

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chair and Members, Engineering Services Committee
FROM: David Stephenson, Utilities Asset Engineer
REFERENCE: R382
DATE: 6 October 2008
SUBJECT: **REFUSE – SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES**

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek a small amendment to the schedule of fees and charges for refuse.

2 BACKGROUND

The schedule of refuse fees and charges adopted as part of the 2008-2009 Annual Plan included provision for vehicles over 2000 kg gross to be charged on a weight basis. In previous years the threshold for weight-based charges was 3500 kg.

Adoption of this change has indicated that it could lead to the unintended consequence of requiring a large number of domestic vehicles to be charged on a weight basis. This would require additional traffic over the two weighbridges, significantly slow transaction times and potentially create difficulty in securing payment for disposal.

3 DISCUSSION

While weight-based charging is recognised as fair and equitable, transaction times for this method are significantly longer and volume-based fees are considered more appropriate for casual and residential customers. They offer a degree of certainty in that fees are predictable and measureable by customers.

The intent of weighbridge installation was to charge on a weight basis for large commercial vehicles and customers. The changes proposed in the attached schedule are intended to implement this intent. The amended schedule changes the threshold back to 3500 kg.

4 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the amended schedule of refuse fees and charges be adopted, effective immediately.

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Refuse Charges	2008/2009
Rubbish Bags (TDC sale price)	1.20
Tyres: Car Car tyres with rims Truck Loader/Tractor	3.00 10.00 6.00 25.00
Mixed Refuse: Account customers and Vehicles over 3500kg 2000kg gross where a Council provided weigh-bridge is available Car boot (1/2 m3) Other vehicles	69.75/TONNE 17.50 33.00/M3
Scrap metals: Car bodies (complying) Other vehicles and non-complying cars Whiteware Scrap steel (sheet)	NO CHARGE 10.00 EACH 5.00 EACH NO CHARGE
Hardfill: Where a Council provided weigh-bridge is available At other sites	15.00/TONNE 30.00 PER M3
Greenwaste	18.00 PER M3
Hazardous Waste Oils and Solvents Other materials Batteries Gas cylinders	NO CHARGE AT DISPOSAL COST NO CHARGE NO CHARGE
Marine Waste (shells)	35.00/M3
APPROVED Special wastes, Eves Valley Landfill (GST inclusive)	101.25/TONNE