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for advice

Opening of the North Lantau Transfer Station (NLTS)

Purpose

1. This paper advises Members that the North Lantau Transfer Station (NLTS) will open on 1 June 1998, and further advises on the proposed arrangements.

Background

2. The "Waste Disposal Plan 1989" committed the Government to provide a network of refuse transfer stations (RTS) to transfer waste to the landfills. Also, it is the Government's policy to recover as far as possible the cost of service provision provided to the private sector. Charges for transfer of waste collected by or on behalf of the Provisional Urban Council and Provisional Regional Council (ProRC) and government departments are exempted.

3. To provide a legislative basis for the charging scheme, the Waste Disposal (Refuse Transfer Station) Regulation was enacted on 16 January 1998 and came into operation on 25 February 1998.

North Lantau Transfer Station

4. The new Hong Kong International Airport at Chek Lap Kok is near completion. Some government departments, the AA and its franchisees and tenants have been moving to the new airport since April 1998. Waste generated by the AA and its tenants will be handled by a waste collection contractor employed by the AA. The franchisees will employ waste collection contractors approved by the AA to handle their waste. The AA would be the single biggest user of the NLTS for some years until the population of Tung Chung New Town expands significantly. Publicly collected waste and other private waste will gradually increase as time goes by.

5. Both the North Lantau Development Study and the New Airport Master Plan study recommended that solid waste arising from the North Lantau development and the new airport be delivered to the NLTS for processing and transfer to the West New Territories (WENT) landfill by marine vessel.

Charging Principles and Arrangement

6. The AA has agreed to deliver all airport waste to the station. Other than the airport waste, we will provide the transfer service to other private waste collectors on a **voluntary** basis, i.e. private waste collectors are free to choose to use the service at the station subject to paying the required service charge.

7. The proposed charge level of \$110 per tonne is established based on a consideration of the additional operating cost incurred to the Government in accepting privately collected waste at the NLTS and the potential savings that the private waste collectors may have in using the NLTS. We do not intend, at least initially, to differentiate between peak and non-peak hours.

Environmental Benefits

8. RTSs are designed and operated to very high environmental standards. The use of RTSs to transport the waste in bulk to landfills reduces traffic and vehicle emissions caused by long haulage of waste by small waste collection vehicles from the waste source to landfills. Therefore, it is considered beneficial to the community, from an environmental point of view, to promote the use of the RTS service among the private waste collectors to realize these environmental benefits.

Proposed Amendment to the Waste Disposal (Refuse Transfer Station) Regulation

9. To give legal effect to the proposed charging arrangement to NLTS, an amendment to the Schedule of the Regulation is required by adding the information as shown in the table attached.

Implementation

10. We plan to commence the provision of waste transfer service at the NLTS in mid 1998.

Advice Sought

11. Members are requested to note the proposals.

Planning, Environment and Lands Bureau
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Schedule
Charges for Disposal of Waste at Refuse Transfer Station

Refuse Transfer Station	Address	Particular	Charges for load of waste	
			Peak Hour	Non-peak Hour
North Lantau Transfer Station	PLA No. TW353, Siu Ho Wan, North Lantau, N.T. [Boundaries delineated by Plan Number NANTA 80-A]	(i) For each load of waste 1 tonne or less	\$110	\$110
		(ii) For each load of waste more than 1 tonne	\$1.1 per 0.01 tonne or part thereof	\$1.1 per 0.01 tonne or part thereof
		(iii) For each load of waste in respect of which the Director is of the opinion that — (a) it is impracticable to ascertain the actual weight of the load; or (b) to ascertain the actual weight of the load will cause public health problems	\$110	\$110