

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Requesting Decision (if necessary)

Tracey Stone, Project Manager Cleansing and Open Spaces

Officer Making the Decision

Matthew Bradford ,Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces

Recommendation

To approve the implementation of a trade waste collection service from September 2018.

Reason

The implementation of a trade service will generate additional income to the Council.

The new service would provide a more cost effective service for businesses in Charnwood, and support two themes in the Council's corporate plan;

- Creating a strong and lasting economy
- Delivering excellent services.

Authority for Decision

Section 8.3 of the Constitution gives delegated authority to Heads of Service to undertake the periodic review of fees and charges raised within their service area and falling within the scope of the Council's Income and Charging Policy Framework.

Full Council also agreed for the introduction of a trade waste service as part of the 2018/19 general fund budget which was approved at the Council meeting on 26th February 2018.

Decision and Date

Approved.



MATTHEW BRADFORD - HEAD OF CLEANSING AND OPEN SPACES

24.9.19

Background

The Environmental Protection Act 1990 requires authorities to “arrange for the collection of commercial waste, if requested (s45 (1)(b)) and a reasonable charge may be made for its collection.(s.45(4))” i.e. should a request be made by a business to collect commercial waste, the statutory waste collection (and disposal) authority, must make the necessary arrangements and should recover all related cost.

Charnwood currently offers a weekly recycling service to businesses within the BID area that is paid for within their BID levy. The Council would like to expand on this service by offering a chargable weekly collection of residual waste from businesses located within the Borough.

The Council can offer a competitively priced trade waste service to local businesses as, under s41a of the VAT Act, it will not have to incorporate V.A.T. into the cost of the service, helping to create a strong and lasting economy.

The Councils residential waste service (recycling and black waste collections) are carried out by Serco Tuesday to Friday. It is proposed the new trade waste collection would take place on a Monday, utilising one vehicle and driver, so there would be no impact on the current residential waste collections.

The Council will start offering a chargable trade waste collection from September 2018 onwards.

The charges for the collection of non-recyclable waste for 2018/19 are as stated below:

| Container Type | Price |
|----------------------|--------|
| 240 ltr wheeled bin | £9.00 |
| 660 ltr wheeled bin | £13.00 |
| 1100 ltr wheeled bin | £16.00 |

Prices are exempt from VAT and will be review on an annual basis.

Financial Implications

A one off £40,000 service pressure to cover the commencement of the service was approved as part of the 2018/19 budget process for the full financial year. Due to the delayed start of the service (September 2018) there will be a reduced cost in Year one (2018/19). A request will be made at year-end to carry forward part of the underspends for the implementation of Year 2. It is anticipated that the service will make a small deficit for the first 2 years of operation.

Risk Management

The risks for the service are considered in the table below:

| Risk Identified | Likelihood | Impact | Risk Management Actions Planned |
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| Low uptake of service | Possible | Minor | It should be expected that the service will take time to establish itself in the market. This has been built into the Business Plan. |
| Impact on residential collections | Low | Moderate | The trade collections are proposed to take place on a Monday to avoid any impact on the residential collection service which runs Tuesday to Thursday. |
| Customers may not pay invoice for collections | Possible | Minor | Robust processes will be in place to manage debt recovery. |
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Key Decision:

No

Background Papers:

None

