




Essential Reference Paper B - Green Waste Collection Service Options

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| <p>Service</p> | <p>Current:</p>  <p>Fortnightly organic waste collection in brown bin (food and garden waste) and dry recycling (cans, glass etc) collection in blue lidded bin with paper box</p> <p>Fortnightly residual (black bin) bin collection (non-recyclables and food)</p> <p>Food is effectively collected every week</p> | <p>Proposed: Chargeable Green Waste alongside weekly food collection</p>  <p>Fortnightly garden waste collection for residents who opt to pay into the service (but no food in this bin)</p> <p>Fortnightly blue lidded bin collection and paper box</p> <p>Fortnightly black bin collection (not for food waste)</p> <p>Weekly food collection continues for residents regardless of paying for green waste</p> | <p>Not recommended: Chargeable Green waste without weekly food waste collections</p>  <p>Fortnightly garden waste collection for residents who opt to pay into the service (but no food in this bin)</p> <p>Fortnightly blue lidded bin collection and paper box</p> <p>Fortnightly black bin collection including food (all food goes into black bin, potentially resulting in more waste to landfill and bins reaching capacity)</p> <p>No weekly food collection</p> |
| <p>Cost to resident</p> | <p>£0</p> | <p>£40 per annum</p> | <p>£40 per annum</p> |
| <p>Annual Cost to Council</p> | <p>Over £800k for Organic collection</p> | <p>Income of approx. £385k per annum</p> | <p>Income increased by approx. £100k</p> |
| <p>End Destination</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown bin – composted • Blue lidded - recycled • Black bin – landfill or energy from waste site | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown bin – composted • Food caddy – composted • Blue lidded recycled • Black bin – landfill or energy from waste site | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown bin – composted • Blue lidded recycled • Black bin including increased food waste – more waste to landfill or energy from waste site |
| <p>Bin collections</p> | <p>Alternate week for brown bin and blue lidded bin/paper box</p> <p>Alternate week for black bin</p> | <p>Alternate week for brown bin (if customer has chosen paid for service) and blue lidded bin/paper box + food caddy</p> <p>Alternate week for black bin + food caddy</p> | <p>Alternate week for brown bin (if customer has chosen paid for service) and blue lidded bin/paper box</p> <p>Alternate week for black bin</p> |
| <p>Advantages</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No extra cost to resident • No change to current service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguards a discretionary service from potential cuts by making it self-sustaining • Supports Council medium term financial plan • Diverts food waste from landfill therefore in line with waste hierarchy • Allows more food waste to be recycled/composted • Disposal Authority recommends separate food waste collections alongside a chargeable green waste service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same number bins to manage if customer has chosen the paid for service). |

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| Disadvantages | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discretionary Garden waste collection Service could be at risk of being removed for future savings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extra Cost to resident One more bin to manage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goes against the direction of travel for the Herts Waste partnership and the waste hierarchy as it will lead to more waste going to landfill Food waste will not be collected weekly but fortnightly – change to current practice Recycling rates will drop |
| Additional Comments | | <p>Education and Comms strategy key and must ensure the reasons why the service is changing.</p> <p>IT crucial</p> <p>Opportunity to encourage residents with gardens to compost, which is the most effective way of dealing with this waste stream</p> <p>Consultation based on this option.</p> | <p>Food waste would not be acceptable in chargeable garden waste collection as this could be perceived as charging for food waste collection – UK law does not permit Council's to charge for food waste.</p> <p>It is more expensive to divert waste (including food waste) to landfill. This option is highly likely to create more waste for landfill.</p> <p>No consultation carried out for this option.</p> |