Size	Current Charges			Proposed Charges			%age Increase
	Disposal Charge	Cost/Visit	Total	Disposal Charge	Cost/Visit	Total	
120/140lt	£0.16	£1.15	£1.31	£0.23	£1.21	£1.44	9.92
240 litre	£0.29	£1.15	£1.44	£0.39	£1.21	£1.60	11.11
360 litre	£0.44	£1.15	£1.59	£0.58	£1.21	£1.79	12.58
660 litre	£0.80	£2.30	£3.10	£1.06	£2.42	£3.48	12.26
1100litre	£1.34	£2.30	£3.64	£1.77	£2.42	£4.19	13.41

APPENDIX 2

Waste Disposal Charges (per tonne)

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Companies with their Head Office within North Lanarkshire	£8.24	£8.34
Companies with their Head Office located outwith North Lanarkshire	£12.36	£12.51
Internal Departments	£5.15	£5.25

The above figures are **exclusive** of VAT and Landfill Tax.

Landfill Tax should be added to the above figures at the rates of £2/tonne for inert material and £10/tonne for all other waste.