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**REPORT TO:** Members' Library Service

**MEETING DATE:**

**BY:** Depute Chief Executive – Partnerships and Community Services

**SUBJECT:** Trade Waste Charges 2015/6

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## **1 PURPOSE**

1.1 To inform Members of the Trade Waste Charges to be set for 2015/16.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 Members are asked to note the changes to Trade Waste collection charges in accordance with Section 4.2 of the East Lothian Council Charging Policy, 2015.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

3.1 East Lothian Council has a duty to collect trade waste when requested. Collection services are currently provided to around 1300 business premises on a once or twice weekly basis. The income from trade waste charges is designed to cover the cost of providing the service. In 2014/15 the Council recovered approximately £970,000.

3.2 Since 1 January 2014, the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 require all businesses to separate paper and card, plastic, metal and glass from the rest of their waste. Businesses in areas not classed as 'rural' that produce more than 50kg of food waste per week will also need to separate this from the rest of the waste they produce.

3.3 The combined total collection and disposal costs for mixed municipal waste have risen by around 14% from the previous year. The rise in the proposed charge for 15/16 takes into account the cost of providing a dedicated trade waste and recycling collection. This will allow the Waste Service to continue to offer a twice-weekly trade waste collection and the provision of additional recycling services ensuring businesses meet the statutory obligations of the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

- 3.4 The collection of commercial waste by local authorities is considered to be outside the scope of VAT. VAT is not charged for collection services however it is charged on all disposal operations, such as skip hire and use of the waste transfer station.
- 3.5 The Council has dual roles within the regulations as both a potential service provider and also to ensure businesses and waste service providers are complying with the new regulations.
- 3.6 Waste Services do not operate a commercial food waste collection service, or have a collection point for food waste. Enquiries are currently directed toward Growing Forth a social enterprise based in East Lothian.
- 3.7 Businesses wanting a glass and can collection service who are not trade waste customers will be charged. Currently the charge is £400.00 per 1100 litre bin collected weekly and £100.00 per 240 litre bin collected weekly. Recycling permits for businesses that are not taking part in the collection service will be charged at £162.00 (includes VAT) for the year.

Proposed Charges:

<b>Waste Collection and Disposal Charges</b>			
Wheeled Bins (Litres)	2014/15 Once Weekly Annual Charge	2015/16 Once Weekly Annual Charge	% change
Orange Sacks	£3.64	£4.15	<b>14.01%</b>
140	£120.00	£135.00	<b>12.50%</b>
240	£205.00	£235.00	<b>14.63%</b>
360	£310.00	£350.00	<b>12.90%</b>
660	£570.00	£645.00	<b>13.16%</b>
1100	£945.00	£1,075.00	<b>13.76%</b>
Disposal Services	2014/15 includes VAT on Disposal	2015/16 includes VAT on Disposal	% change
Recycling Centre Cost per sack	£2.47	£2.74	<b>10.93%</b>
Transfer Station Cost per tonne (minimum 1/2 tonne charge)	£162.02	£177.60	<b>9.62%</b>
Skip Hire Cost to hire skip (includes disposal charge)	£712.80	£776.40	<b>8.92%</b>

Special Uplifts Cost per lift (maximum of 20 sacks)	£188.28	£214.80	<b>14.09%</b>
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#### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no policy implications regarding the proposed charges, as these reflect the cost of providing the service.

#### **5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

#### **6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Financial; The new charges are set to ensure that all overheads incurred by Waste Services through carrying out trade waste collections are recouped. The income is part of Waste Services overall budget.

6.2 Personnel: None

6.3 Other: None

#### **7 Background Papers**

7.1 East Lothian Council Charging Policy 2015

7.2 Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012

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