

Report of: Interim City Works Business Manager

To: Executive Board


Date: 19th June 2006

Item No:

Title of Report : Trade Waste Charges



Summary and Recommendations



Purpose of report: To seek approval to increase collection charges relating to the Trade Waste Service



Key decision: No

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Jean Fooks

Scrutiny Responsibility: Environment Scrutiny Committee




Ward(s) affected: All



Report Approved by: Councillor Fooks – Portfolio Holder

Lindsay Cane – Legal Services


Andy Collett – Financial Services




Iron Cosgrove – Strategic Director



Policy Framework: None



Recommendation(s): That the Executive Board approve an increase of 10% in waste management charges for the collection of Trade Waste, with effect the 1st July 2006.



Introduction.

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1. Oxford City Council operates a City-wide trade waste collection service, providing a reliable and quality service to its customers. The service

includes collections from businesses, colleges and other organisations, and currently enjoys the largest share of the trade waste collection requirements within the city.

Background

2. Following a regular review it is proposed to increase the cost of collections for the reasons outlined below. If charges are not increased the authority may not adequately recover the cost of providing the service . These charges were last increased in April of 2005
3. The reason for the proposed increase is to cover a number of recent cost pressures, specifically:-
 - There has been a significant increase in the cost of fuel during the last 12 months
 - Recent changes to the European working time directive, has increased the need for overtime working.
 - The Government's policy to increase the tax on waste disposed at landfill sites (tipping charges).and ever more stringent environmental standards at disposal sites means that landfill charges incurred by the trade waste service have risen by a total of 15%

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that an increase of 10% be passed on to all our Trade Waste customers with effect from July 1st 2006. This increase will still enable Oxford City Council to be competitive in the collection of trade waste.

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Background papers: None

