

Report on	Environmental Services Proposed Scale of Charges for 2024/25
Date of Meeting	8th January 2024
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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 2024 to 31 st March 2025.																				
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) rose by 4.6% in the 12 month period to October 2023. It is therefore proposed that the various charges for Environmental Services be increased by 5% from 1 st April 2024 in line with the current level of inflation.																				
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 2024 (increased by 5% and rounded to the nearest five pence) are as 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>£3.80</td> <td>£2.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>240 Litre</td> <td>£6.95</td> <td>£4.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>360 Litre</td> <td>£10.10</td> <td>£6.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>660 Litre</td> <td>£17.85</td> <td>£11.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1100 Litre</td> <td>£29.40</td> <td>£19.45</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>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	£3.80	£2.40	240 Litre	£6.95	£4.50	360 Litre	£10.10	£6.55	660 Litre	£17.85	£11.80	1100 Litre	£29.40	£19.45
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3.2 Purchase of Wheeled Bins

Proposed charges for the purchase of wheeled bins (increased by 5% 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	£28.00	Included	£28.00
240 Litre:			
Black	£40.00	Included	£40.00
Brown	£34.00	Included	£34.00
Blue	£28.00	Included	£28.00
360 Litre	£57.00	£15.00	£72.00
660 Litre	£142.00	£15.00	£157.00
1100 Litre	£193.00	£15.00	£208.00

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 £85 (rather than £102). 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 5% rounded to the nearest ten pence) and other miscellaneous items (where no increase is proposed) are as shown in table 3 below:

Table 3

Replacement part	Cost
120, 140, 240 or 360 litre bin wheels	£4.00 each
120, 140, 240 or 360 litre bin axles	£4.00 each
Complete bin axle with 2 wheels for above bins	£11.30 per set
240 litre bin lid with pins	£11.30
Individual bin lid pins - all sizes	£1.20 each
660 and 1100 litre castor wheels with brakes	£17.00
660 and 1100 litre castor wheels without brakes	£13.70
Miscellaneous item	
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

The proposed charge (increased by 5% rounded to the nearest ten pence) for the provision of a bulky household waste collection is £5.70.

3.5 **Collection of Second Brown Bin**

The annual service charge for the collection of a second brown bin is proposed to remain at £50.

3.6 **Disposal of Commercial Waste at Recycling Centres**

The proposed charges for the disposal of commercial waste at Cookstown, Drumcoo and Magherafelt Recycling Centres are proposed to remain 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

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**

The proposed charges for cemeteries and burial services (increased by 5% rounded to the nearest pound) are as shown in table 5 below:

Table 5

Fee Category	Proposed Charge
Purchase of grave plot	£246.00
Interment Charge (Adults)	£246.00
Interment Charge (Children U18, Still born, etc.)	No Charge
Burial of Ashes (Adults)	£117.00
Burial of Ashes (Children)	No Charge
Exhumation	£506.00
Headstone Permit	£79.00
Search/Re-issue /Transfer of Certificate	£30.00

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

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: The total estimated annual income from the proposed charges is approximately £450,000
	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 2024/25.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	None