


## 10. TARGETED UNIFORM ANNUAL CHARGE FOR REFUSE BAG COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL



The Committee considered a report from Mike Stockwell, City Water and Waste Unit Manager and Simon Collin, Solid Waste Manager recommending that refuse collection charges be shown on rates assessments as a targeted uniform annual charge in a manner similar to that for water, sewerage, and land drainage.

The report provided background to the recommendation that the 26 refuse bags to be provided by the Council be shown as a separate targeted uniform annual charge, rather than being included in the general rate and detailed the advantages in terms of transparency and clarity in showing this item separately ie:

- Property owners will know the true cost of the service.
- The existing bag entitlement rules would become redundant and would be replaced with the simple principal that those rate paying properties on which the proposed uniform annual charge is applied would receive an allocation of bags.

It noted that commercial properties in the CBD would not be charged the targeted refuse rate nor would it apply to vacant sections, and recommended that the existing uniform annual general charge be reduced from the current \$105 to \$79 with the \$26 charge for rubbish bag costs shown separately. Overall there would be no increase in the uniform charge element which would still remain at \$105.

The Committee decided to recommend to the Annual Plan Subcommittee that:

- (a) A refuse bag targeted uniform annual charge of \$26 (excluding GST) be set for 2004/05 with this charge being applied as per the UAGC, except for:
  - (i) vacant sections, and
  - (ii) commercial properties within the inner city area which is serviced by the seven day a week refuse collection service, and
- (b) The UAGC be reduced from its current \$105 to \$79.

(Note: Councillor Helen Broughton requested that her vote against the above recommendation be noted.)