

6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013

REPORT OF HEAD OF REGULATORY SERVICES

**EXEMPTIONS & CONCESSIONS  
FOR REPLACEMENT WHEELED BIN CHARGES**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek Members agreement to the proposed exemptions and concessions for replacement wheeled bins for which charges are to be introduced from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 **Members agree to exemptions and concessions in regards to charges to be applied for replacement wheeled bins from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 as detailed within Appendix A.**

**3.0 KEY ISSUES**

3.1 At the previous meeting of the Rural Economic & Environmental Affairs held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013 the committee agreed the introduction of charges for replacement wheeled bins where the resident or wheeled bin user and keeper has been the cause of, or contributed significantly to, the need for a wheeled bin to be replaced.

3.2 Members requested that details of exemptions and concessions in regards to these charges be the subject of a further report for their consideration.

3.3 Accordingly, as requested, the attached Appendix A to this report provides detail of the proposed exemptions and concessions.

**4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 In regards to the proposed exemptions and concessions, the qualifying conditions and proposed reduction levels remain subject to Member approval, adjustment or rejection, the principle of concessions and exemptions are within existing Council policy and as such this report does not have any direct policy or corporate implications.

4.2 The full proposed concessions and exemptions in regards to this report are detailed in Appendix A, essentially they propose a single full concession :

- A full discount (100%) for residents / householders in receipt of an income related benefit .

**5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The charges are being introduced to help offset the cost of the annual replacement wheeled bin provision and as such income generated from those not qualifying for an exemption or concession is expected to have positive financial implications. The issue of proving or disproving alleged, proven or admitted significant contribution by the resident to the need for a replacement wheeled bin may result in additional officer resources and/or time.

5.2 The level of income that might be achieved through the receipt of payments for replacement wheeled bins when accounting for the proposed concessions and exemptions from full or partial payment is expected to be up to £1500.

**6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS**

6.1 There are no direct legal implications as a result of this report

**7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY**

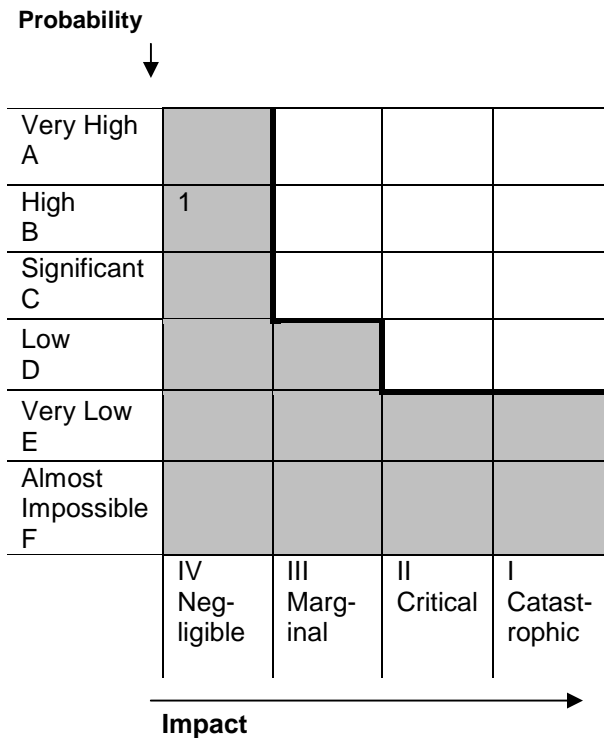
7.1 There are no direct community safety implications as a result of this report

**8.0 EQUALITIES**

8.1 An equalities impact assessment has been carried out in regards to the council concession policy

**9.0 RISKS**

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Risk No.	Description
1	The budgeted level of expected income generated by the introduction of this charge is considerably reduced by agreeing the proposed exemptions and concessions

**10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE**

10.1 There are no direct climate change implication as a result of this report

**11.0 CONSULTATION**

11.1 There has been no formal consultation as such in regards to the proposal , however ,the subject of introducing charges for wheeled bins or their replacements has been reported to Members on a number of occasions recently and has been debated at length a number of times.

**12.0 WARDS AFFECTED**

12.1 Domestic waste management services are provided throughout the Borough and therefore all wards may be affected by this report.

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Appendices :              Appendix A -details of exemptions and concessions

Background Papers:      Report to Committee 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013 'Charging Options for Wheeled Refuse Containers'

Reference :                X : Committees\?