

Report for: Cabinet Member Signing, 30th June 2017

Item number: 4

Title: Approval of Waste Service Charges 2017-18

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Lead Officer: Tom Hemming, Client and Contract Manager - Waste and NLWA

Ward(s) affected: All

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** Key decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1. A new 5-year Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) was presented to Cabinet on 14 February 2017 together with the proposed 2017/18 budgets. The budgets were approved by Full Council on 27 February 2017.
- 1.2. The strategy and budget contained plans for a number of waste services to be charged to the end user from 2017/18, including weekly garden waste collections, on-demand bulky waste collections and orders for new wheeled bins for refuse and recycling.
- 1.3. This report confirms the charging levels and start dates for the charged services agreed by Cabinet on 14 February 2017.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

- 2.1. The council is working to save £20million across the borough as agreed in February 2017. As part of this, following research and a budget consultation, it was decided efficiencies needed to be made within our waste service. The following changes will mean we can continue to provide a robust waste service while ensuring that more of Haringey's remaining resources can go into other essential areas.

3. Recommendations

3.1. The Cabinet Member is asked to approve the following new waste service charges for 2017-18:

3.1.1. Bulky waste removal at £25 for 4 items and £10 per additional item from 24th July 2017;

3.1.2. Replacement wheeled bins for refuse and recycling at £30 per bin from 31st July 2017;

3.1.3. Green garden waste collections at £75 per annum from 23rd October 2017, with options for reduced capacity/cost available as set out in table 2 below.

4. Reason for Decision

4.1. Full Council approved the 2017/18 budget and agreed the MTFS (2018/19-2021/22) on 27th February 2017 following the approval of the MTFS and proposed 2017/18 budgets by Cabinet on 14 February 2017.

4.2. Fees and charges relating to *existing* charged waste services were set out and agreed in an accompanying Cabinet report on 14 February 2017. However, it was intended that the new chargeable services that formed part of the MTFS would be the subject of a further Fees & Charges report following Full Council approval of the budget.

4.3. The Cabinet Member for Environment is now asked to approve the waste services charges and start dates, as set out in table 2 below.

5. Other options considered

5.1. A range of savings proposals across the council's services was considered by Cabinet in December 2016 and subject to consultation.

5.2. Following the consultation, no other option has been considered, other than to present the charges set out within the MTFS report for formal approval by the Cabinet Member.

Table 2 - Waste Services Charges

Charge Description	2016/17 charges	Proposed 2017/18 charges		Implementation date	Changes
Collection of all forms of bulky waste (on demand)	£17.20 for up to 6 chargeable items	All forms of bulky waste now chargeable. £25 for up to 4 items, £10 per additional item.		From 24 th July 2017	45%
Supply of wheelie bins for refuse and recycling	None	£30 per bin		From 31 st July 2017	New charge
Collection of garden waste (weekly) - full year *	None	240 litre bin	£75 per year	From 23 rd October 2017*	New charge
		140 litre bin**	£55 per year		
		Sacks**	£55 per year		

* Note: The annual subscription period will be 1st April to 31st March. However, as an introductory offer, residents will, from October 23rd 2017, be able to sign up to receive the service until April 2019 for the price of twelve months. The current free of charge garden waste collection service will cease from the implementation date.

** Bins will be 240 litre as standard but in special circumstances, eg. a front garden is too small to accommodate a standard size bin, the other options listed above may be possible, subject to a site visit.

6. Background information

- 6.1. The Council's 2017/18 budget was approved at Full Council on 27th February 2017 (Item 12: 2017/18 Budget) inclusive of proposals for introducing charges for various waste services, as laid out and agreed by Cabinet on 14th February 2017 (Item 11: Medium Term Finance Strategy 2017-18 and 2017/18 Budget). Full details of the service changes and other background were set out in Appendix 10, Annex 3 of the Cabinet report.
- 6.2. The chargeable services are expected to deliver the following financial benefits to the council in order to deliver the reduction in costs required by the MTFS:

Proposal	2017-18 £000's	2018-19 £000's	Total £000's
Charging for Green Garden Waste Collections	375	375	750
Charging for Bulky Waste Collection	300	100	400
Charging for Residual & Recycling Wheeled Bins	100	50	150

7. Contribution to Strategic Outcomes

- 7.1. The move to chargeable services for waste represents a significant element of the council's Medium Term Financial Strategy, the delivery of which is key to realising the ambitions for Haringey's communities as set out in the Corporate Plan.

8. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)

Finance and Procurement

- 8.1. The Chief Finance Officer has been consulted in the drafting of this report. The introduction of new waste charges was agreed in principle as part of the Budget and MTFS report that was approved by Cabinet in February 2017. Therefore, approval of the charges set out in this report is necessary to ensure that the original budget for waste services is delivered as approved by Cabinet and that the service does not overspend its approved cash limit.

Legal

- 8.2. The Assistant Director of Corporate Governance has been consulted and there are no legal implications arising from this report.

Equalities

- 8.3. An Equalities Impact Assessment for each service change was completed at the point that the proposals were considered by Cabinet and can be found as appendices to the Cabinet report of 14th February 2017 (Item 11: Medium Term Finance Strategy 2017-18 and 2017/18 Budget).

9. Use of Appendices

- 9.1. None.

10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1. Full Council, 27th February 2017, Item 12: 2017/18 Budget

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- 10.2. Cabinet, 14th February 2017, Item 11: Medium Term Finance Strategy 2017-18 and 2017/18 Budget

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