

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




## REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – ESS04 22/23

Decision				
1	<b>Title of decision:</b> Reinstatement of Charges for Non-Household Waste at Recycling Centres			
2	<b>Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title):</b> Councillor Bill Wakeham, Cabinet Member for Environment & Street Scene			
3	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> Phil Rudin, Head of Strategic Contracts and Disposal, Street Services: <a href="mailto:Phil.Rudin@plymouth.gov.uk">Phil.Rudin@plymouth.gov.uk</a>			
4	<b>Decision to be taken:</b> To reinstate charges for non-household waste at Recycling Centres and to approve the business case.			
5	<p><b>Reasons for decision:</b></p> <p>In January 2021 charges for disposing of plasterboard, soil and rubble and asbestos were introduced at Chelson Meadow HWRC.</p> <p>The scheme operated successfully for 5 months and during that period a total of £56,000 was recovered in charges to offset disposal costs.</p> <p>Charges were subsequently withdrawn in June 2021 following a change in political administration.</p> <p>Against a backdrop of the unprecedented financial pressures the Council are facing this proposal has been put forward to reinstate the charges for the disposal of certain types of waste at the Chelson Meadow HWRC. Items which arise from DIY, construction and demolition works to a home are not legally classed as domestic waste and therefore a charge can be levied. The materials in scope are soil and rubble, plasterboard and asbestos. The Council currently accepts all these materials without charge but faces significant onward disposal costs, and therefore currently subsidises household construction projects indirectly.</p> <p>There is a positive impact of £177,000 Per annum with no known risks related to this decision.</p>			
6	<b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b>			
	A do nothing option has been considered but discounted as it will not lead to the predicted changes in behaviour with regard to waste disposal or provide the forecast savings.			
7	<b>Financial implications and risks:</b>			
	None			
8	<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for further advice)	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</b>
			x	in the case of <b>capital</b> projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in

				excess of <b>£3million</b> in total
			x	in the case of <b>revenue</b> projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of <b>£1million</b>
			x	is <b>significant</b> in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising <b>two or more</b> wards in the area of the local authority.
	<b>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <a href="#">Forward Plan of Key Decisions</a></b>	N/A		
<b>9</b>	<b>Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:</b>	This proposal supports the Corporate Plan specifically that it supports a green, sustainable city that cares about the environment		
<b>10</b>	<b>Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)</b>	It is predicted that the introduction of charges will drive a behaviour change amongst residents resulting in a reduction in waste being presented for disposal.  Waste minimisation is at the top of the Waste Hierarchy and regarded as the most environmentally beneficial approach to managing waste.		
<b>Urgent decisions</b>				
<b>11</b>	<b>Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		(If yes, please contact Democratic Support ( <a href="mailto:democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk">democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk</a> ) for advice)
		<b>No</b>	x	<b>(If no, go to section 13a)</b>
<b>12a</b>	<b>Reason for urgency:</b>			
<b>12b</b>	<b>Scrutiny Chair Signature:</b>		<b>Date</b>	
	<b>Scrutiny Committee name:</b>			
	<b>Print Name:</b>			
<b>Consultation</b>				
<b>13a</b>	<b>Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?</b>	<b>Yes</b>		
		<b>No</b>	x	<b>(If no go to section 14)</b>
<b>13b</b>	<b>Which other Cabinet member's</b>			

	portfolio is affected by the decision?								
<b>13c</b>	Date Cabinet member consulted								
<b>14</b>	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer					
		No	x						
<b>15</b>	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?		Name		Anthony Payne				
			Job title		Strategic Director for People				
			Date consulted		08 November 2022				
<b>Sign-off</b>									
<b>16</b>	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:		Democratic Support (mandatory)			DS72 22/23			
			Finance (mandatory)			DJN.22.23.281			
			Legal (mandatory)			EJ/38851/16.11.22(3)			
			Human Resources (if applicable)			N/A			
			Corporate property (if applicable)			N/A			
			Procurement (if applicable)			N/A			
<b>Appendices</b>									
<b>17</b>	Ref.	Title of appendix							
	A	Briefing report for publication							
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment							
	C	Business Case – Reinstatement of Charges at HWRC							
<b>Confidential/exempt information</b>									
<b>18a</b>	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?		Yes		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in <b>18b</b> below.  (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
			No	x					
			<b>Exemption Paragraph Number</b>						
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>

18b	<b>Confidential/exempt briefing report title:</b>							
<b>Background Papers</b>								
19	<p>Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below.</p> <p>Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</p>							
<b>Title of background paper(s)</b>		<b>Exemption Paragraph Number</b>						
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Cabinet Member Signature</b>								
20	<p>I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.</p>							
<b>Signature</b>				<b>Date of decision</b>	09 November 2022			
<b>Print Name</b>	Councillor Bill Wakeham							