

Draft Extract from Community and Leisure Services Committee – 9 October 2007

CLSC/335/07-08 Bulky Waste Collection Service

Before the Committee was a report by the Director of Services, copies of which had been circulated to all Members and a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes as Item 12. The report was enabling members to decide on the future of subsidised collections of bulky waste.

The Director of Services introduced the report to the Committee. Members felt that Adur should be harmonised with Worthing Borough Council.

Resolved that it be recommended to Policy and Strategy Committee to change the existing policy in relation to subsidised bulky waste collections.

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Background documents:

Agenda and minutes of CLSC 09.10.07

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Report by the Director of Services

Bulky Waste Collection Service

1.0 Summary

1.1 To enable Members to decide on the future of subsidised collections of bulky waste.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 Members are asked to consider the report and agree to recommend Policy and Strategy committee to change the existing policy in relation to subsidised bulky waste collections.

3.0 Background

3.1 The Council has for a number of years offered residents in receipt of income support, council tax benefit or housing benefit a subsidised bulky waste collection service.

3.2 The usual charges for bulky waste collections are:

Category 1 - up to 3 items of furniture or 9 sacks = £29.15
Category 2 - up to 6 items of furniture or 18 sacks = £41.50
Category 3 - up to 12 items of furniture or 36 sacks = £78.60

3.3 The subsidised charges for bulky waste collections are:

Category 1 - up to 3 items of furniture or 9 sacks = £14.60
Category 2 - up to 6 items of furniture or 18 sacks = £20.75
Category 3 - up to 12 items of furniture or 36 sacks = £39.30

3.4 The cost of providing these subsidised collections for 05/06 was £12,175, in 06/07 it was £11,435 and at the time of writing has cost £7,984 to date in this financial year.

3.5 At the time of its introduction, this service was easily affordable against a general background of the council's overall finance. The passage of time has seen the Council's financial position become weaker. The difficulties it faces for the forthcoming three years, in being able to meet the financial savings targeted by the Comprehensive Spending Reviews, dictate that all service areas have to be looked at and scrutinised carefully.

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 It is often regrettable when subsidised services have to be withdrawn, but in this case officers recommend that current policy is changed.

4.2 It is not believed that there will be a significant increase in instances of flytipping.

- 4.3 For Members information, Worthing Borough Council's bulky waste collection charges are identical to Adur District Council, but they do not offer any subsidised service.
- 4.4 Arun District Council charge:
- Small item £18.80 – OAP reduction = £12.93
Large item £31.73 – OAP reduction = £18.80
3 piece suite £38.78 – OAP reduction = £25.26
- 4.5 Horsham District Council charge:
- £15 per item (which includes an admin cost) up to 8 items only.
65% reduction if on housing benefit.
Free of charge for OAPs on income support
- 4.6 Brighton & Hove City Council charge per item on a range from £8.60 to £51.20 with a 50% reduction for senior citizens and residents on job seekers allowance/residents support.

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Background Papers:**

None

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Appendix A

1.0 Council Priority

1.1 Keeping Council tax down.

2.0 Specific Targets

2.1 To achieve financial savings as dictated by the Comprehensive Spending Reviews

3.0 Sustainability Issues

3.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

4.0 Equality Issues

4.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

5.0 Community Safety issues (Section 17)

5.1 It is not believed that there will be a significant increase in instances of flytipping

6.0 Human Rights Issues

6.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 Contained within the report.

8.0 Legal Implications

8.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

9.0 Consultations

9.1 None undertaken

10.0 Risk assessment

10.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

11.0 Health & Safety Issues

11.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

12.0 Procurement Strategy

12.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

13.0 Partnership working

13.1 Matter considered and no issues identified