

## **Appendix D: Review of policies and charges at Household Waste Recycling Centres (CANS 33)**

### Fees & Charges

1. City of York Council only has a statutory obligation to provide facilities for household waste arising from the day to day running of a household.
2. Brick and rubble waste arising from the repair and/or improvement of properties, including waste created from landscaping or garden alterations, such as dismantling a rockery or digging up a patio/concrete hard-standing, is classified as industrial waste and, as such, there is no requirement to provide any service for the disposal of this material or accept it free of charge. Such waste is difficult to manage and expensive to dispose of due to its bulk and weight.
3. It is recognised that some households will occasionally produce brick and rubble waste from DIY home improvement and maintenance projects and skips are currently provided at both household waste recycling centres for the disposal of small amounts of these materials.
4. There are alternative methods for the disposal of brick rubble available to residents, including hiring a skip, using a private waste collection company, or buying a skip bag from DIY stores, builders' merchants or garden centres.
5. From 1st April 2013, it is proposed that provision for the disposal of brick and rubble, including bricks, blocks, tiles, paving slabs, concrete posts, sanitary ware etc, will only be available at Hazel Court household waste recycling centre and that charges be levied for the disposal of these items up to the maximum amounts, as outlined in the table in para 9, below.
6. Some residents will occasionally only produce very small amounts of brick and rubble waste. It is therefore proposed that provision will be made to accommodate these customers at Hazel Court HWRC without charging the full rate for brick & rubble disposal as set out in the covering report. 5kg rubble sacks will be available for residents to purchase from council receptions for £2 per sack which covers the cost of purchasing the sacks and disposal of the material (currently £120 per tonne). The charge for the sacks will help cover the cost of disposal of the material and discourage traders from purchasing

sacks whilst allowing residents to dispose of small amounts of waste without incurring more expensive charges.

7. It is also proposed that charges should be made for the disposal of bonded asbestos, plasterboard and gas bottles. These materials are prohibited from landfill and currently cost the council significant expense in arranging and managing the correct disposal of them.
8. The restrictions and charges being proposed are necessary to control the costs incurred by the council, and passed to all council tax payers, associated with the handling, transport and disposal of waste generated from DIY projects that might add value to some householders' property. This follows the principle of 'the polluter pays'.
9. The proposed charges for the materials outlined in para. 5 & 7 above are:

Option Ref.	Material	Quantity	Proposed Charge £	Annual Income £k
A	Brick / rubble	Up to 500kg (MAX) in small vans and trailers	20*	50
B	Brick / rubble	Up to 250kg (MAX) in normal family cars	10	42
C	Bonded Asbestos	• Sheet up to 50kg (MAX)	10	16
		• Bag	5	
D	Plasterboard	• Sheet	5	15
		• Bag	5	
E	Gas Bottles	• Up to 10kg	6	6
		• 10kg-20kg	10	
		• Specialised cylinders	35	

Note:

Facility for brick / rubble, bonded asbestos and plasterboard would only be provided at Hazel Court site. This means that the skips at Towthorpe site for brick / rubble and plasterboard would be removed.

\*£2 rubble sack available for smaller amounts

10. The total additional annual income would be £129k.
11. The annual income stated in the table, above, are a combination of income from fees and a reduction in disposal costs, as some current users will choose to dispose of their waste through other methods, skips etc, outside of our control. We will ensure that any additional savings on transport costs are identified with the current contractor and necessary adjustments made.
12. Survey work in advance of the introduction of the current HWRC permit scheme was undertaken in June 2008 to assess site usage. Visitors to site were monitored over a number of days and times and asked to provide their address details. The following results were obtained:
  - a. Of the 130 people surveyed at Towthorpe HWRC (over 2 days) 12 were non York residents
  - b. Of the 231 surveyed at Hazel Court HWRC (over 5 days) 7 were non York residents.
  - c. 4730 applications for permits to use York's HWRCs have been received since February 2009, of which only 55 have been rejected as being from non York residents.
13. This data suggests that around 1.4 per cent of all visitors to the HWRCs are non York residents. Whilst this is a relatively small percentage of overall visitors, it still attracts unfunded disposal costs. Therefore, it is proposed that all York residents using Hazel Court or Towthorpe HWRCs will be required to show proof of residency when visiting either of the sites. This will be in the form of a utility bill, or other document relating to a York address.
14. Non York residents using either of the sites will be required to pay a fee of £10 to use the site and contribute to the cost of disposal of their waste.