

## Portfolio Holder Report

### Waste Fees and Charges 2020/21

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#### Purpose of the Report

To confirm the proposed waste fees and charges for 2020/21.

#### Public Interest

The Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) manages Waste and Recycling Collection services on behalf of South Somerset District Council. There is a joint contract with the five waste collection authorities in Somerset and the cost of this is shared fairly between them via a cost sharing agreement. Fees and charges are reviewed each year.

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#### Decision Taken

The Portfolio Holder for Environment has agreed, in conjunction with the Director for Commercial Services and Income Generation and Section 151 Officer, the proposed waste fees and charges as recommended by SSDC as set out in the table below.

	2019/20	2020/21
<b>Garden waste bin collection</b>	£56.93 for one year subscription	£55.50 for one year subscription
	£106.81 for two year subscription	Removed
<b>Garden waste sacks posted (per 10)</b>	£28.36 for 10 sacks	£27.50 for 10 sacks
<b>Bulky waste</b>	£44.50 up to 3 items. Additional items £12.30 each up to 5 items	£60.00 up to 3 items. Additional items £15.00 each up to a maximum of 5 items

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#### Background

The Somerset Waste Board (SWB) agree recommendations to partner councils on Fees and Charges. However, the final decision on those relating to the partner council is made by that council. The relevant charges are for garden and bulky waste.

The table above shows the current charges and our recommended charges for 2020/21.

## **Financial Implications**

The new waste contract is coming into force from April 2020 and as a result of the Recycle More service efficiency have been built into the garden waste collection service. This is in effect a 5% saving to customers compared to what costs would have been had we continue with our current contractor and simply added inflation. Furthermore, to re-harmonise and allow further improvements to the garden waste service the two-year garden waste subscription option has been removed.

The bulky waste service has been reviewed and improved (bookable timed slots and improved approach to reuse), however, to cover the costs of the service and the administration it has been necessary to increase the cost.

Both services are in line with the Somerset Waste Board (SWB) commitment to not offering a subsidy for such services.

## **Corporate Priority Implications**

None arising from this report.

## **Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications**

See the Impact Assessment Form and Action Table in the SWB reports.

## **Equality and Diversity Implications**

See the Impact Assessment Form and Action Table in the SWB reports. The SWB report also contains Impact Assessments (with associated Action Tables) on Health and Safety, Community Safety, Business Risk and Privacy Issues.

**Background Papers:** *Fees and Charges report, Somerset Waste Board meeting, 27th September 2019*