



## **North Devon Council**

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Topic: Event Waste Management

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. North Devon Council (NDC,) is often asked for assistance with waste & recycling collections for events, especially during the summer.
- 1.2. The provision of this service often requires significant resources, so it is important a consistent booking and pricing system be in place to cover NDC's costs while supporting local events.
- 1.3. This report recommends Members approve a proposed pricing structure for the provision of waste management at commercial and non-commercial events.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1. The event waste management pricing structure for both commercial and non-commercial events presented in Appendix A is approved.

### **3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1. Having an approved pricing structure for event waste management will ensure all groups and organisations are treated fairly and consistently with no bias or conflict of interest on the council's part
- 3.2. Income generated from the provision of events waste management will help towards recovering NDC costs and is not a profit making service.

### **4. REPORT**

- 4.1. Disposing of commercial waste (including events) costs the Authority in excess of £400,000 per annum. We currently charge for disposal of waste under our trade waste service but do not have a specific pricing structure for events.

4.2. The proposed pricing structure is presented at Appendix A. The lower, non-commercial rate is for organisations that would qualify for either concessionary rate relief, small business rate relief or have charitable status.

4.3. For refuse, the total charge to the customer is made up of bin rental plus disposal costs. For recycling, we do not charge for disposal as the recycled materials are sold on by NDC.

4.4. Disposal rates are slightly higher than normal trade waste agreements as they include a fee for delivery and recovery. This charge is applied as events are one offs and therefore require vehicle journeys that are additional to our normal rounds.

4.5. Event organisers may incur additional charges if recycled waste is contaminated or if they generate additional side waste. This will be outlined in the terms and conditions of their agreement with NDC.

## 5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Income from provision of events waste & recycling will be used to contribute towards the cost of our overtime, fuel and equipment. The Trade Waste team will not take on any events unless there is capacity and resource to fulfil the obligation.

## 6. EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

6.1. There are not any equalities implications anticipated as a result of the recommendations in this report.

## 7. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 An assessment has been completed and sent to the Sustainability & Climate Officer. Her comments have been incorporated into the report.

## 8. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

8.1. What impact, positive or negative, does the subject of this report have on:

8.1.1. The commercialisation agenda:

This promotes a positive impact as it will increase the revenue coming into the Authority, and will help us cover our operational costs.

8.1.2. Improving customer focus:

This has a positive impact on customers as we are able to offer a professional service and assist with events around North Devon

Conversely, there may be some initial protest from groups and organisations who have previously received or expect the service for free.

8.1.3. Protecting the environment: If event organisers use NDC to manage their waste disposal, then it will be done in a responsible way, with minimal environmental harm. If organisers use an alternative provider, there is a risk it won't be managed responsibly in a way that minimises harm to the environment.

8.1.4. Regeneration or economic development

Supporting events can help the local economy by attracting visitors into the area.

## 9. CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

9.1. Article of Part 3 Annexe 1 paragraph: 1(i)

9.2. Referred or delegated power? Delegated

## 10. STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

This report contains no confidential information or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of 1972 Act.

## 11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

## 12. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

See attached consultation sheet.



## Appendix A

### Refuse

Bin Size	Rental	Commercial Disposal Rate	Non Commercial Disposal Rate
1100	£20.00	£16.91	£11.70
660	£15.00	£10.86	£8.42
360	£12.00	£7.21	£4.68
240	£10.00	£6.05	£2.74

### Recycling

Bin Size	Rental
1100	£20.00
660	£15.00
360	£12.00
240	£10.00

As an example for a 1-day event for 30 x 1100 Refuse bins and 5 x 360 Recycling bins we now charge:

Refuse: Disposal at Commercial Rate: £507.30 (£16.91 x 30) + Rental: £600 (£20 x 30)

Recycling: Rental £60 (£12 x 5)

Admin £11.26

Total = £1,178.56