



REPORT TO: MORAY COUNCIL ON 8 MAY 2019

SUBJECT: DOMESTIC WASTE CHARGES

**BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE)**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The Council is asked to approve a new charge for household recycling containers for new build domestic properties.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Council in terms of Section III (A) (2) the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to long term financial planning.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that Council approves with immediate effect the replacement of the current charge for the green bin with a new composite charge of £113.29 for all the household containers for new build domestic properties.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Currently households in Moray are only charged for the green (residual waste) container and receive the full set of recycling containers free of charge.
- 3.2 On 12th December 2018, Council agreed that a charge for all the household recycling containers would be introduced with a target income of £20k in the financial year 2019/20 (paragraph 8 of the Minute refers). Due to the volume of work ongoing associated with savings for 2019/20, the addition of a new charge for the composite set of residual and recycling containers was overlooked when the list of charges for 2019/20 was approved by Policy & Resources on 12 February 2019.
- 3.3 In order to achieve the income it is necessary to introduce the new charge for the composite set of residual and recycling containers with immediate effect. The new charge to the public for the composite set of residual and recycling containers is recommended to be £113.29. This charge reflects the actual cost to Moray Council for the supply and delivery of the complete set of bins and includes VAT. The charge is for new build properties, bins that are in circulation and are damaged beyond repair will be replaced free of charge.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))

The levying of charges for Council Services is an essential component of delivering Council priorities on a sustainable basis.

(b) Policy and Legal

The current policy for charging for Council services was approved by Policy & Resources Committee on 24 October 2017.

(c) Financial implications

Levying charges for services forms an important part of the Council's strategy for balancing its annual budget, by generating an amount of income from service users. The introduction of a new charge for the residual and full set of recycling containers, together with review of trade waste charges will assist in increasing the income to the Council.

(d) Risk Implications

If the new charge for the composite range of containers is not introduced it will not be possible to achieve the required savings.

(e) Staffing Implications

None arising from this report.

(f) Property

None arising from this report.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

None arising from this report.

(h) Consultations

This report has been prepared in consultation with the Corporate Director (Economic Development, Planning & Infrastructure), Head of Direct Services, Legal Services Manager, Head of Financial Services, Democratic Services Manager and Equal Opportunities Officer

5. CONCLUSIONS

5.1 The introduction of a new charge for the composite set of waste containers is required to ensure that the necessary savings are realised.

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Background Papers:
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