

South Bucks District Council - Cabinet

SUBJECT:	Waste Containers
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1. Purpose of Report

To present to Cabinet information regarding the proposal to introduce charges to developers for waste containers provided to new developments (to be introduced as soon as agreed) as set out in the fees and charges for 2017/18.

RECOMMENDATION

Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendation to charge developers for waste containers required for new properties.

2. Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 South Bucks District Council is a Waste Collection Authority with obligations to collect household waste arising from sources specified in the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA1990).
- 2.2 Although under section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act, 1990, local authorities have the ability to charge developers for the provision of waste containers, South Bucks District Council (SBDC) currently does not charge developers/housing associations for new wheeled bins or boxes.
- 2.3 The annual setting of fees and charges provides the District Council an opportunity to review some of its charging policies and to ensure that the charges are set at a reasonable level which will help to mitigate against the increasing financial pressures that all local authorities are facing.
- 2.4 With a new joint waste team in place, this also provides an opportunity to start to align the level of some of those fees and also some of the charging policies (where appropriate to do so) with those set by CDC/WDC. This will help to achieve greater consistency and efficiency across the southern districts and will streamline the administration of services.
- 2.5 This reported was taken to Environment PAG on 6th December, 2016 and the proposed approach was supported.

3. Content of Report

- 3.1 This report details the charges proposed for developers for the provision of refuse bins, recycling bins, food waste bins and paper recycling boxes for new properties.
- 3.2 Initially during the roll out of the SBDC enhanced service in 2014, Biffa did not charge for the delivery of containers – they put in place the resource to deal with this. Now however the Council is paying towards delivery costs and the resources to do this and these are built into the contract costs.

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- 3.3 To date SBDC has not charged developers, housing associations or landlords for the provision of waste containers for new properties (as other Councils do) and this represents a cost to the authority. During 2015/16 SBDC delivered out a total of 2,487 new containers (of different sizes) which equated to an average of 207 per month for new properties. When major new developments come on line this figure can rise substantially, for example Taplow Mill or Beaconsfield MOD site.
- 3.4 Every new property that comes on line requires the following set of containers:

Table 1

Container	Service	Unit costs – purchase/delivery/ admin charge	Delivery & Admin costs	Total costs
240 litre black wheeled bin	Refuse collection	£16.70	£23.30	£40
240 litre black wheeled bin/blue lid	Recycling collection	£16.70	£23.30	£40
44 litre paper recycling box & lid	Paper collection	£3.75	£0.75	£4.50
23 litre food waste bin	Food waste collection	£3.24	£1.26	£4.50
5 litre kitchen caddy	Food waste collection	£1.15	£2.35	£3.50
Total cost per property		£41.54	£50.96	£92.50

Table 2 provides information relating to the container costs, delivery, admin costs and likely admin time required to organise the supply of containers for new developments, based on 2015/16 figures.

Table 2

Reason for delivery	No	Container costs	Delivery & admin costs	Total costs	Estimated admin time
New property	282 sets	£11,714	£14,371	£26,085	Approx 15 mins per development

- 3.5 This report recommends the introduction of charges to developers for the supply and delivery of the suite of containers required for new developments. The costs for 2015/16 represented £26,085, but when larger new developments come on line, this figure will increase.
- 3.6 It is suggested that the proposed charges to developers for containers are aligned to the CDC/WDC charges as this includes a provision to cover administrative costs. The overall charge for a 140 litre, 240 litre or 360 litre bin is £40 per unit and this covers the purchase

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and delivery of the bin and administrative costs. Residents are not going to be charged for replacement bins or extra recycling boxes.

4. Consultation

Not applicable

5. Options

Alternative option is to change nothing, but this will be at a cost to the council of at least £26k per annum.

7. Corporate Implications

3.1 Based on 2015/16 figures, charging developers for the containers required for new developments, it is estimated that this would reduce costs to the Council by approximately £26,085 in a full year but this will fluctuate.

3.2 Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act, 1990, provides local authorities with the ability to charge developers for the provision of waste containers.

8. Links to Council Policy Objectives

This matter is related to the following local and national policy objectives:

- The Council's medium-term aim of helping to provide a clean and decent district where there is pride in, and ownership of, our surroundings and public spaces.
- To secure a long-term strategy for the management of wastes for which the member authorities are collectively responsible.

9. Next Step

Developers will be charged for the waste containers required for new developments, to take immediate effect.

Background Papers:	It is a legal requirement that we make available any background papers relied on to prepare the report and should be listed at the end of the report (copies of Part 1 background papers for executive decisions must be provided to Democratic Services)
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