

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Wednesday 15 November 2023 by the Waste & Street Scene Policy Committee.

Item No

8. HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES REVIEW

8.1 To consider a request from taxi trade representatives to review the maximum permissible fares for journeys in hackney carriage vehicles.

8.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee:-

1. Consider the requests made by trade representatives and amend the fares as follows:

First 100 Yards

		Start	End	Price	Notes
Tariff 1	Day	7am	7pm	£3.50	
Tariff 2	Night	7pm	7am	£3.70	
Tariff 3	Weekend	7pm	7am	£4.70	Friday 7pm - Sunday 7am

Over 100 Yards

	Yards	Per Drop	When	Yards	Notes
Every	195	£0.20	Up to	17600	
Every	176	£0.20	From	17600	

Miles	Yards	Drops	Round Drops	T1	T2	T3
0.5	880	4.00	4	£4.30	£4.50	£5.50
1	1760	8.51	9	£5.30	£5.50	£6.50
2	3520	17.54	18	£7.10	£7.30	£8.30
3	5280	26.56	27	£8.90	£9.10	£10.10
4	7040	35.59	36	£10.70	£10.90	£11.90
5	8800	44.62	45	£12.50	£12.70	£13.70
6	10560	53.64	54	£14.30	£14.50	£15.50
7	12320	62.67	63	£16.10	£16.30	£17.30
8	14080	71.69	72	£17.90	£18.10	£19.10
9	15840	80.72	81	£19.70	£19.90	£20.90
10	17600	89.74	90	£21.50	£21.70	£22.70
11	19360	109.43	110	£25.50	£25.70	£26.70

12	21120	119.43	120	£27.50	£27.70	£28.70
13	22880	129.43	130	£29.50	£29.70	£30.70
14	24640	139.43	140	£31.50	£31.70	£32.70
15	26400	149.43	150	£33.50	£33.70	£34.70
16	28160	159.43	160	£35.50	£35.70	£36.70
17	29920	169.43	170	£37.50	£37.70	£38.70
18	31680	179.43	180	£39.50	£39.70	£40.70
19	33440	189.43	190	£41.50	£41.70	£42.70
20	35200	199.43	200	£43.50	£43.70	£44.70

Waiting Time

	Current
Seconds	45
Price	£0.20
Drops	80
Hourly	£16.00

3600 seconds in an hour

Extras

Each hiring between 6pm on 24th December and 6am on 27th December and between 6pm on 31st December and 6am on 2nd January **£2.50**

Each hiring on any other official Bank Holiday (7am - 7am) **£1.20**

Fouling the Vehicle (Maximum Charge) **£80**

For carrying between 5 and 8 passengers for whole journey irrespective of distance **£2.00**

2. That the temporary fuel surcharge that was approved by the Waste and Street Scene Urgency Sub-Committee in July 2022 be removed.

8.3 Reasons for Decision

8.3.1 Representatives of the trade have requested a review of fares, citing increased costs since fares were last reviewed and agreed in December 2021.

8.3.1 The temporary fuel surcharge to be removed as no longer required due to a decrease in fuel prices and compensation by an agreed increase in fares.

8.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

8.4.1 Appendix C sets out the various requests and proposals from trade representatives.

9. REVIEW OF CRYSTAL PEAKS MARKET SERVICE CHARGE

9.1 This paper sets out a proposal to review the service charge recharged to traders at Crystal Peaks Marketplace. The Council are tenants of the Crystal Peaks market under a Lease made between Albany Courtyard Investments Limited and the Council which was commenced on 29th July 2005 (“the Superior Lease”). The Superior Lease provided that the Council’s landlord could recover a service charge from the Council for certain services that the provision of is managed by the landlord’s agent Workman LLP. Although the under leases made by the Council with market traders allows for this service charge to be recovered by the Council from the market traders there has not been an increase passed on to traders in several years. This is despite the operational cost of the market increasing substantially. There has also been increases to the Service Charge paid by Sheffield Council to Workman LLP that has never been passed on to the Traders within the Marketplace.

This report therefore sets-out the impact of under-recovery and proposes options in relation to service charges going forward

9.2 RESOLVED:

9.2.1 That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee approves an increase to the service charge currently charged to market traders of CPI+8% (an increase of 14.8%).

(NOTE: Councillors Sue Alston, Mike Chaplin, Tony Damms, Tim Huggan, Mark Jones, Joe Otten and Sioned-Mair Richards requested that their votes for recommendation be recorded.

Councillors Alexi Dimond and Maroof Raouf requested that their votes against the recommendation be recorded.)

9.2.2 That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee agrees a period of 12 weeks from the decision being taken to the implementation of the new service charge.

9.2.3 That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee agrees that a review should take place annually for officers to make proposals to the Committee for moving towards full cost recovery or if necessary, proposals will be brought to reduce the service charge.

9.3 Reasons for Decision

9.3.1 The option outlined in scenario 5 (CPI+8%) provides a reasonable increase to the service charge that enables the Council to move towards full cost recovery whilst allowing time to assess the impact of the increase on traders, given that the service charge has not been increased in a number of years.

9.3.2 The overall outcome should be a more sustainable market, maintaining its quality

and service levels, and a high occupancy rate to continue the vibrant feel to the markets post pandemic.

9.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

- 9.4.1 The option to do nothing (scenario 1) has been rejected by officers due to the unsustainable nature of the increasing subsidy required on operational costs.
- 9.4.2 The option to move straight to full cost recovery (scenario 9) will be too much of an impact on the tenants. It's likely to create significant cost pressures that are too large to pass straight on to customers and may increase the markets vacancy rate, which will negatively financially impact the budgets for service charges and rents. Overall, it could undermine the financial position rather than improve it.
- 9.4.3 Other models of recharging the service charge such as a service charge only tenancy agreement are options that require further work that has not been possible to complete in time to consider for this paper.

10. WASTE AND STREET SCENE BUDGET 2024/2025

- 10.1 The purpose of this report is to set out new financial pressures facing the Waste & Street Scene Committee in 2024/25, including fees, grant and other income available to the council to offset these pressures and proposals for how pressures may be addressed
- 10.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee:-
1. notes the new financial pressures facing Waste and Street Scene for 24/25 and the new income available to help mitigate them; and
 2. notes that the proposals/mitigations will be presented to the Strategy and Resources Committee as part of the Council's budget for 2024/25.

10.3 Reasons for Decision

- 10.3.1 Members are asked to note the unsustainable financial position highlighted by the medium-term financial analysis presented to Strategy and Resources Committee in September 2023. This report and its recommendations, sets out the scale of the challenge ahead, the limited resources available and some of the difficult decisions that will need to be taken.

10.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

- 10.4.1 The Council is required to both set a balance budget and to ensure that in-year income and expenditure are balanced. The options presented in this paper, if accepted, will negate the need to make any staff or resource cuts to the respective services and therefore, should allow the continuation of good quality customer services.

11. FOOD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT

- 11.1 This report details the requirement to introduce separate, weekly food waste recycling collections to Sheffield households, as required by the Environment Act (2021).

This report also sets out three options available to the Council to meet its statutory obligations for food collection services:

Option 1: Introduction of a weekly food waste recycling service by 31 March 2026, and not apply for a Transitional Arrangement.

Option 2: Apply to Central Government for a Transitional Arrangement to defer the introduction of separate food waste collections for five years until 31 March 2031.

Option 3: Apply to Central Government for a Transitional Arrangement to defer the introduction of separate food waste collections until the end of the Veolia Integrated Waste Management Contract in 2038.

This report recommends that Option 3 is best course of action for the Council based upon the reasons set out in this report

- 11.2 **RESOLVED:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee approves Option 3, as set out in paras 1.29 to 1.32 of this report, which proposes an application for a Transitional Arrangement to defer the requirement to introduce separate, weekly food waste collections until the end of the Veolia Integrated Waste Management contract in 2038, subject to Government Ministerial approval of the application for a Transitional Arrangement, and to explore how the council can encourage citizens to consider options for voluntary home and community composting and recycling, working with partners.

11.3 Reasons for Decision

- 11.3.1 The proposed Option 3 will see the Council submit an application to DEFRA for a Transitional Arrangement until the end of the Veolia Integrated Waste Management contract in 2038.

- 11.3.2 The proposed option will provide the following benefits to the Council for the duration of the Transitional Arrangement:

- Protect the Council from costs for any negative commercial impacts the diversion of the food waste has on the Energy Recovery Facility for the duration of the integrated waste management contract.
- Protect the Council from the ongoing budgetary pressure associated with the high risk that the New Burdens Funding will not cover all of the revenue or capital costs associated with the service.
- Provide maximum flexibility for the Council. Government have confirmed they will be in contact with local authorities in receipt of a Transitional

Arrangement on an annual basis to determine whether the implementation date of separate food waste collections can be brought forwards. The Council will be able to review when to introduce a food waste service on an annual basis, and this decision process will be informed by the amount of New Burdens funding available from Government to provide an informed position of any budgetary pressures associated with the provision of the service.

- Recognises only marginal carbon savings associated with the provision of a food waste collection service when compared to disposal via energy recovery, and provides the opportunity to use the £3m included in the Medium Term Financial Analysis from 2025/26 for the food waste service, for the delivery of alternative climate change projects that could deliver additional carbon savings. Please note, the £3m included in the Medium Term Financial Analysis is currently an unfunded corporate pressure.

11.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

11.4.1 Option 1 would forgo the opportunity to apply for a Transitional Arrangement, and the Council would be mandated to proceed with the implementation of a weekly food waste collection service by 31 March 2026.

11.4.2 This option has been discounted for the following reasons:

- The lack of clarity from Government as to the amount of New Burdens funding to be made available. There is a high risk that the New Burdens funding provided would not cover all of the revenue or capital costs associated with the service, and this may exceed the £3m included in the Council's Medium Term Financial Analysis from 2025/26.
- Confirmation from Government that New Burdens funding will not be provided to cover any costs incurred under existing residual energy from waste collection contracts for the impact the introduction of separate food waste collection.
- Marginal carbon savings (78 tonnes CO₂ equivalent per year) that would be achieved following the introduction of weekly food waste collections, when compared to the current disposal route via energy recovery.
- The opportunity to use the £3m included in the Medium Term Financial Analysis from 2025/26 for the food waste service, to be used for the delivery of alternative climate change projects that could deliver additional carbon savings. (See Appendix 2 for more information).

11.4.3 Option 2 would see the Council apply for a Transitional Arrangement, which, subject to Ministerial approval, would defer the requirement to provide separate, weekly food waste collections in Sheffield for 5 years until 31 March 31.

11.4.4 This option has been discounted for the following reasons:

- the shorter duration of the Transitional Arrangement associated with option 2 (up to 5 years) when compared to option 3 (up to 12 years) means the Council would be mandated to introduce weekly food waste collections in 2031 regardless of the Council's budgetary position at that time.
- Option 2 will provide less flexibility than Option 3 and will deny the Council maximum opportunity to take an informed decision as to when to introduce the food waste collection service.

12. REVIEW OF ANNUAL REPORT PARKING SERVICES 2022/23

12.1 This report seeks approval of the publication of Parking Services Annual Report 22/23.

The annual report provides information on:

- Parking Enforcement
- Partnership working/ Supporting the local community
- Sheffield Clean Air Zone
- New Developments
- Financial and Statistical information

The aim of the annual report is to:

- Provide and overview on parking management
- Provide transparency
- Provide an understanding as to why parking enforcement is needed
- Demonstrate the developments, improvements and changes taking place in Parking Services

12.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee notes the contents of the Parking Services Annual Report 22/23 and endorses the report for publication.

12.3 Reasons for Decision

12.3.1 That the Committee notes the contents of the annual report and endorses the report for publication

Publication of Parking Services Annual Report

- The public to understand why parking management is needed in the community
- The public to have an overview of Parking Services approach to change, changes to take place, benefits of change and commitment to stake holder consultation and engagement
- The public to gain knowledge on why enforcement is needed, and steps taken to promote compliance and an opportunity to dispel myths
- Clear presentation of financial information to help convey transparency

12.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

12.4.1 There are no other options to consider.