

neighbouring authorities are charging a similar fee for a 50 week service. Suspending the service for 4 months would result in a 34 week service with 17 collections equating to £0.88p per week or £1.76 per collection (compared to £1.16 for a 50 week service). The logistical and operational challenge of operating a seasonal service that inevitably lead to reduced quality and efficiency because of regular staff turnover and the continued need to train new seasonal employees make this a less viable option than a year round service.

4. A chargeable subscription service 50 weeks of the year

This is the most popular option that has been adopted by other Councils who have already implemented a charge and the option most likely to be considered for others going forward as budgetary pressures continue. This option represents the simplest logistical method of delivery with no seasonal or employee implications. This option would be in line with the chargeable services already implemented and currently being considered across Lancashire. This option offers the benefit of still operating a year round service whilst making a significant contribution towards the financial impact from the withdrawal of the cost sharing support from LCC.

Feedback from authorities that have implemented a green waste subscription service have identified two key considerations:

- Not to under estimate administrative, financial and officer time involved with operating a chargeable service, and
- The implications of not achieving the assumed level of uptake in the service and the revenues received being lower than those budgeted

Authorities experience a significant reduction in participation when a charge is first introduced with a steady increase over time as residents realise it is easier and cheaper than disposing of the waste themselves. The percentage uptake is critical to the success of the proposal and associated income generated. Based on the demographics of garden properties in Fylde it would be reasonable to assume a good uptake, particularly if the scheme is launched at the height of the growing season, however this is difficult to predict with any degree of accuracy without public consultation to measure potential support for any scheme. Assessment of collection data available through Bartec and the vehicles' bin counters indicate that approximately 20,000 green bins are regularly presented for collection across the fortnightly period.

Fylde is very often compared to Wyre with many socio economic and geographical similarities, in 2016 Wyre introduced a chargeable waste collection service in response to the removal of the cost sharing payments from LCC and to date have over 80% take up of the service, if this was achieved in Fylde the contribution towards mitigating the financial impact of the cost sharing payments would be £450,000.

Potential Income Based on Variable Participation

Participation	No of Bins*	Income @ £30 per
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(%)		bin
40	8000	£240,000
45	9000	£270,000
50	10000	£300,000
55	11000	£330,000
60	12000	£360,000
65	13000	£390,000
70	14000	£420,000

*Based on 20,000 green bins regularly presented for collection

Operational Costs

Operational costs would depend on uptake e.g. if the customer base reduces significantly it may be possible to drop a crew/vehicle on certain days, making savings, however there may also be an associated impact for the grey bin collections with residents disposing of green waste in the grey bin.

The table below illustrates the operational costs for delivering a reduced fortnightly collection of three green rounds, based on £30 per bin with a 50% uptake rate, using 2017-18 costs.

Chargeable Green Waste Collection Service

3 x front line refuse collection vehicles + 1 spare

(operating 25 weeks per year - alternating with grey rounds)

		Year 1	Totals	
		2017-18		
Uplift				
Labour				
Drivers	3	£63,732	£63,732	
		£119,64		
Loaders	6	6	£119,646	
Spare Drivers	1	£21,244	£21,244	
Spare Loaders	2	£39,882	£39,882	
PPE	£200	£2,400	£2,400	
Total - 50% as 25 weeks per year			£123,452	<i>Direct</i>
Vehicles				
Twin Bin RCV	3	£195,54	6	£195,546
Spare Wagon	1	£65,182		£65,182
Total - 50% as 25 weeks per year			£130,364	<i>Direct</i>
Containers	33,833			
Replacement Green Bins 240L (1 per property @ 1.5% replacement)	£18	£9,135		£9,135
Income from replacement bins	-£32.50	-£16,494		-£16,494
Total after income			-£7,359	<i>Direct</i>