

**Initial Risk Log – Chargeable Garden Waste Service**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigating Actions</b>
DEFRA's Resources and Waste Strategy Consistency Consultation Proposal 7 – Collecting Garden Waste: Whether households generating garden waste should be provided with access to a free collection service	Medium	High	Government response: "Garden waste contributes significantly towards progress on meeting weight-based recycling targets. It is also important from an environmental perspective that this material is recycled or home composted, rather than sent to recovery or landfill. Whilst we retain the view that a free collection would be the most effective way of ensuring this, it is noted that stakeholder respondents were generally not supportive, with particular opposition from local authorities. We will therefore give further consideration to the costs and benefits of this measure before making a final decision on whether garden waste collections should be free of charge, or whether charging should be a matter for local decision making."
DEFRA's Resources and Waste Strategy Consistency Consultation Proposal 4 – Separate food waste collection: Whether all kerbside properties and flats should have access to at least a weekly separate collection of food waste (i.e. not mixed with garden waste) and; Proposal 6 – Desirable for local authorities that have contractual commitments with IVC facilities to require separate presentation of food waste but then be able to mix it with garden waste at the kerbside for treatment purposes	High	High	Government response: "Given the support for separate food waste collection, government will legislate to ensure that every local authority provides householders with a separate food waste collection. Government's preference is that this should be a separate weekly collection of food waste and not mixed with garden waste. However it is clear that further consideration is needed with respect to local circumstances."  "Views on this were relatively balanced. However the most significant concern raised was that separate collection of food waste only to be mixed later might undermine public confidence in recycling and in efforts to separate the food waste when it could have been collected mixed with garden waste. We will give further consideration to arrangements for food waste collection in these circumstances."
Negative customer satisfaction / public perception affecting the overall reputation of the Council	Medium	Medium	Effective communication is key to maximise sign up to the service. Member engagement with Town/ Parish Councils (e.g. local magazines, roadshows etc.). Publicity campaign in local newspapers and on social media.
Failure to meet statutory and/or local household recycling targets	Medium	High	Evidence from Rugby Borough Council and other local authorities indicates that an initial reduction in the household recycling rate is followed by an increase in subsequent years. Also, 50% of the top ten recycling authorities in England 2017/18 operate a chargeable garden waste service.
Potential increase in fly-tipping of garden waste	Low	Medium	Evidence from neighbouring local authorities indicates that there is no relationship between incidences of fly-tipping and a chargeable garden waste service (see Appendix 1).

Potential increase in the number of rogue traders not licenced to carry waste	Low	Medium	Evidence from neighbouring local authorities indicates that there is no relationship between rogue traders and a chargeable garden waste service (see Appendix 1).
Potential increase in the amount of residual waste collected	Low	Medium	Evidence from neighbouring local authorities indicates that there is no relationship between residual waste arisings and a chargeable garden waste service (see Appendix 1).
Potential increase in contamination of blue-lidded recycling bins	Low	Medium	Evidence from neighbouring local authorities indicates that there is no relationship between contamination and a chargeable garden waste service (see Appendix 1).
Potential increase in the theft of green bins	Low	Medium	Each green bin will have a 'unique identifier' in the form of a branded sticker/tag each year.
The assumptions and estimates made are subjective and may prove to be inaccurate	Low/ Medium	Medium/ High	Evidence has been obtained from a number of local authorities who have introduced a chargeable garden waste service, including lessons learnt.