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Meeting	Cabinet Resources Committee
Date	16 February 2006
Subject	Fees & Charges for Cleansing Environmental Services - 1 April 2006 – 31 March 2007
Report of	Cabinet Member for Resources Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport
Summary	To approve increases in Fees & Charges above the rate of inflation for Cleansing Services

Officer Contributors	Peter Norton - Head of Environmental Services Roger Jones - Assistant Head of Street Scene and Green Spaces
Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards affected	Borough wide
Enclosures	Appendix A - List of proposed charges
For decision by	Cabinet Resources Committee
Function of	Executive
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in (if appropriate)	N/A

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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the fees and charges detailed in the enclosure with this report, which mainly relates to trade waste, be approved to take effect from 1 April 2006 and the method of payment to include only direct debit or payment in advance by cheque in appropriate cases.

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 Cabinet Resources Committee 23 September 2004 Decision no. 6 that increases in fees and charges above the rate assumed in the Financial Forward Plan be approved by Cabinet Resources Committee.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 None.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 Failure to increase fees and charges adequately will create pressures on Council budgets. This needs to be balanced against potential for customers to go elsewhere for these services.
- 4.2 Any increase may cause a reduction in demand due to customer dissatisfaction with new prices.

5. FINANCIAL, STAFFING, ICT AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The impact of increased fees and charges will be taken into account in the 2006/2007 forward plan process and the subsequent revenue monitoring reports.

6. LEGAL ISSUES

- 6.1 None.

7. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

- 7.1 Constitution, Part 3 - Responsibility for Functions, Section 3 - Powers of the Executive, paragraph 3.6 - terms of reference of the Cabinet Resources Committee.

8. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 8.1 This report sets out proposed fees and charges to be applied to cleansing services from 1st April 2006. Individual increases vary between 5% and 15% although four items are frozen to remain competitive. In setting the new charges, regard has been made to maintain the current market share particularly in Trade Waste collections and to sustain business in other areas.

9. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 None.

Legal: DVP
CFO: PA

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	£		£	

Fees and Charges take effect from 1 April 2006 as these are annual contracts, *subject to further review following NLWA 2006/07 charges to Barnet.*

STREET BASED SERVICES Collection of Trade Waste	**Charges are excl. VAT		**Charges are excl. VAT	
Wheeled Bins				
240 Litre Bins	£165**	Y	£173**	
330 Litre Bins	£200**	Y	£210**	
660 Litre Bins	£310**	Y	£326**	
Chamberlain Bins (940 Litre)	£365**	Y	£391**	
1100 Litre Bins	£420**	Y	£450**	
Paladin Bin	£420**	Y	£450**	
Open Skip: annual charge for one collection per week	£3374**	Y	£3543**	Charge does NOT incl. provision of skips
Charge for single occasion (open skip)	£75 **	Y	£80**	Charge does NOT incl. provision of skips
Compactor Skip: Annual charge for one collection per week	£5,807 **	Y	£6100 **	Charge does NOT incl. provision of skips
Charge for single occasion (Compactor Skip)	£133 **	Y	£140 **	Charge does NOT incl. provision of skips
Plastic sacks (Trade) first pack of 50	£59.58**	Y	£65**	
Plastic sacks (Trade) Pack of 100	£110.65**	Y	£118**	
All additional packs of 50 (ordered at the same time)	£51.08**	Y	£55**	
Trade special collections:- Initial 15 mins	£47.50**	Y	Charge Structure (See below)	
Subsequent 30 mins	£47.50 **	Y	Charge Structure (See below)	
2006/07 Charge: Trade special collections:- initial 30 mins	£59.58**	Y	£62.50**	
Subsequent 30 mins	£42.55**	Y	£45.00**	

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	£		£	
Collection of Trade Waste				
Charges for other Council Departments				
Wheeled Bins				
240 Litre Bins	£165.00	N	£173.00	
330 Litre Bins	£200.00	N	£210.00	
660 Litre Bins	£310.00	N	£326.00	
Chamberlain Bins (940 Litre)	£365.00	N	£391.00	
1100 Litre Bins	£420.00	N	£450.00	
Paladin Bins	£350.00	N	£375.00	
Compactor Skip - annual charge for one collection per week	£5,807.00	N	£6,100.00	Charge does NOT include provision of skips
Charge for single occasion (Compactor Skip)	£133.00	N	£140.00	Charge does NOT include provision of skips
Plastic sacks (Trade) first pack of 50	£59.58	N	£59.58	
Plastic sacks (Trade) Pack of 100	£110.65	Y	£118.00	
All additional packs of 50 (ordered at the same time)	£51.08	N	£55.00	
Trade special collections:- Initial 15 mins	£47.50	N	Charge Structure (See below)	
Subsequent 30 mins	£47.50	N	Charge Structure (See below)	
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	£		£	
Household Waste - Wheeled Bins				
Provision of initial 140 or 240 ltr. Wheelie bin to new dwelling	44	N	46	
Requests for additional 140 or 240 litre wheelie bin to increase waste capacity	90	N	100	
Request for initial 660 ltr bin per 3 flats	139	Y	144	
Request for initial 720 ltr bin per 3/4 flats (without lid)	233	Y	239	
Request for initial 720 ltr bin per 3/4 flats with lid (with lid)		Y	266	New Category
Request for initial 940 ltr bin per 4 flats (without lid)		Y	245	New Category
Request for initial 940 ltr bin per 4 flats (with lid)	264	Y	273	
Request for initial 1100 ltr bin per 5 flats	223	Y	240	
Requests for reduced bin capacity	Free		Free	
Provision of replacement bin following loss or damage through collection	Free		Free	
Collection of Furniture and Rubbish are for domestic premises only				
These services are no longer available free for those who are in receipt of means tested benefit. A maximum of 4 collections per annum (at 3 month intervals) is available at the subsidised rate as shown below for those on means tested benefits, available where the client provides documentary evidence of income support, housing benefits, disability working allowance, council tax benefit, job seekers allowance (income based only), working tax credit, child tax credit (excludes family element, includes child element).				
A prepaid charge for removal of up to 3 large items of rubbish or furniture for those on means tested benefits/credits as outlined above	£15	N	£18	
More than 3 large items (per item).	£5	N	£6	
A prepaid charge for removal of up to 3 large items of rubbish or furniture for those NOT on means tested benefits/credits as outlined above	£33	N	£36	
More than 3 large items (per item).	£11	N	£12	
A prepaid charge for the removal of initial fridge/freezer unit for those on means tested benefits as outlined above.	£10	N	£12	
More than one fridge/freezer unit (per item).	£5	N	£6	
A prepaid charge for removal of initial fridge/freezer unit for those NOT on means tested benefits/credits as outlined above.	£20	N	£24	
More than one fridge/freezer unit (per item).	£11	N	£12	
Bulk and Garden Rubbish for domestic premises only				
A prepaid charge, including VAT, for removal of up to 15 bags for those on means tested benefits/credits as outlined above.	£15	N	£18	

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More than 15 bags (per 5 bags)	£5	N	£6	

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	£		£	
A prepaid charge, including VAT, for removal of up to 15 bags for those NOT on means tested benefits/credits as outlined above	£33		£36	
More than 15 bags (per 5 bags)	£11	N	£12	
Removal of Graffiti from private property				
Charge for first square metre	£35	Y	£35	Frozen
Charge for each additional square metre	£10	Y	£10	Frozen
Collection and disposal of dead animals from private dwellings				
Charge per visit, payable by cheque	£23.50	Y	£23.50	Frozen
Cost of raising an invoice	£15	Y	£15	Frozen
Removal of wasp nests, attending to rodent infestation, cockroaches, fleas etc.	To be delivered at a cost that achieves self financing service	N	To be delivered at a cost that achieves self financing service	
Collection and disposal of clinical waste				
Residential care homes or similar (per bag, sharp or box)	£5	Y	£5	Frozen
Individual user in own home (per bag, sharp or box)	Free	Y	Free	
Home Composting Scheme				
Junior Worm Bin	£16	N	£16	No increase proposed. Change in service provision from April 2006
Large Worm Bin	£23	N	£23	
Blackwall tumbler	£25	N	£25	
Compost Machine	£10	N	£10	
Linpac Ecobin	£15	N	£15	
Thermo bin	£30	N	£30	
Green Cone	£10	N	£10	