

<b>Report on</b>	Environmental Services Proposed Scale of Charges for 2022/23
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	9th November 2021
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	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>																				
1.1	To seek approval for a proposed scale of charges in relation to Environmental Services for the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023.																				
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>																				
2.1	The proposed charges relate to: the collection and disposal of commercial waste; the sale of wheeled bins and parts; the provision of bulky waste collections; second brown bin collections; acceptance of trade waste at Recycling Centres and cemetery charges.																				
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>																				
3.1	<p><b>Commercial waste kerbside collection charges</b></p> <p>Proposed charges for the collection and disposal of commercial waste from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 (at the kerbside) are shown in table 1 below.</p> <p>Table 1</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Bin Size</th> <th colspan="2">Cost per Collection</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Residual</th> <th>Recycling</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>120 Litre</td> <td>£3.35</td> <td>£2.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>240 Litre</td> <td>£6.10</td> <td>£4.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>360 Litre</td> <td>£8.90</td> <td>£5.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>660 Litre</td> <td>£15.75</td> <td>£10.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1100 Litre</td> <td>£25.95</td> <td>£17.15</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The proposed charges are based on 3% annual inflationary (CPI) increase on the existing charges (rounded to the nearest five pence). In order to incentivise recycling the charges for the collection of recycling bins equate to only two thirds of the residual waste charges. It should be noted that VAT is not chargeable on commercial waste collections.</p>	Bin Size	Cost per Collection		Residual	Recycling	120 Litre	£3.35	£2.15	240 Litre	£6.10	£4.00	360 Litre	£8.90	£5.80	660 Litre	£15.75	£10.40	1100 Litre	£25.95	£17.15
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3.2	<p><b>Purchase of Wheeled Bins</b></p> <p>It is not proposed to increase the current prices for the purchase of wheeled bins as shown in table 2 below:</p>																				

Table 2

<b>Bin Size</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Delivery Charge</b>	<b>Total (Exc VAT)</b>
120/140/180 Litre	£25	Included	£25
240 Litre:			
Black	£35	Included	£35
Brown	£30	Included	£30
Blue	£25	Included	£25
360 Litre	£50	£12	£62
660 Litre	£125	£12	£137
1100 Litre	£170	£12	£182

Differential charges for the purchase of 240 litre wheeled bins remain in place to encourage recycling i.e. less cost for householders to purchase a second blue bin for collection as permitted under our Waste Collection Policy. Also when a householder needs to purchase all three bins at the one time e.g. for a new property the total charge for all three bins will be reduced to £75 (rather than £90). Charges for the purchase of all size of household bins are inclusive of delivery and payment can be made online.

### 3.3 Replacement Parts and Miscellaneous Items

It is not proposed to increase the current prices for parts/items as shown in table 3 below:

Table 3

<b>Replacement part</b>	<b>Cost</b>
120, 140, 240 or 360 litre bin wheels	£3.50 each
120, 140, 240 or 360 litre bin axles	£3.00 each
Complete bin axle with 2 wheels for above bins	£10.00 per set
240 litre bin lid with pins	£10.00
Individual bin lid pins - all sizes	£1.00 each
660 and 1100 litre castor wheels with brakes	£15.00
660 and 1100 litre castor wheels without brakes	£12.00
<b>Miscellaneous item</b>	
Food Waste Caddies	Free of charge
Home Compost Units	Free of charge
Caddy Liners (approx. 50 liners per roll)	£1.00 per roll
Re-usable garden waste sacks	£2.00 each

### 3.4 Bulky Household Waste Collection Service

It is proposed that the current charge of £5 for the provision of a bulky household waste collection (up to three items) remains the same for 2022/23.

### 3.5 Collection of Second Brown Bin

It is proposed that the current annual service charge of £50 for the collection of a second brown bin remains the same for 2022/23.

### 3.6 Disposal of Commercial Waste at Recycling Centres

It is not proposed to increase the current charges for the disposal of commercial waste at Cookstown, Drumcoo and Magherafelt Recycling Centres from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 are shown in table 4 below:

Table 4

Material	Rate per Tonne	VAT	Total Per Tonne
Residual Waste	£150	£30	£180
Wood	£75	£15	£90
Hard Plastic	£125	£25	£150
Plasterboard	£150	£30	£180
Fridges/Freezers	£50 each	£10	£60 each
Oil filters & rags	£2200	£440	£2640
Engine & vegetable oils	£200	£40	£240
Green (garden) waste	£50	£10	£60
Paint (including cans)	£850	£170	£1020
Rubble	£20	£4	£24

A minimum charge of £5 applies however commercial recyclable waste such as paper, cardboard, batteries, fluorescent tubes, electrical appliances, textiles, scrap metal, plastic bottles and glass bottles will continue to be accepted free of charge.

### 3.7 Cemetery Charges

In December 2017 in order to reduce the subsidised cost to Council in providing a burial service an incremental scale of charges, based on an annual increase of 10%, was agreed for operational Cemeteries for the financial years 2018-19 to 2022-23.

Therefore the increased charges to take affect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 are as shown in table 5 below:

Table 5

Fee Category	Proposed Charge
Purchase of grave plot	£213.00
Interment Charge (Adults)	£213.00
Interment Charge (Children U18, Still born, etc.)	No Charge
Burial of Ashes (Adults)	£101.00
Burial of Ashes (Children)	No Charge
Exhumation	£438.00
Headstone Permit	£68.00
Search/Re-issue /Transfer of Certificate	£26.00

Please note for non-residents of the Mid Ulster District Council area, burials and or plot purchase fees shown above will be doubled.

The incremental increase each year will go some way to reducing the gap between the actual cost and the subsidised cost of the service.

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
4.1	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: The total estimated annual income from the proposed charges is approximately £350,000
	Human: The administration associated with invoicing and collection of payments is significant.
	Risk Management: N/A
4.2	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	It is recommended that the proposed scale of charges as outlined be approved for 2022/23
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Existing Scale of Charges for 2021/22