


7. ADDITIONAL CHARGES UNDER THE TRADE WASTE BYLAW



The Committee considered a report from Mike Bourke, Operations and Maintenance Manager, Water and Waste Unit seeking approval to introduce an unexpected additional charge to industry, under the Trade Waste Bylaw 2000, resulting from changed provisions in the new Local Government Act 2002.

The report provided background to the adoption of the new Trade Waste Bylaw in July 2000 and the subsequent review of this as a consequence of changes in the Council funding policy. The report noted that the new Local Government Act 2002 had removed the provision to industry of the “domestic equivalent allowance” from the Bylaw. The domestic equivalent is an allowance for the contaminants of biochemical oxygen demand and suspended solids up to a level that is expected from domestic derived wastewater. Removal of that allowance would have significant cost implications for some industries currently discharging to the Treatment Plant.

Information of the impact on Industry costs and the Council budget was provided and the report recommended a three-year phase in of \$50,000 per annum over the period 2004/07.

The Committee **decided**:

1. That the Council note the removal of the domestic equivalent allowance as a consequence of the Local Government Act 2002.
2. That representatives of the Canterbury Manufacturers Association be invited to discuss this matter with a subcommittee consisting of the Chairman, and Councillors Williams, C Evans, M Evans (who comprised the Trade Waste Charges Subcommittee that considered the review of the Trade Waste Charges in 2002/03).
3. That the proposed process be for a two year phase in of the increased charges at a rate of \$100,000 per annum (subject to a legal opinion on the levy being obtained from the General Manager, Regulation and Democracy Services).
4. That the Subcommittee report back to the May 2004 meeting of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee.