

Report on	Environmental Services Proposed Scale of Charges for 2023/24
Date of Meeting	14 th February 2023
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1.0	Purpose of Report																				
1.1	To seek approval for a proposed scale of charges in relation to Environmental Services for the period 1 st April 2023 to 31 st March 2024.																				
2.0	Background																				
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.																				
2.2	The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate of inflation for the 12 month period to December 2022 was 10.5% (down from 10.7% in November). However it is proposed that the various charges for Environmental Services be increased by 8% from 1 st April 2023 (it was previously agreed in 2017 that cemetery charges would increase by 10% annually).																				
3.0	Main Report																				
3.1	<p>Commercial waste kerbside collection charges</p> <p>Proposed charges for the collection and disposal of commercial waste from 1st April 2023 (increased by 8% and rounded to the nearest five pence) are as shown in table 1 below.</p> <p>Table 1</p> <table><tr><th rowspan="2">Bin Size</th><th colspan="2">Cost per Collection</th></tr><tr><th>Residual</th><th>Recycling</th></tr><tr><td>120 Litre</td><td>£3.60</td><td>£2.30</td></tr><tr><td>240 Litre</td><td>£6.60</td><td>£4.30</td></tr><tr><td>360 Litre</td><td>£9.60</td><td>£6.25</td></tr><tr><td>660 Litre</td><td>£17.00</td><td>£11.25</td></tr><tr><td>1100 Litre</td><td>£28.00</td><td>£18.50</td></tr></table>	Bin Size	Cost per Collection		Residual	Recycling	120 Litre	£3.60	£2.30	240 Litre	£6.60	£4.30	360 Litre	£9.60	£6.25	660 Litre	£17.00	£11.25	1100 Litre	£28.00	£18.50
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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.

3.2 Purchase of Wheeled Bins

Proposed charges for the purchase of wheeled bins (increased by 8% and rounded to the nearest pound) are as shown in table 2 below:

Table 2

Bin Size	Cost	Delivery Charge	Total (Exc VAT)
120/140/180 Litre	£27.00	Included	£27.00
240 Litre:			
Black	£38.00	Included	£38.00
Brown	£32.00	Included	£32.00
Blue	£27.00	Included	£27.00
360 Litre	£54.00	£14.00	£68.00
660 Litre	£135.00	£14.00	£149.00
1100 Litre	£184.00	£14.00	£198.00

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 £80 (rather than £97). 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

Proposed charges for the provision of replacement parts (increased by 8% rounded to the nearest five pence) and other miscellaneous items are as shown in table 3 below:

Table 3

Replacement part	Cost
120, 140, 240 or 360 litre bin wheels	£3.80 each
120, 140, 240 or 360 litre bin axles	£3.80 each
Complete bin axle with 2 wheels for above bins	£10.80 per set
240 litre bin lid with pins	£10.80
Individual bin lid pins - all sizes	£1.10 each
660 and 1100 litre castor wheels with brakes	£16.20
660 and 1100 litre castor wheels without brakes	£13.00

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Miscellaneous item

Food Waste Caddies

Home Compost Units

Caddy Liners (approx. 50 liners per roll)

Re-usable garden waste sacks

Free of charge

Free of charge

£1.00 per roll

£2.00 each

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Bulky Household Waste Collection Service

The proposed charge (increased by 8%) for the provision of a bulky household waste collection is £5.40.

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Collection of Second Brown Bin

The proposed annual service charge (increased by 8%) for the collection of a second brown bin is £54.

Disposal of Commercial Waste at Recycling Centres

The proposed charges for the disposal of commercial waste at Cookstown, Drumcoo and Magherafelt Recycling Centres are as shown in table 4 below:

Table 4

Material	Rate per Tonne	VAT	Total Per Tonne
Residual Waste	£165	£33	£198
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)	£900	£180	£1080
Rubble	£20	£4	£24

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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.

Cemetery Charges

The proposed charges for cemeteries and burial services are as shown in table 5 below:

Table 5

Fee Category	Proposed Charge
Purchase of grave plot	£234.00
Interment Charge (Adults)	£234.00
Interment Charge (Children U18, Still born, etc.)	No Charge
Burial of Ashes (Adults)	£111.00
Burial of Ashes (Children)	No Charge
Exhumation	£482.00
Headstone Permit	£75.00
Search/Re-issue /Transfer of Certificate	£29.00

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

These increased charges (based on 10% increase as agreed previously) will further reduce the gap between the actual cost and the subsidised cost of the service.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications Financial: The total estimated annual income from the proposed charges is approximately £400,000 Human: The administration associated with invoicing and collection of payments is significant. Risk Management: N/A
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	It is recommended that the proposed scale of charges as outlined be approved for 2023/24
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	None