

MTRP Budget Proposal – 2021/22 to 2023/24

Service Area	City Services		
Proposal Title	Charges for non-household waste taken to household waste recycling centre (HWRC)		
Summary Description, Delivery Arrangements and Timescales	<p>Historically the council has accepted non-household waste from residents such as DIY and construction materials.</p> <p>This has incurred additional costs to the council and this proposal is to introduce a small charge to offset these costs.</p> <p>Benchmarking analysis shows that while charges for these type of materials are not common in Wales, most other councils across the UK apply charges to DIY waste, plasterboard and tyres, with prices ranging between £2.50 and £6 per bag of plasterboard, and £4 to £5 per tyre.</p> <p>New fees would be in place from 1st April 2021, and residents would be charged at the point of booking an appointment for disposal of the items.</p>		
Decision Point (Please tick appropriate box)	Head of Service		Cabinet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Public Consultation Required (Please tick appropriate box)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PART ONE

Net Savings (£000's)	2021/22 (£'000)	2022/23 (£'000)	2023/24 (£'000)
	20		
One-Off Implementation Costs (£000's)			
Revenue – Redundancy/Pension			
Revenue – Other			
Capital – Building related			
Capital – Other			
Implementation Cost - Total			

Impact on FTE Count	n/a
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Does this proposal require an FEIA and/or WFG Act assessment? (Please tick appropriate box)	YES	✓	NO	
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PART TWO

Options Considered
<p>Docks Way HWRC currently accept a number of items that fall outside the definition of household waste as per Section 51 of the Environmental Protection Act (1990), such as doors and windows, fitted kitchens, fitted wardrobes, inert material such as rubble, concrete, bricks and roof tiles, plasterboard, soil from landscaping activities, other building materials and tyres.</p> <p>There is an acknowledgment that residents sometimes generate these types of waste, however their handling generates an extra cost that is currently covered by the Council as an extra, creating a pressure. Legislation allows for the Council to impose a charge to help cover the cost of handling and disposing of those items.</p> <p>Option 1 – Maintain status quo</p> <p>Option 2 – Introduce charges for rubble, tyres and plasterboard</p> <p>Main costs are generated by collection of rubble, tyres and plasterboard.</p> <p>Rubble is a material commonly produced as part of house renovations and the amount of rubble disposed of at the HWRC is high. While introducing new charges would bring additional revenue, it would impact on more residents and significantly impact on the recycling rate. If charges were introduced for all three elements, based on a cost recovery basis, the council would save c£90k. However, it is expected that some residents would opt for disposing of their items a different way or just not recycle them, which would lead to an overall decrease in the amount of material.</p> <p>Option 3 – Introduce charges for tyres and plasterboard</p> <p>Rubble is a material commonly produced as part of house renovations and the amount of rubble collection at Docks Way Recycling Centre is high; although the impact of introducing new charges would be high in terms of additional revenue, it would affect a higher number of residents too both in frequency and cost, and would also have a significant negative impact to the recycling rate.</p> <p>However, tyres and plasterboard are relatively minor waste streams by weight, so any losses due to resident's opting out would be negligible in terms of recycling rate, while at the same time contributing to decrease the current extra costs to the recycling budget. Imposing charges for disposal of tyres and plasterboard would deliver savings of 20k while not having a significant negative impact on the recycling rate.</p>

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Option 4 – Stop accepting tyres and plasterboard

There would be a saving, but a reduction in recycling and not be in line with the council's well-being objective of promoting economic growth and regeneration while protecting the environment.

Benchmarking analysis shows that while charges for these type of materials are not common in Wales, most other Councils across the UK apply charges to DIY waste, plasterboard and tyres, with prices ranging between £2.5 and £6 per bag of plasterboard, and £4 to £5 per tyre.

In Wales, Conwy charges 42 per bag of plasterboard or £30 per trailer, and £4 per tyre. And Pembrokeshire, while not accepting tyres, will charge £1.9/bag over the 3 bag FOC limit, or £69 for a boot load.

Recommended Option

Recommended option is Option 3 - Introduce charges for tyres and plasterboard

The proposal is based on introducing set charges per item. Use of the HWRC is done by appointment only, so charges could easily be introduced at the moment of booking based on the information provided by the resident as to the number of chargeable items. On site monitoring would then be carried out to ensure items disposed of matched items booked and paid for. The existing booking system already has the functionality to introduce charges so it would only imply a relatively simple modification to set up payments.

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In Wales Conwy charge £4 per bag of plasterboard or £30 per trailer load and £4 per tyre. Pembrokeshire, does not permit tyres and charge a min of £33.5 for plasterboard. We are aware that other Welsh councils are currently considering introducing charges.

In England, charges are usual, with variable prices. Some examples:

Dorset	Plasterboard £2.5/bag or £12/sheet, £5/tyre
Hampshire	Plasterboard £6/bag
Kent	Plasterboard £6/bag, £2.5/tyre
Oxfordshire	Plasterboard £2.5/bag, £5/tyre
Somerset	Plasterboard £4.5/bag, tyres range between £3.69, £5.2 or £52.2 depending on size
Staffordshire	Plasterboard £4/bag, £4/tyre
Surrey	Plasterboard £4/bag or £12/sheet, £5/tyre

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Proposed charges are:

- Plasterboard: £5 per bag (up to approx. 25kg)
- Tyres: £2.5 per item

Based on those charges, and estimated tonnage of each waste stream to be collected in 21/22, proposed savings would be:

Specific Links with Wellbeing of Future Generations (WFG) Act

Integration – This proposal helps to maintain collections of waste streams that get recycled in line with the waste hierarchy and the Council's Waste Strategy. It is also aligned to the Corporate Plan's well-being objective – 'To promote economic growth and regeneration whilst protecting the environment'.

Long Term – By covering the cost of the service for some non-household waste, we ensure its long term viability so that residents can keep bringing all their waste to the Council recycling centres.

Prevention – A chargeable scheme will ensure recycling of these items continues being viable for the Council and would prevent issues with potential increase of flytipping or issues with breach of duty of care requirements if the Council was not available to accept these materials in future.

Collaboration - As part of the circular economy principles, the Council aims to work with local reprocessors whenever possible and uses local companies for recycling DIY material. A charging structure would guarantee this collaboration and long term contribution to a more prosperous Wales

Involvement – This proposal will require a FEIA, which will analyse potential impact on the community at large, and will be included as part of the consultation with residents included in the budget approval process. All residents will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal and comments will be taken into account before a decision is made

Fairness and Equality Impact Assessment

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