



NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

POLICY MANUAL

RURAL REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE

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Applicable Legislation:

Objective Extend the current refuse collection and recyclable service to the proposed routes shown on the Rural Waste Collection area map with all property owners (316 in total) on the route charged for the new service and the costs spread evenly over all properties serviced within the scheme (rural & residential)

Administration: Works

Review Cycle/Date: Every 4 years. Next Review 2026

1 PURPOSE

To extend the current refuse collection and recyclable service in the rural area with all property owners on the route charged for the new service and the costs spread evenly over all properties serviced within the scheme (rural & residential).

2 WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES

The waste management charges are reviewed each year under the annual Budget and Rating process.

3 EXEMPTIONS

No exemptions apply for rural users on the designated collection route, except as follows: -

- (i) Exempt the charge in rural areas when a doctor has provided evidence that none of the property owner/tenants are capable of wheeling the mobile garbage bin from the property boundary (2 metres inside the entrance) to the roadside for collection.
- (ii) Exempt the waste collection service charge where houses are vacant and the service is not used, and an annual application has been provided.

4 EXTENSIONS

Any extensions to the service must consider the magnitude of any subsidy to collect a particular property. The Council stated that the waste management service becomes compulsory if a property containing a house is located on the extended designated route.

As a result any extension to the designated route must satisfy two essential criteria - these being:

- (i) that any Council subsidy is limited to 50% of the additional collection cost, and;
- (ii) that every property (with a dwelling) located on the proposed extended route agree to the waste management service.

4.1 PROCEDURE

4.1.1 The Kerbside Collection Administration Officer assesses the degree of subsidy for a request to include a new route. The calculation is as follows:



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Please note that amended Travel and Pickup rates to be sought and provided by Contractor at time of each calculation.

Garbage

| | | |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| Length of road to gate & back again | = |km ('L') |
| Number of occupied properties along proposed route | = | ('No') |
| Formula 1 | = | $L \times \$1.50 + No \times \1.53 |
| | = | \$..... |
| Formula 2 | = | $No \times \$1.53$ |
| | = | \$..... |
| Subsidy Ratio | = | Formula 1 |
| | | Formula 2 |
| | = | |

If Subsidy Ratio > 2, then subsidy too great to provide service.

Recycling

| | | |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| Length of road to gate & back again | = |km ('L') |
| Number of occupied properties along proposed route | = | ('No') |
| Formula 1 | = | $L \times \$1.50 + No \times \1.71 |
| | = | \$..... |
| Formula 2 | = | $No \times \$1.71$ |
| | = | \$..... |
| Subsidy Ratio | = | Formula 1 |
| | | Formula 2 |
| | = | |

If Subsidy Ratio > 2, then subsidy too great to provide service.

4.1.2. If both subsidy ratio less than or equal to 2, then seek an accurate cost to collect services along proposed route from Waste Management Contractor and Recycling Contractor then recalculate subsidy ratio as shown below:

| | | |
|---------------|---|---|
| Formula 1 | = | Collection cost provided by contractor + $No \times \$1.50$ |
| | = | \$..... |
| Formula 2 | = | $No \times \$1.50$ |
| | = | \$..... |
| Subsidy Ratio | = | Formula 1 |
| | | Formula 2 |
| | = | |

4.1.3 If Subsidy Ratio confirms to be less than or equal to 2, then write to every property (containing a dwelling) along the proposed new route seeking their comments on being included within the waste management area.

4.1.4 Upon the return of all questionnaires, then extend waste management service to new area only if 100% support.

4.1.5 Advise rate collector of extended area to amend rate records and prepare invoices for part year services.

4.1.6 Send invoices and information brochures to properties.

4.1.7 Arrange for waste and recycling contractor to deliver wheelie bins and begin service.

5 REVIEW

The Council will review this policy at least every four years.