

Harmonisation of the Garden Waste Collection Service Across West Northamptonshire

Appendix A: Review Of Options

Option	Positives	Negatives	Financial Position
1. Apply £42 per bin charge to all households	Same charge is applied to all West Northants residents who wish to opt in.	<p>South Northants residents will have a charge introduced.</p> <p>There may be a small reduction in the amount of garden waste collected for composting in the south area, from those who choose not to opt into the service, but some of this will be displaced to home composting or to the Household Waste Recycling Centres</p>	Estimated net income increase of approx. £800k*
2. Apply £37 per bin to all households	<p>Same charge is applied to all West Northants residents for those who wish to opt in.</p> <p>Northampton and Daventry residents benefit from a reduced charge (£5 per bin).</p>	<p>Reduced opportunity for additional income which would help WNC budget position.</p> <p>There may be a small reduction in the amount of garden waste collected for composting in the south area, from those who choose not to opt into the service, but some of this will be displaced to home composting or to the HWRCs.</p>	Estimated net income increase of approx. £500k*
3. Eliminate charge for all households	Same charge is applied to all West Northants residents.	<p>Waste collection services are supported by garden waste income.</p> <p>Those who do not use the service still pay for it from their Council Tax.</p>	Loss of approx. £2 million net income.
4. Continue to apply charges to Daventry and Northampton but not in the South area	No change for residents.	Difference in charging for services within one council area, leading to complaints and potential legal challenge.	Neutral No net gain or loss.

*net income taking account of costs to establish and administer the scheme.