

OXFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE

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Collection and disposal of waste from Charities, schools etc (Schedule II Waste)

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To set out how district councils can begin collecting waste from schedule ii sites in a consistent way, without charging for disposal from October 2009.

2 Background

- 2.1 This paper is part of the ongoing Oxfordshire Waste Partnership response to Defra guidance (see appendix i) sent to all waste authorities setting out its views on the operational aspects of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 with particular reference to waste from sites listed in schedule ii of the Controlled Waste Regulations 1992 (see appendix ii).
- 2.2 Sites listed in schedule ii are sites considered to produce household waste for which a collection charge, but no disposal charge can be made.
- 2.3 Officers from OWP member authorities undertook a scoping exercise to ascertain the impact of schedule ii waste from charities reporting their findings to the OWP Strategy Group, 19th June 2009. Following this meeting officers have begun setting up systems to allow for the collection & disposal of charity waste to begin from October 2009. In conjunction with this officers have also progressed work on the collection of other types of schedule ii waste.
- 2.4 This paper outlines how the schedule ii collection systems will work in practice and is based on the agreed principles for progressing this work outlined below:
- A co-ordinated approach needs to be developed as far as is possible
 - No council is to profit at the expense of another
 - The need to encourage maximum landfill diversion
 - The new arrangements need to be customer friendly
 - Agreed charges are to be smaller for recycling than landfill refuse, centring on the Polluter-Pays Principle

3 Financial, Risk and Staff Implications

- 3.1 There should not be any financial implications to district councils because the Controlled Waste Regulations allow for the cost of waste collection to be passed on to sites listed in schedule ii. Costs of disposal have already had budget for 2009/10 allocated by the county council.
- 3.2 There may be some financial issues due to inflexibility in collection contracts in some districts. However, since the Controlled Waste Regulations allow for all collection costs to be passed on to the site receiving the service this should be an operational rather than financial issue.

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4 Areas Affected

- 4.1 It is proposed that wastes as listed in schedule ii of the Controlled Waste Regulations be treated, by OWP Partner Councils, as household waste for which a charge for collection may be applied subject to the guidelines listed in appendix iii.
- 4.2 A detailed definition of each type of schedule ii waste can be found in appendix iv. Details of collection, in each OWP member area, including cost, scope and frequency can be found in appendix v.
- 4.3 Schedule ii waste is likely to come from a wide variety of institutions and come in various quantities so it is difficult to forecast, with reasonable accuracy, the expected tonnages that may arise as a result of the proposed schedule ii policy. However, some analysis of schedule ii customers with existing Oxfordshire local authority collections has been undertaken.
- 4.4 It is estimated that up to 8 per cent of waste from existing commercial customers is *prima facie* schedule ii waste and that each schedule ii institutions produces up to 6 tonnes of landfill waste per annum. If this is extrapolated county wide it means that of Oxfordshire's 20,000 businesses, 1,600 could be eligible for schedule ii collection and will produce in total 9,600 tonnes of landfill waste. This falls within the budget allocated by Oxfordshire County Council to cover the disposal costs of this waste. As stated above, the collection costs of this waste can be recovered, by the collection authority from the waste producer.
- 4.5 Oxfordshire County Council will ensure that Household Waste Recycling Centres offer a schedule ii compliant service as per the principles agreed in paragraph 2.4.

5 Effect on Strategic Policies

- 5.1 By defining waste from schedule ii sites as household waste, Oxfordshire landfill waste arisings may be affected by up to 9,600 tonnes of additional waste to landfill at a cost of £672,000.

6 Options or Alternatives

- 6.1 The proposed roll out of collections to schedule ii sites where no disposal charge is levied varies from district to district and is set out in appendix v. These have been developed in order to meet the principles listed in paragraph 2.4.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 OWP members implement the collection plans as set out in appendix v as per the guidelines in appendix iii from October 2009.
- 7.2 OWP members agree to monitor schedule ii waste arisings & develop plans to divert as much as possible from landfill.

