

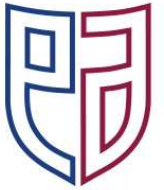
# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL



## Introduction of a charging structure for residential POPS uplifts



# SEPA REQUIREMENTS



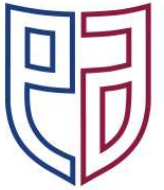
- WUDS/POPS Guidance issued October 2023
- January 2024 Implemented at EAC HWRC Sites and Transfer Stations
- Updated Working Plans to include POPS/WUDS



For the future of our environment

**Guidance on the management of Waste Upholstered Domestic Seating (WUDS) containing Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)**

October 2023



# FINANCIAL IMPACT

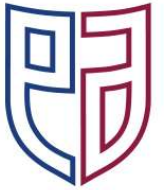
- February 2024 immediate unbudgeted costs for disposal of POPS creating an unprecedented overspend
- Price including collection in excess of £300 per tonne
- Predicted tonnage & costs = £**200,000** not sustainable per year
- Huge budget pressures on an already stretched financial position

# CLEANER COMMUNITIES WASTE

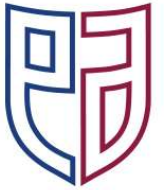
## REVIEW 2024

- XII. APPROVE the new Bulky Waste Charging Framework including associated charges.
- XIII. APPROVE the tracking of the Scottish Median charge annually, from 1st April 2025, and introduce a concessionary 50% discount for those residents in receipt of housing benefit or Universal Credit.
- The opportunity was opened for WUDS/POPS to be included during this new charging framework

# LOCAL WASTE PROVIDERS



- Research was conducted to establish what other local private businesses were charging for POPS disposal to ensure EAC remained a reasonable alternative
- EAC recognised there was potential for a very large increase in POPS materials coming to us if we did not introduce a charge
- Potential for increased waste tourism and fly tipping
- EAC do not make profit from the charging framework; Cost Recovery only.

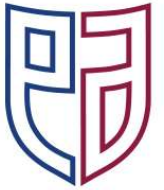


# SUGGESTED CHARGES WASTE REVIEW 2024

POPs Bulky Uplift suggested charges		
Items	Local Industry Rate	Suggested the Council charge rates+
sofa	£50.00	£30.00
sofa beds	£65.00	£40.00
armchair	£20.00	£15.00
Dining room fabric chair	£10.00	£5.00
Home office fabric chair	£10.00	£7.50
Futons	£20.00	£15.00
Bean Bags	£10.00	£5.00
Floor & sofa cushion	£5.00	£5.00
Electrical recliner chairs	£45.00	£35.00

\*The above charges are based upon typical item weight per product and aligned with disposal and operating costs.

# WASTE REVIEW APPROVED

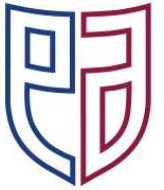


- Cleaner Communities Waste Review was approved by Cabinet in August 2024
- All requests in relation to WUDS/POPS charging framework were accepted and approved
- Actions to be implemented and in place for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025
- Working Groups established to complete this project timeline Sept 2024-March 2025

# BULKY UPLIFT PROJECT



- Sept 2024 working group established to include expertise from;
- Business Support
- Communications
- IT
- Business Innovation
- Revenue & Benefits
- Finance



# GO LIVE 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2025



## Bulky Uplift Request

### About this form

A wide range of items can be collected using our bulky uplift service. Please review the following information before completing this form.

**Uplifts will only be collected from addresses within East Ayrshire. Please check the uplift address before payment is made as this charge is non-refundable.**

### Standard Charge Items

We accept a wide range of general household items under our standard charge. These include, but are not limited to mattresses, tables, chairs and other similar bulky items. If your items fall within this category they will be collected at no additional cost beyond the standard charge as set out below.

Standard items will be charged at **£39.80** for up to 7 items.  
Additional standard items will be charged at **£5.69** per item.

You can request a maximum of **15** items in total.

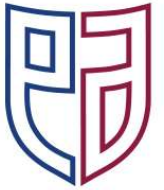
### American Style Fridge/Freezer

Due to their size and weight American style fridge freezers are not included in the standard charge.

American Style Fridge/Freezers will be charged at **£87.25**

### Persistent organic pollutants (POPs) items

Items classified as POPs, such as certain types of upholstered furniture containing hazardous materials are not included in the standard charge. These items require special handling and disposal, and an additional fee will apply. A full list of POPs items and their charges can be found below.



# WUDS/POPS PRICES

## + Persistent organic pollutants (POPs items)

2 Seater Sofa £30

3 Seater Sofa £30

Armchair £15

Bean Bag £5

Chair (With Fabric) £5

Corner Suite £60

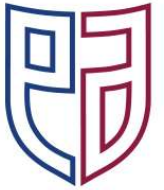
Electric Recliner Chair £35

Floor/Sofa Cushions £5

Home Office Chair (Fabric) £7.50

Ottoman/Futon/Footstool £15

Sofa Bed £40



# COMMUNICATIONS

- EAC advertise the Bulky Uplift service on our webpage and social media:
  - Information shared from the East Ayrshire Council Facebook page which has 29K followers:
    - Reactions: 27
    - Comments: 24
    - Reach: 8,400
    - Impressions: 8,927
    - Shares: 21
    - Clicks: 913
  - Information shared from the East Ayrshire Council page which has 22.3K followers
  - Newsroom article
  - The bulky uplifts webpage from 1 April 2025 to 25 August 2025:
    - 3,025 unique page views (counts views once per visit)
    - 4,841 page views (counts multiple views per visit)



# CHALLENGES

- Business support team have reported initial concerns from members of the public in April 2025 in relation to new prices
- Separate charge for a couch whereas it used to be included in the Bulky Uplift price
- No formal complaints to date
- Public have accepted the change in pricing when fully explained ie SEPA

# CURRENT COLLECTION METHOD

- Subcontract the bulky uplift/POPS collection service to Tivoli



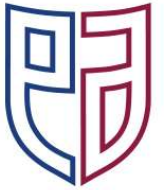
- Keep POPS items separate where possible
- To date no real issues, service is running smoothly
- Dispose all items into our TS POPS bays

# WUDS/POPS INCOME TO DATE



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
No. Of POPs items	183	156	208	217
2 seater	49	44	59	50
3 seater	42	32	50	48
Armchair	37	26	33	41
Other POPS	55	54	66	78
<b>Income</b>	<b>£5,069.25</b>	<b>£3,847.50</b>	<b>£5,452.50</b>	<b>£5,449.00</b>

- No budget target for 2025-26
- This will be reviewed for 2026-27

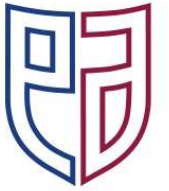


# POPS DISPOSAL COSTS TO DATE THIS YEAR

- April 25      £16,923
- May 25        £10,332
- June 25       £10,750
- July 25        £11,134

**Our current contractor have been in contract with EAC since May 2024 for disposal of WUDS/POPS.**

**POPS is collected separately from our transfer station and goes direct to EFW for incineration.**



# THANK YOU

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