

**Full Council  
25<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

**Motion selected for debate by Councillor Ann John,  
Leader of the Labour Group.**

**Scrap the Dumpers' Charter**

This Council notes that the previous Labour administration retained the free bulky waste collection service and ignored officers' suggestions to impose a £25.00 charge for this service on the grounds that it would lead to increased fly tipping and illegal dumping, in effect a 'Dumpers Charter'.

The Council also notes that the Liberal Democrat led administration has introduced just such a 'Dumpers Charter' in the shape of a £25.00 charge for bulky household waste collections.

This Council further notes that council officers are now on record admitting that 'an increase in fly tipping is indeed a likely consequence of charging' and that an increase in fly tipping will lead to 'a real reduction in tonnage figures for recycling' because material collected as a fly tip must be considered contaminated and cannot therefore be recycled.

This Council therefore believes that the new charges (since modified) are a false economy and we call for the abolition of the 'Dumpers Charter' by rescinding the new charges and reverting to the free service for up to five bulky items.