

14. IMPLEMENTATION OF INCREASE IN TRADE WASTE CHARGES

The Committee considered a report from Mr Mike Bourke, Operations and Maintenance Manager, City Water and Waste Unit, informing it of the serious concerns being expressed by industry representatives over the proposed increases in trade waste charges as previously reported to the Committee and recommended to the Annual Plan Subcommittee.

The report advised the Committee of the amended report which had been submitted to and adopted by the Annual Plan Subcommittee on 27 February 2002, which slightly altered the basis of calculating trade waste charges to lessen the impact of sharp fluctuations in trade waste unit costs and to provide industry with a more certain climate in which to make investment decisions.

The report provided information on:

- Background
- The New Trade Waste Bylaw Adopted in July 2000
- The Industry Response
- The Council Response to Industry Concerns
- A Possible Interim Solution
- Budget Impact

It noted that the recommendations passed by the Annual Plan Subcommittee were:

1. *That a six-year rolling average be adopted for the calculation of trade waste charges for the 2002/03 year.*
2. *That the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee be asked to convene a review of the trade waste charging policy before the preparation of the 2003/04 budget.*

The Committee **decided**:

1. That the Committee endorse the Annual Plan Subcommittee recommendation to the Council for the purposes of the 2002/03 Annual Plan.
2. That a comprehensive review be undertaken later in 2002, and that a Subcommittee be established to work with staff for this purpose, comprising the Chairman, Councillor Williams and Councillor Carole Evans.
3. That the CMA and other stakeholders be invited to take part in the review.