

Garden Waste Collection Service

Consultation Analysis Report 2022

Appendix

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Appendix 1: Questionnaire full results

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Overview

Following local government reorganisation last year, the new unitary council has inherited different approaches to the fortnightly kerbside garden waste collections from the previous local authorities.

In Corby and Kettering, the service is currently provided all year at no extra charge, whilst in Wellingborough, it operates between March and November with no additional cost for users of the service. In East Northamptonshire, the year-round scheme has a £55 annual subscription charge, paid by users of the service.

North Northamptonshire Council wants to harmonise the garden waste collection across the area, so all residents receive the same service.

To harmonise the kerbside garden waste service the Council needs to consider the following:

- To determine which months of the year a kerbside collection service would operate.
- To establish whether a universal garden waste service would be provided to all residents without an additional charge, and should that occur, to consider what impact this will have on other Council services.
- To establish whether a subsidised subscription-based garden waste service would be provided to residents who wish to subscribe to the service and pay a subscription charge.
- And, if a subscription charge was to be levied, the level of this charge.

Any changes to the service will affect many households in North Northamptonshire. We want to hear your views to help us shape the future of this service. All consultation feedback will be analysed and considered and will help Councillors make a final decision on the future of the service.

We acknowledge this a challenging time for a lot of people with rising costs in other areas, such as gas, electricity, fuel, and food.

The environment

North Northamptonshire Council has committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

It is important to dispose of all waste responsibly and in a manner that reduces harm to the environment. The most environmentally friendly way to deal with garden waste is to compost it in your garden. It is not good for the environment to put it in the black bin with your general waste because this waste goes towards either energy recovery or energy production. Garden waste has a high water content and therefore uses a lot of energy to burn so using these disposal methods is not a good way to dispose of garden waste.

Garden waste collected through the garden waste service or at the Council's Household Waste and Recycling Facilities (HWRCs) is turned into compost for use in farming or horticulture. There is also a financial cost to the Council for disposing of waste. The cheapest option for the Council is for residents to compost at home. The most expensive disposal option for the Council is the general waste, which is another reason why it is important to reduce as much waste as possible being disposed of through this route.

Providing a universal garden waste service to all residents requires the Council to drive refuse vehicles along every road even if residents choose not to use the service. A subscription service means the Council only drives to properties who have opted to pay for the service and are likely to need a collection. As a result, it is likely that a subscription service will require fewer vehicles and use less fuel, both of which are better for the environment.

There are also environmental considerations from introducing a subscription for the garden waste service. If a subscription charge is introduced and more residents choose not to use the garden waste service, then they may drive to the HWRCs to dispose of their garden waste, this could increase journeys for residents and result in more emissions.

Consultation dates

This consultation will run from Monday, 14 March until midnight on Sunday, 17 April 2022.

When the Executive decides on the future service delivery (expected to be in July), they will also consider the implementation timeframe, which could be as early as this Autumn.

Related Documents

Please read the related documents to gain a better understanding of the service and our proposals before giving us your feedback:

- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
- [Equality Screening Assessment](#)
- [Garden Waste Service Executive Report 22 February 2022](#)
- [Waste and Recycling Policy](#)

Have your say

Please tell us your views by completing this questionnaire. You do not have to answer all of the questions or give us your feedback on every section. If you do not wish to answer a question or give feedback on a specific section, then you can skip those questions and move on to the next section.

Your feedback will be part of a report with many other people's feedback, so you will not be personally identified.

You can also access this online questionnaire free of charge at any North Northamptonshire Council library. Customers are asked to check the opening times of the library you wish to visit and book an appointment in advance. Please see the [Library website](#) or telephone 0300 126 3000 to check times and make a booking.

Alternatively, you can email or send your comments in by post using the contact details below.

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If you would like a copy of this questionnaire in another format (including paper, easy read or large print) you can also contact us by telephone: 0300 126 3000 (option 4 Waste & Recycling followed by option 1 for Waste & Recycling).

The deadline for completing this questionnaire is midnight **Sunday, 17 April 2022**.

For information about how consultation and engagement responses are managed, please see the [consultation and engagement privacy notice](#).

Thank you for helping us by completing this questionnaire.

About you

Q. Are you: Please tick (✓) all that apply

There were 9,323 responses to this question, with respondents being able to select more than one option if applicable.

	Response number
A local resident	9,251
A North Northamptonshire Council Councillor	59
A representative of a Town/Parish Council	19
A Town or Parish Councillor	132
A local business	44
A representative of the voluntary sector or a community organisation	44
A representative of a user group	7
Other	24

Other:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Redacted] • [Redacted] years a resident in Corby • Also work for Local authority • [Redacted] allotments and [Redacted] • [Redacted] Parish Council • Chairman of a Parish Meeting • Church • Civil Servant • [Redacted] Town Council • house owner • I also work for North Northamptonshire Council • I am also an NNC employee • New resident • Nnc employee • O.A.P • Residents • Retired (4) • Small garden infrequent user • Staff Member • There will be a lot more fly tipping if this service is stopped. • User of a paid for garden waste solution
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Q. What is your postcode?

By providing us with your postcode, you are consenting for us to use this information to understand where respondents live. If you do not consent to us using this information in this way, please do not provide your postcode.

There were 7,373 valid postcodes provided – 7,187 were from within North Northamptonshire and 186 were from outside of the area.

Q. Do you have a garden at your property: Please tick (✓) relevant answer

There were 9,263 responses to this question.

	Response number	Percentage (%)
Yes	9,221	99.5%
No	42	0.5%

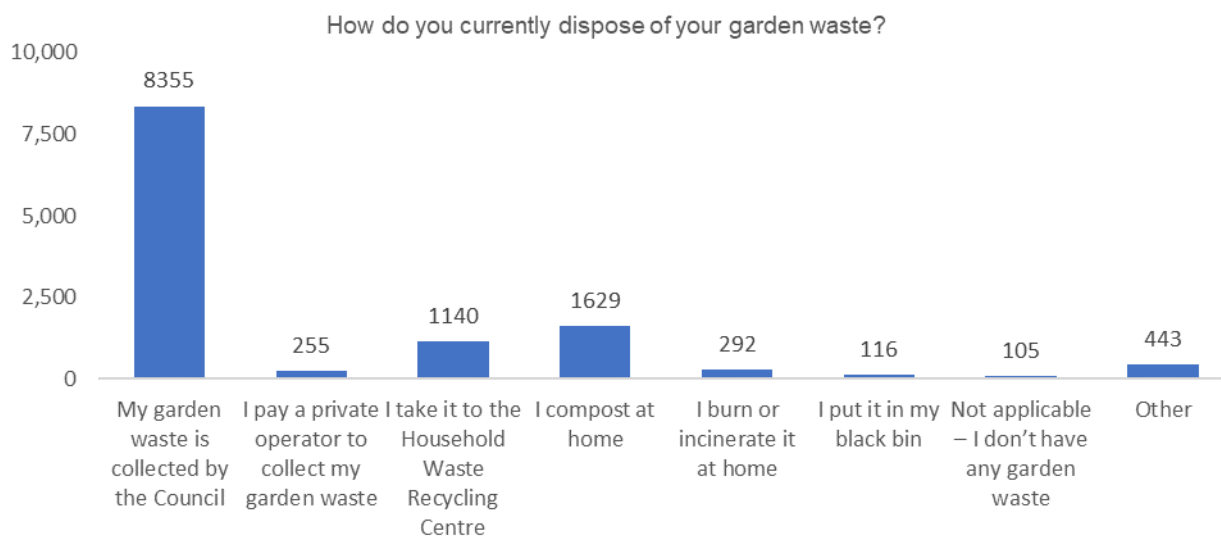
Q. How do you currently dispose of your garden waste? Please tick (✓) all that apply

What can go in the black (refuse) bin?

Only general household rubbish which cannot be recycled or composted should be put in your black bin, including:

- Broken toys/housewares
- Cat and dog waste, and other pet waste/bedding
- Cling film
- Cold fire ash
- Cooked food and meats
- Disposable vacuum cleaner bag/cylinder contents
- Nappies
- Personal protective equipment such as face masks and gloves (these aren't recyclable and are a health risk to sorting facility staff).
- Plant pots/trays
- Plastic bags
- Plastic film lids
- Polystyrene
- Sanitary products including used tissues and cotton buds
- Vacuum cleaner contents

There were 9,301 responses to this question, with respondents being able to select more than one option if applicable.



	Response number
My garden waste is collected by the Council	8,355
I pay a private operator to collect my garden waste	255
I take it to the Household Waste Recycling Centre	1,140
I compost at home	1,629
I burn or incinerate it at home	292
I put it in my black bin	116
Not applicable – I don't have any garden waste	105
Other	443

Other:

- The only garden waste have is from what is blowing into my garden trees leaves ect act my garden is low maintenance
- Larger garden waste items are taken by truck and trailer to a private site for disposal
- In the summer I pay to have the garden waste collected by the council
- I have 2 bins. One from ENC & the other from [Redacted].
- Pay the council to collect it !
- I have a large garden. I have already purchased 5 compost bins from the council and these are well used. We also make leaf mould. However we still need 2 Brown waste bins and frequently these are overfilled (we have to jump on the contents - not easy for OAPs!) . Some weeds are just not suitable for composting - brambles for example and other pernicious weeds. And some large pruning's can be too big for a home shredder. We really need these bins but feel they should be provided free of charge if only to prevent more people either burning waste or fly tipping .
- My gardener takes the waste generated during his work away with him which I pay extra for.
- Small amount in my own compost bin but I have a large garden and need to use brown bin also.
- I also have a garden robot which mulches the grass back in to the lawn but I need to top up by using my lawnmower a few times a year when the robot cannot operate, start of the year, when on holiday, times of excessive growth, end of the year.
- The only thing burnt is tree off cuts after storage for 5+ years
- The majority goes into our brown bin collection. Grass is composted. Any larger items eg branches are taken to household recycling centre
- I have artificial grass but I use my brown bin occassionally for weeds and dead flowers. I don't really have anywhere to compost in my front garden.

- Not everything is suitable to compost
- I compost at home and also use the Council garden waste collection
- I put it in my green garden waste bin
I also look after my elderly neighbours garden too and dispose of her garden waste in her green bin
- I have artificial grass and a large patio, so don't use garden waste collection
- I don't have much garden waste.
- We have very little waste as all artificial grass so we would not pay for a service we will just dispose another way if we were charged extra on top of our council tax and we also have a management fee where we live I can't afford to pay any more out
- Currently composting in my brown bin as I refuse to pay when other have it free
- I don't want to spend £55 a year to get my bin collected when I pay so much council tax
- I have two bins
- Give it to my stepdad for his allotment
- I take it to another address to be added to their garden waste bin
- I have artificial grass so no waste
- I take excess garden waste to the local recycling centres, depending which one is open on the day, and also during November to March when there is no garden waste collection service.
- I fill one grey bin, in the summer only. Lots of other bits burned or compost
- Never use this much only 3-5 times a year!! Because garden is tiny and shed is the middle and tiny grass it won't be full till every 3 months!
- Regular trips to the tip when they are open
- Currently composting in my brown waste bin as I still put it in there but refuse to pay for it when places like Corby and Kettering get it for free
- I pay to have the council collect my garden waste.
- We have two compost bins but the twice monthly collections are not enough for our large garden so we end up taking lots to the tip, especially in the winter.
- We compost where possible remainder goes in brown bin (autumn)
You could collect brown bins every four weeks
- Also don't pick up grass cuttings.
- I use my green bin
- Very against this potential charge!
Are they going to reduce everyone's council tax then if the council are not going to provide a waste service unless you subscribe and pay? Charging us twice comes to mind!
There are plenty of council services I pay for though my council tax that I don't access or have a need for. Are these services going to be reduced from our council tax and become subscription services for those that use them? I don't think so. I have no issues paying for services that I don't currently use as there maybe a day that I do and I would like these services to still be available.
So many more points I could rant about but what about the increased flytipping we have seen from other councils that have introduced this charge!
- I compost soft garden waste to then feed the flower/veg beds and put twiggy things in the grey bin - all year round
- I pay for a council collection
- I do have a composter & use it but in summer months there is more garden waste that I can fit in composter.
- What I can't compost I put in my garden waste bin
- Compost as much as possible
- Like 100's of others we've been paying [Redacted] for years as at one time the council here didn't offer this service
- I compost what I can with the remaining waste collected by the council.
- I pay to have my garden waste collected by the council.
- I also use my compost heap at my allotment
- I have an Allotment and take a lot up there,
- I hire a skip
- Some is taken to my allotment for composting

- Grass cuttings are put in our green bin but larger branches are taken to the local recycling plant at Wellingborough
- I pay £55 a year
- Lawn cuttings etc go in the grey bin
- I have a large garden.
Although I do compost I also have green waste which is collected by the council. I
- I put most in my green bin which is collected by the council on bin collection days
- I compost as much as possible at home and anything I can't compost is collected by the council
- Depends how much we have due to having a long hedge border on a bend
- I do have a compost bin but it cannot take all the waste so I also use my grey council bin.
- I have 2 compost bins but they are not big enough to take all my garden/ waste during the summer months so I also use my green bin that is collected biweekly if required although I find monthly is enough.
- I pay for it to be collected
- I all ready pay for it in my council tax payment. You want me to make a double payment for the same service. It is not legal. I disagree to pay extra money for green waste collected.
- Rarely use the service. Could take what I do have to the tip in my own time
- its stored in my green bin as every time i put it out its never collected.
- I have always used my green bin for any garden waste
- Charged by council as live in East Northants!
- Burn it sometime or compost it
- I compost as much as I can & the council collect what I don't compost that is put in the green bin
- I don't really have any lv got artificial grass and that's it
- The fact you're even considering making Garden Waste collection a subscription is an insult! Our council tax is in accordance with location, property, services provided. So can we assume if this is passed you'll introduce a reduction in annual council tax for those that wish to manage their own garden waste??
- We would struggle if it wasn't collected every other week! We are a family of 5 with a large garden.
- I have pots outside my flat which I put the waste in the green bin.
- I pay East Northants Council to collect it
- I will burn my garden waste from now on...if I have to pay for green bin collection.....and pollute the atmosphere
- We pay the council yearly for green waste to be taken but the waste isn't actually from our garden, it's lver hanging trees from neighbours gardens!
- A mixture of above, where able I shred and return mulch to garden.
- although that is not until march so we miss a few months
- I live in a housing association property that have contractor's which we pay for via service charge
- I pay for this
- I put it in my grey bin.
- I pay north Northants for fortnightly collection through their contractor, so whilst it is the council run service, I have to pay for it the answers are a bit misleading/not clear here
- I have two garden waste bins provided by [Redacted]. Subscription.
- We have more than enough to fill one bin so I also compost and burn
- I compost what I can the rest goes in my paid for recycling bin
- It depends sometimes I take it to the recycling centre or compost as I found the collection service too expensive
- I take it to my allotment and compost it there 😊
- Depending on the mood. Plus how I decided to construct the layout of the garden. I may choose to have a compost heap.
- My garden is very small with limited planting and about 2 sq m of lawn which barely grows on the clay. I would therefore have a minimal amount of green waste which I can keep in one container and dispose of either at the recycling centre or in my son's green bin.
- I don't have a garden but I'm affected by what neighbours do with theirs.

- I have to cut back the councils trees as they are on my boundary and overhang my front and back garden and the council have never cut them in over 12 years I don't see why I should pay for doing that
- I have a patio. There is no garden waste here.
- We have 3 compost bins on the go but as we have trees in the garden there are bigger items that cant compost.
- Excessive taken to tip.
- Where possible we compost as much of our garden waste. Small amounts go in our brown bin. Larger amounts, we dispose of a local Refuse Site along with other waste we have accumulated, in order not to make a special trip. Do not produce large amounts of garden waste.
- Not all my garden waste can go into one of my three compost heaps.. Cut back woody shrubs and prune trees. If I was to try to compost this I would run out of room and take too long for my heaps to compost effectively like they do with softer garden waste and compostsble items from the kitchen
- Its not been collected for year due to not being able to afford it.
- Collected in the grey bin.
- I'm able to compost some of the waste but still need to use the garden waste collection
- I pay to have garden waste taken..as all other residents around here
- Gardener takes for composting in winter when bin not collected
- My garden is either slabbed or stoned,so no garden waste.
- I have a large garden, and I have to place some in my black bin or burn it, as my brown garden waste collection only goes from March to November. Most of my garden clearing happens in the autumn and winter.
- Throughout the year, mainly removed in the grey bin, with any excess to the local tip.
- We have just moved here in November. I think it's so important to have recycling available for all as otherwise people will put their waste into the general waste! It's not about the fuel it's about getting people to recycle! Don't run in winter perhaps but then what about kitchen waste?! Even if you assume people will make the effort to travel to the tip to compost.. surely lots of people traveling is less economical.
- I pay for the brown bin
- Extra garden greenery/branches we take to the local waste recycling centre,
- My garden bin is collected once every two weeks
- I burn or compost what I can. Some garden waste is not suitable for this eg some plant infections/ weeds. This I put in the brown bins.
- I have a large garden and have to use different methods to dispose of my garden waste - as selected above
- I pay for my bin waste through the council
- I compost at our allotment
- I dont have a lot of garden waste as only got a patio garden and not really got the room for a brown bin. I tend to take it to the tip as I didnt think my black bin would be taken if it had garden waste in it.
- We have 6 grey garden bins that are filled completely as we have a large garden and pay high council tax because of this
- I pay the council £55.00 a year for collection
- £55 a year
- I put grass and leaves in my grey bin
- My garden is fake grass and patio! Yes I have a garden but I produce NO garden waste
- I pay in ENDC will continue if necessary.
- Bin often full after cutting grass. With a 2 weekly collection this is inadequate for a normal garden so also have to go to local tip.
- I DID HAVE GARDEN WASTE BUT NOT RENEWED YET AS DID NOT USE FACILITY AS I THOUGHT WE WOULD, SO UNTIL WE WILL I DONT INTEND TO RENEW
- Brown bin collection
- I have only just learnt that the [Redacted] is a private collector and not a Council collection. I have only ever been offered this service and it was promoted by East Northants Council at the

time of taking it up. I am appalled to learn that I am paying £66.70 per year for this service whereas the stated Council scheme on this consultation only charges £55 per year.

- If there's too much for my bin I take it to the tip but usually use my grey bin
 - I take to recycling center when I have too much for the bin!
 - We pay in West Northamptonshire for collection of garden waste so should residents of North Northamptonshire Council!!!!
 - The Council have been providing this service for the past 12 years or more free in my area and inclusive of the council tax I currently pay and have made the garden waste service part of the overall household waste service.
 - I do not have a brown bin.
 - It is only woody stuff that goes in my bin, the rest I compost.
 - I arrange for my shrubs and trees to be pruned and taken away in the winter and I use the council service to take away garden waste between March and October.
 - Put it in my neighbours bin (with their permission) as we all have very small gardens
 - We take it to put in my in laws free garden waste collection bin.
 - I pay the £55 annual fee from the council
 - We also compost at our allotment. Only shrubby garden waste that doesn't easily compost down is put in our garden recycling bin.
 - Due to the size of our garden, this would need to be upheld, from March till November
 - I pay at yearly subscription
 - At my previous property in Wellingborough I did a combination of composting and bin collection. Items such as hedges and shrub cuttings are not suitable for the normal household to compost so need taking away, or taking to the tip.
 - Anything I can't compost I put into grey bin ie tree branches and brambles.
 - My property backs onto a Council owned area of woodland. The previous occupants were provided with a second green bin because of the sheer volume of leaves, twigs and other material that fall in the garden from the Council owned area. I compost as much waste as possible but also use the green bins as necessary.
 - I have no other way to dispose of it.
 - I use my brown bin first and foremost. I also do a bit of composting at home and take larger stuff to the tip when my brown bin is full and awaiting collection
 - Mostly I compost at home, but larger more bulky waste goes in my garden waste bin.
 - I have just moved in and am still trying to determine what to do with the garden waste.
 - I pay half towards my neighbour's brown bin .
 - when i have a skip on site i put it in there
 - My garden waste is currently collected and disposed of by the council and paid for in my council tax calculation which includes it
 - We pay for collection through the council
 - I put it in the brown bin but it seems bizarre that's not an option - is black bin a mistake in this survey?
 - I have a courtyard garden with no lawn and a small grey bin which is collected 3 times a year when shrubs are trimmed back or veg plants are spent
 - When large items of garden waste need disposing I make trips to the local tip. However not all do this. Many just use the garden waste collection service.
 - Use to have garden collection, not done much in garden due to illness and mainly compost what bit I have had
 - I pay £55.00 per year to eat Northants which is outrageous
 - I pay £55 a year for the council to collect my brown bin
 - Collected by council and have to pay!
 - If we do any gardening which is very rare we either share our neighbours bin or more likely is put it in the black bin.
- I don't believe we should be paying extra to have a brown bin and it's a cost we can afford.
- Only about 10% of my garden waste (hedge trimmings and tree branches which cannot be shredded) is collected by the Council. The remainder I compost myself for use on the garden borders

- Via the brown bin, although with recent winds I have had to burn some too.
- Some waste is taken to my allotment also
- My green bin is full from grass cutting and straw from the rabbits
- It be nice to be able to get this free
- Have to pay
- Refuse to pay the £55 a year now!
- I compost a small amount, use the Centre very occasionally but nearly always use collection services, grey bin.
- Take to my work skip if I need to. Sadly cannot afford to pay the extra for the collection service
- I compost what I can but cannot with 50% of it and I also have a lot of trees and bushes that can't compost
- My garden waste is collected by the Council, but this is a chargeable service of £55 a year. Annoying when other authorities don't charge.
- Garden waste bin
- March to November, brown bin collection for garden waste.
- I have also paid and had this collected in previous years but I have been trying to cut costs.
- I put it in the grey bin for garden refuse
- I pay for the service from the council.
- As I now only have a van I am limited to very few visits to the recycling centre. I therefore have to burn a lot more.
- I store it at the bottom of my garden (tried to compost it but didn't work) so now I have excess garden waste that I can't get rid of because I don't drive so can't take it to the local recycling centre and I can't afford to pay for garden waste removal or a garden waste bin and it's starting to make my garden look like a dumping ground
- The green bin that was provided and encouraged to use by the council and is paid for already through our council tax
- Mostly use our £55 brown bin, but sometimes take bulky stuff to the tip.
- In my area waste is collected by the council part of the year for free. I don't actually have garden waste as my garden is all gravel. I only have a few weeds maybe once or twice a year which I sometimes take to recycle tip but sometimes as it's only a few it ends up in the black bin.
- I do not have a grey garden waste bin because its to small to take my garden waste so have been allocated 6 tip tickets per year
- My parents have subscribed for garden waste and I take it there
- I have a very small garden and can usually fit nearly a years worth of waste in my bin
- I am a pensioner and work hard to keep my garden looking nice not only for my self but my neighbours.
I think it's very unfair just because I live in this area we have to pay to have our garden waste disposed of.
With every thing including council tax costing more I will not be able to pay to have my bin empty in the future.
- Have moved to the area recently, we are appalled that you would think of introducing additional cost, in light of all the other financial hardships that many families will face this year.
It demonstrates you really are not listening to your local constituents, nor do you care!!!
- In the green garden waste bin
- Compost at allotment.
- Council £55 service
- We had to pay
- I cannot burn my waste as this will infringe on my neighbours. I only put my bin out once a year if that.
- Some is composted and put back into the garden. Some stuff, weeds in particular should NOT be composted so needs to be collected. Other stuff does not rot down in compost so needs to be removed.
- Cannot afford bin, so garden waste is currently sitting in bin, and in a pile in the garden
- I only moved here in December and need to sign up for garden waste collection
- I compost as much as I can but the rest goes in the brown bin collection

- Currently filling up brown bin and debating whether I can afford to pay for collection or if I will arrange to take it to tip.
- At personal cost to myself. Currently paying £55 per year.
- I have to pay someone to take it as i don't drive and the normal garden waste collection charge a lot of money all i get is my pension and it's a chunk of money so share with a neighbour
- Also use a wood chipper
- I regularly go passed Rushden HWRC on way to exercise at Rushden Lakes so it is easy to stop on my way to dispose of my garden waste from spring to autumn.
- We pay the council £54 annually to collect our garden recycling for about 10 months
- Our household does a mix of at home composting and burning - then using the ash as additional "input" back to the garden. Only other garden waste is placed in our garden waste bin for collection by the Council.
- It's hard to get rid of gardeb waste and unfair to have to pay for it when other local areas don't. It needs to be fair for everyone. I can't afford a extra £52 a year as on benefits I. My garden waste adds up grass cuttings strubs etc and ends up at the back of my large garden or black bin.
- If we have a lot of green waste we may get a skip to remove it all in one go
- I pay an annual sum for the council to collect
- As we have been paying £55.00 per year for the past two years and other councils haven't I think they have a cheek you complain Our rates are enough to pay at the moment it would not hurt if you considered old age pensioners ourselves to have a little reduction in thisWe care what our homes look like outside some people do not care about how untidy it looks
We seem to have to be penalised also because we live in a village not at all happy with the new North Northants Council
- Occasionally use Household Waste Recycling Centre.
- About to renew the council collection option
- I pay [Redacted] Green waste as this was the scheme that was in operation before the council one. Having a bin to get collected is a necessary option in addition to home composting my garden waste.
- Use the gray bin
- Moved in 2021 from Wellingborough district to East Northants . I now pay £55 a year for the garden waste collection. If the council is to harmonise and charge everyone for the garden waste collection service , I believe the cost should be lowered. I do not mind paying for a service , but struggle to justify £55 for the passed year while other districts from the same unitised councils have not had to pay.
- You collect
- During the summer when everything grows like crazy we have to do some heavy pruning and we have to do trips to the tip.
The green bin is a huge help in dealing with the regular day to day waste which would otherwise build up.
- Next doors green bin, mine disappeared ages ago
- I pay the council to collect my garden waste
- I pay for six monthly collection through the council however why should I pay for this collection when the rest of the county do not. The price of my council tax is almost £2k a year and is more than enough to cover this.
- Subscription
- And pay the annual fee of £55.
- I pay for the collection
- I also get my parents to take it to their house to put In their garden bin.
- I compost at the allotment
- I use this service in spring and summer at a minimum
- We pay
- I have a direct debit going to [Redacted]
- Pay council to collect
- a farmer picks it up

- I have a garden but do not have brown bin for the waste, I asked Council for one 2 years ago and still waiting. As well my waste is only from Council tree what is growing behind and in front of my house, and the leaves and brunches are on my property. I
- I pay the £55 annual subscription
- Most is taken to my allotment for composting
- My paid for council two weekly collection service is excellent and rarely fails, the crews do a very good job. Collection on the same day as recycling waste is the most convenient.
- I have my garden waste that I cannot compost at home collected by the council
- I do occasionally use the council if I have too much to compost.
- Although i mainly compost,,i cannot compost all my green waste,so i roughly fill my green bin for collection three times a year,and i dont think its acceptable on top of council tax rises,to ask for £55 for a couple of bins a year
- I recently moved in and a yet to dispose of any garden waste
- I compost all my green waste and things like peels and green food waste
- Just moved in - no garden waste yet
- I get rid by other means that does not cost me and where i don't need to sit in a queue
- My garden is 1 meter wide and 2.5 meter long , and because of council I have to cut the grass. So where I will put it ? It is ridicules I have to cut even my grass because it's private property. 1 and 2.5 meters. Now you want me to pay for grass takeaway ? I already pay you band A. Lover wages the think about rob others.
- I compost what I can as I have a small garden. All my kitchen waste (vegetable peelings) go in the composter and as much of the garden waste as possible. I have found that the bin is not large enough to take all the grass clippings in the summer though or the prunings.
- I don't have garden waste from my own garden but I do collect the huge amount of leaves that fall off the very large tree outside my garden. I would not appreciate having to pay when its not technically my waste
- My garden waste bin is use to dispose of the many leaves that fall from a tree outside the property which cover my front garden including broken off branches and twigs. Not too much garden waste.
- I pay for this service which now confusrs me as I was told that we are now North Northants and only East Northants when they want extra money!
- I use my brown bin regularly, mostly for 'woody' waste which is not easily compostable at home
- I pay for it
- My garden waste was collected by the council but as I believe they've introduced a charge for this this year, I won't have any choice but to compost at home.
- Collected for an annual fee
- I drive it to my parents house where they compost it.
- Under hedges
- This is a service I do pay for.
- I pay a subscription
- My current garden waste service has expired but i will be renewing it soon
- About half of the garden waste is composted
- I sometimes pay for the council to take it but I don't have enough to warrant paying all year
- I pay 6 months to council. April-October
- Which I find unfair give the amount of council tax we pay and expect the council to offer this service free of charge
- Large items ie hedge trimming a friend composts or burns for me
- I have a large garden with mixed flower and shrub borders, 6 raised vegetable beds and a green house. Also about 6 very large trees and 6 smaller ones, large bushes, large lawn areas x4 plus a front driveway area. I have a shredder for pruned shrubs, (this goes back on the garden as wood chip) a self mulching lawn mower, 6 big council compost bins, plus a wildlife corner of large sticks and garden waste. Despite these self disposable measures I still manage to fill 2 large council collection bins most weeks in spring and autumn and summer. When I recently asked for a second green bin I was met with a very positive response and was happily issued with it. My mother lives in Wellingborough where she has a restricted collection which is very

annoying as they stop collecting before the autumn garden clearance has started. I would begrudge paying more for a service I already pay for in council tax, or to have it time restricted.

- I only have limited space available for composting, and do not require too much compost, so when my compost area is at capacity (normal), the majority of the hedge and grass clippings are collected by the council.

Only the larger cuttings usually made in early winter are taken by me to HWRC, these can really only be done once nesting animals have vacated, but frustratingly this is also outside the March-November collection period

- I pay for the Green Waste club service each year and get full use of this valuable service, I also compost as much as possible
- I have 2 compost bins, excess goes into the brown bin for collection, excess over that (particularly in the autumn when lots of leaves come down) I may take to HWRC
- Collected via garden waste scheme
- I Pay the £55 per year.
- I do both composting at home and also use the garden waste collection service.
- Grey bin
- I put it in the grey bin, we are supplied with a grey garden bin and charged as part of our council tax and that's what I use it for, I would not want to be charged again for the same service, this would only lead to more fly tipping.
- I pay the council to collect garden waste.
- We currently pay £55 to the council to collect our garden waste.
- We have a green bin that is emptied fortnightly and we only put it out to be emptied, when we have garden waste, which is mostly in the spring and summer months.
- I have a very small garden. It produces very little waste. I have no grass.
- i take the overflow to the Recycling Centre.
- I use the Green Waste scheme, which I believe is not run by the council, but a separate company.
- I pay a fee for a garden waste bin
- We pay for this...
- PAID FOR
- Put it in someone elses garden waste bin and compost some
- I don't put weeds and their seeds in my own compost, or the stuff that takes much longer to compost.
- I pay the council to collect my garden waste
- We pay for 2 bins but also have our own composters.
- I have gravel garden and some bushes that I tidy up from time to time
- Garden waste is put in the grey bin which is collected every 2 weeks.
- I don't yes the small green bin.. the other 2 only go out once a month I'm in band f a widow nit in good health.. I already pay well over £2000 a year I struggle down the tip.. I garden bin wud be so beneficial for me surely that shud b included
- Although I have artificial grass , so only pit my bin out very occasionally
- My garden waste is collected by the Council but only every two weeks. I have a very large garden therefore only one brown bin is nowhere near enough to cope with the waste that accumulates.
- Green bin collected every two weeks by council with recycle.
- Occasionally via trailer to either Corby or Kettering. Only 6 visits per year.
This entails 24 mile round trips even when the tip in Market HARBOROUGH IS ONLY 3 MILES AWAY. Very frustrating.
- I pay for the council to remove it
- I compose everything I can but I can't compost diseased or woody plants because my composting technique doesn't reach a high enough temperature.
- As I compost all lawn cuttings and most other garden waste. I only use the grey bin once a year, so I object to paying that amount for just one collection
- In the past I have paid for the brown bin service but currently I do not.
- Council collection of £55 per year.

- Compost at allotment plot we rent.
- We compost at home as much as possible during the months of March to November, with the excess garden waste & grass cuttings going into the green bin.
To put too much green waste, such as grass cuttings into a small, black, home compost bin, alters the balance and subsequently does not make good compostable material.
- I share the cost of a brown bin with a neighbour
- Our bin is green not black.
- I have to pay for this service in addition to Council Tax
- My neighbour let's us use her brown bin.
- This is done using the Grey Wheelie Bin provided by Kettering Borough Council
- No space for composter in small garden unless within a few feet of windows
- I pay annually for the council to collect.
Ministers are also considering free garden waste collections for every home, which could save householders over £100 million a year in green waste charges. Currently, councils have discretion on whether to provide the service, which is usually charged for on top of council tax. Environment Secretary [Redacted] said:
So why why charge 3 areas when only 1 pays now .What else do you charge for that I do not use? Also if you charge it should be all year round collection for all
- During winter months any garden waste is taken to Wellingborough HWRC - on average up to 4 times each winter
- Charged for by East Northants Council
- I pay £55 a year for the council to collect my garden waste
- Garden waste that is hard to compost, ie. it regrows like bramble and ivy, is collected. Grass cuttings and other garden waste is composted
- I put it in my mother's garden waste bin!
- My elderly neighbours put it in their green bin they pay for.
- I pay the council to collect my garden waste
- My garden is approximately two-thirds of an acre and is mostly green - as in not tarmac/concrete or the like. As such it is part of the beneficial environment for wild life in [Redacted].
It also produces an appreciable amount of food for myself and others.
Naturally this does generate a fair bit of 'waste' the bulk of which I dispose of at the recycling centre in Weldon. I also pursue ways of composting where beneficial to the garden as well as occasional burning no more than once a year. Some larger logs help heat my home once seasoned.
I try to do my best for the environment and would consider changing my practices to help either the environment or the costs faced by my local authorities. It is not always easy to know which is the best solution.
- Wasn't aware a council service was available so we pay [Redacted] a monthly payment subscription.
- It is collected by [Redacted] - on behalf of the council I understand (we had no choice when we received our brown bin!) We pay more than £55 though...it's £80 p.a.
- I currently take it to the local site
- Occasional collection - probably no more than once every 6 months as I have a hot compost bin and a normal compost bin
- I HAVE TO PAY A FEE FOR THIS SERVICE
- I have more garden waste than my compost can handle so I use the bins too.
- This service is vital for households and should be free
- Food waste is composted at home, garden waste goes into the council subscription bin but I also use the HWRC when I have too much.
- Share green bin with neighbours
- Compost what I can, you can't compost branches conifer cutting as evergreen. Difficult position for you as well, how about stopping it November December and January, also mine is free.
- My brown bin does not hold all of our waste
- My husband died recently and he always took the garden waste to a local centre so I am particularly interested in this topic as I consider what to do this year with cuttings etc.

- I would take it to the skip but my vehicle is classed as commercial by you (pick up-no sign writing) so I have to get a permit and can only go 6 times a year so I burn what I can and the other goes into the black bin.
- I pay the council and I think it should be part of our council tax as we pay enough for it.
- Pay the £55 subscription charge
- Currently take it to partners work
- I pay the council to take it away every 2 weeks
- I pay for the service
- I use the garden waste collection scheme to dispose of green material that I cannot compost at home
- I use the bags rather than the bin
- Just moved to this area from Bedfordshire, where green garden waste is collected fortnightly, between March - October.
- I pay the council twice a year to have it collected all year round.
- Green bins.
- Excess quantities taken to Recycling Centre
- I compost what I can the rest is collected by the council in the green waste.
- Why do we pay for our garden bins whist areas
E g Wellingborough don't pay at all?
Totally wrong!
- The garden is one acre and I compost as much as I can, however, last year I signed up for the collection as the volume of waste exceeded the composting capacity. Occasionally I go to Weldon to deposit garden waste
- I occasionally put some in a neighbours green bin
- i do not currently have a brown bin
- These comments are from [redacted] PC representing the residents of the village
- I pay the council to take away my garden rubbish
- Take it to the tip
- I have been paying for a private collector but recently cancelled this service due to weeks of non collection. Over a month ago I requested a council bin giving all relevant details address bank etc and so far nothing has been done about my request
- I use the [Redacted] Scheme that was introduced before the Council began collecting garden waste
- I use the garden waste scheme which I pay for
- When it is collected - service has typically been very poor with missed collections and no reminders received for subscription renewal.
- A service for which I pay £55pa
- Mainly collected by the council but I do take overflow to the recycle centre when bins are full.
- Household waste
- All from a huge Council tree!
- Limited garden waste as in a Bungalow with a Courtyard and small area.
I have always been an avid recycler.
However paying for a service I rarely will use.Is not an option/affordable to me.
There will be many who dump.try to put theirs into others buns as currently happens with the black bins been used for items that could be recycled.
- I have a large garden & try and once the grey bin is full I take the tree & hedge pruning to the HWRC
- I compost my home garden waste on my allotment.
- the green bin is not sufficient capacity so i also have to take green waste to the local recycling centre and i also compost much of my garden waste
- Have helps otherwise disposing of correctly
- definitely not a good idea
- I pay for the service but I also take garden waste to the recycling center especially in the autumn when the neighbors leaves blow onto my property
- I compost but the excess is collected by the council (small compost bin)

- I need and pay for two bins
- In addition to my garden waste bins we often have use my neighbours bin due to us not having sufficient room in our own at certain times of the year, for example in the autumn when leaves and conkers are falling, or when we clear the street or paths.
- I pay an annual Fee for this already
- I subscribe to the Garden Waste scheme originally offered by ENDC at £55 per year
- Not everyone has grass etc to dispose of so charging everyone isnt a fair scheme.
- I compost what will rot down
- I started this before the council service was available.
- I have a big garden with lots of grass to cut, we're already paying more and your wanting to take away a service if that's the case reduce the cost. But as always it would be more money for less service!
- Once a month is enough for our household
- My subscription has just ran out and needs renewing.
- Majority of my garden waste goes in my 'grey' garden wheelie bin.
- Some of it is composted but a lot is still collected by the council.
- Small bits go into the garden compost bin. Large branches etc and weeds go into the waste bin to be collected by Council.
- maybe 4 times a year
- I take my green waste to my allotment to compost.
- Grass cuttings and hedging
- Will not pay for brown bin because you make compost then sell it plus all the leaves from the council trees come into my back garden
- I only have a small garden containing a few shrubs flowers ect. I compost as much as I can, only put what is too much to compost in bin - shrubs that are cut down and weeds when needed. So I would not be happy being charged extra for putting my bin out only occasionally throughout the year. Already pay enough with council tax we subsidise those unable too pay because on benefits or choosing not too pay. If you charge extra it will have too go in the black bin people only have so much money to live on and we are being robbed left right and centre with everything going up lately.
- I live in a block of flats, we have 2 green bins between 36 properties.
- We have fake grass.
- I live in a flat with a garden and only have a black bin.
- I dispose of 'woody' waste via the NNC collection, with some occasional grass. However, all green material is composted at home for my own use.
- I don't have any garden waste as I have fake grass everywhere so I won't be paying anything extra for this service. what a joke in trying to charge people for thus service when the cost of living is so high already
- Kitchen peelings and grass clippings are composted at home larger shrub pruning twigs are put in the grey bin for the council to collect.
- Not all of my garden waste fits in the brown bin
- Only just required the service
- some of my garden waste is sometimes collected when the bin collectors can be bothered or its collected the following week with my black bin or its5 not collected at all.
- If the garden waste isn't taken will the food bins be emptied every week?
- We compost most of the garden waste we produce , and veg peelings , but we dispose of things like branches (which are cut up) and put in the green bin as they take too long to compost.
- I put it in my grey bin
- I have fake grass, so I only put cutting's from a small amount of plants I have and dead flowers so iam lucky if my bin goes out once a year, and then it's only half full, so not happy with paying for green bin to be emptied, I will not be using it if I will be charged, I will take it to the tip myself, I hope there will be a opt out item if this goes ahead, and it worries me about fly tipping that will go on the up.
- I pay the housing association a weekly service charge to maintain the area and the cutting off my grass and they take any garden waste away with them .

So yes I do object to paying for a service which I already pay for .

- I pay £55 for this collection service
- Some material is not suitable for composting and so that is what I put in the bin. Diseased material should not be composted but burned I used to use an incinerator for this material.
- We have a grey bin that garden waste goes into
- I have Astro so very rarely use the green bin
- My bin is full most collections, if the option was not there it seems I would have to pay- many would just use the black bin or some would dump it elsewhere
- Very occasionally use green bin, often waste taken away for me.
- It should cover by the mortal council tax. No extra charge should be made.
- I pay the old east northants council to take my garden waste.
- Very rarely do I have any waste that goes into this bin and I would very much dislike having to pay anything extra.
- We currently have 3 compost bins suitable for 'soft' compostable items but some of our waste we put in the grey bin because the methods employed on a commercial composting site are composted at a higher temperature than we can manage and do a better, more thorough job.
- It goes in the green bin.. why do you not have this as an option?
- Some garden waste is too large to go in the bin, so we take it to the local recycling centre.
- I put it in my brown and it is collected by the council.
- I compost everything I can except grass cuttings
- I put it in the Green bin.
- Back garden has artificial grass but have a front garden which is only mowed so collection is very infrequent usually 1st every 3 months.
- I pay the council to collect my waste
- Both is necessary. If I could have 2 brown bins and save the hassle of travelling 12 miles to the tip I would
- I compost the soft items of waste in my compost bin but I have hedge and shrubs which need regular pruning
- Have to pay for it....
- As it should be! Thank you Corby Council
- I beleive this is correct ... I pay and have a brown garden bin that is collected fortnightly.
- Free Corby collection
- I will use collection by the council
- I compost the overwhelming majority however do use the garden waste bin for tree cuttings and compostable waste not from my garden.
- We have brown bins that have not been emptied for a whole year now
- I pay a LOT of money for garden waste collection
- I use my green bin
- Most composted but some collected
- We have a very large garden and like yo keep it tidy so composting all grass n cuttings is impossible paying for this service is unfair I feel most household will just black bin it fly tip it or just not bother maintaining gardens
- I also use garden waste collection when I have a lot.
- Deposited via garden waste bin.
- Already paid through council tax grass every two weeks ! In fact every other time leave cuttings to feed grass.
In effect small amount of grass cutting 5 times a year. You will cause chaos as other people will use your bin. Those who don't pay will dump in those that do. If I found mine full of earth from a neighbour, I would tip it out on their drive. Your asking for trouble and community upset 😡
- I currently play a subscription
- I put it in the green bin
- We have a compost bin as well as using the paid for garden waste service as we do not always have room in the compost bin for larger items.
- put it in the grey bin

- In the big green bin that says garden waste on the side of it, the one the council provided me with.
- For a fee
- Leave it in a corner of the garden for wildlife.
- I am paying £55 to the council to collect my garden waste.
- Share a bin with my mother, who lives down the road
- I recycle lots of green waste in my garden too.
- Previously I paid for garden waste but now do a few tip runs as it wasn't cost effective.
- When we moved to [redacted] three years ago we had to pay £45 per year per garden waste bin: we needed two. We remembered how lucky we were to have these supplied and collected for free in [redacted]. Unfortunately, It comes to us all eventually
- 2 grass slopes at the front of our house which belong to Northants Highways, of which my husband mows.
- Brown Bin
- Don't have much garden waste.
- Some i pay to be collected
Some put in the black bin
- I have to pay for this service , when other parts of the county do not !
- Compost in the allotment
- I take what I can to my allotment compost bins
- I compost what I can, but I can't compost everything or all of it.
- Green Bin
- I pay for this service and have just had to pay for next year. It is totally unacceptable that I've been paying for years whilst others in the same area have received the service for free.
- I compost at home but not able to compost all the garden waste due to having a big garden
- It goes into our grey bin and is collected every other week
- I pay for the council to collect my garden waste but it is repeatable missed
- [Redacted]
- I have a vegetable patch
- Barely have green bin out more than once bi monthly
- Compost for my allotment plot
- I feed it to the sheep, farmers permission, also burn it.
- I compost fruit, veg bones, egg shell etc. and put grass cuttings in the green bin March- Nov
- We do not have a lot of waste as mostly have astro turf.

Harmonisation of services

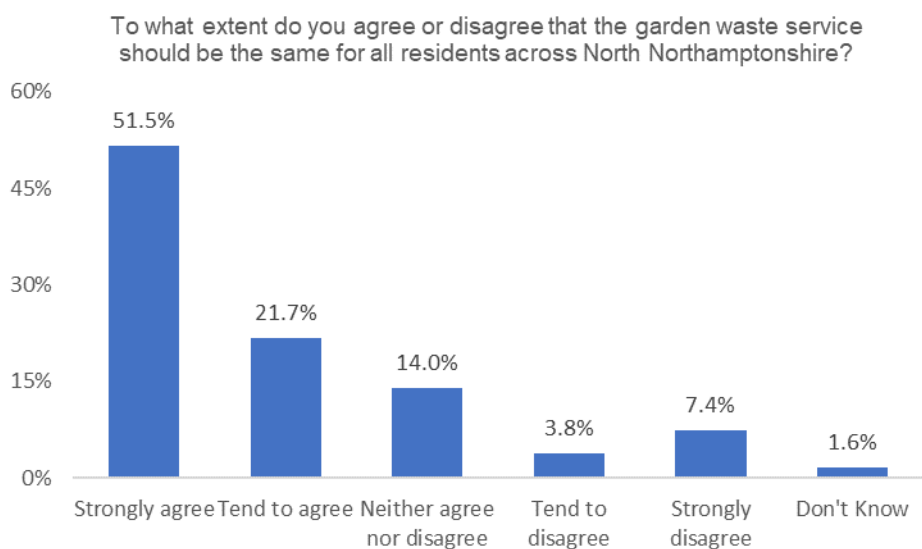
Following local government reorganisation last year, the new unitary council has inherited different approaches to the fortnightly kerbside garden waste collections from the previous local authorities.

In Corby and Kettering, the service is currently provided all year at no extra charge, whilst in Wellingborough, it operates between March and November with no additional cost for users of the service. In East Northamptonshire, the year-round scheme has a £55 annual subscription charge, paid by users of the service.

North Northamptonshire Council wants to harmonise the garden waste collection across the area, so all residents receive the same service.

Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the garden waste service should be the same for all residents across North Northamptonshire? Please tick (✓) relevant answer

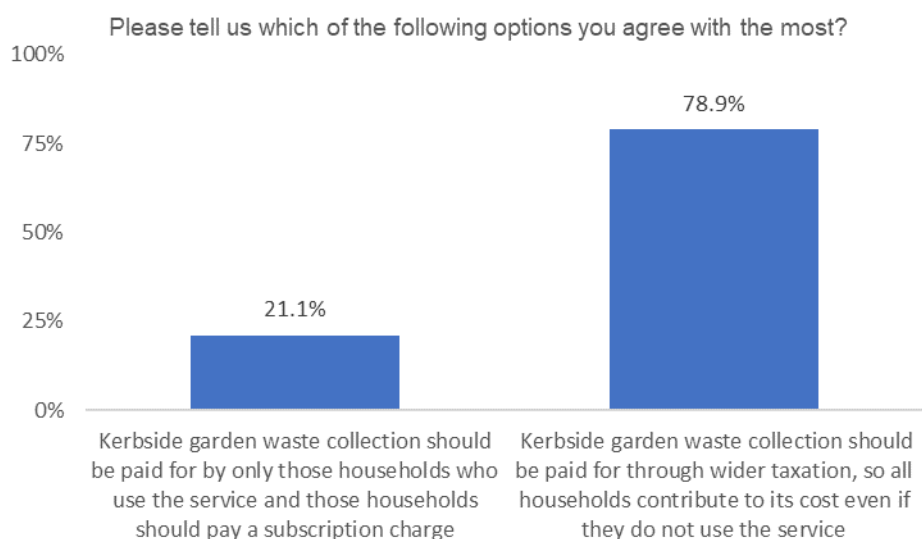
There were 8,630 responses to this question.



	Response number	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	4,441	51.5%
Tend to agree	1,870	21.7%
Neither agree nor disagree	1,208	14.0%
Tend to disagree	329	3.8%
Strongly disagree	642	7.4%
Don't know	140	1.6%

Q. Please tell us which of the following options you agree with the most: Please tick (✓) relevant answer

There were 7,969 responses to this question.



Kerbside garden waste collection should be paid for by only those households who use the service and those households should pay a subscription charge.

Kerbside garden waste collection should be paid for through wider taxation, so all households contribute to its cost even if they do not use the service.

Response number	Percentage (%)
1,685	21.1%
6,284	78.9%

Q. If you would like to tell us why you answered the previous question in the way that you did, please do so here:

There were 5,044 responses to this question.

- It is already being g paid for by our council tax. This is another addirion to already high council tax.
- I don't think we should pay towards a service which even with a garden I don't use very much. I think the service should be cut down to only a few moths a year to keep it free. Residents must be given details of where to dispose of garden rubbish as tips in the county are not reliable
- It always been a free service
- We currently pay for this service through council tax already. If council are composting garden waste which is then used by farmers I'm sure there is a charge for this which out weighs the cost off kerbside collections
- We all ready pay council!!!!
- We pay more than enough in council tax as it is and finding another £55 a year is unfair on residents of the former East Northants council area.
- Council taxes vary already by borough. Wollaston's existing council tax bands already include garden waste collections and this should not change.
- If you don't give people the bins they will find other ways to dispose of it that will cause more harm than good in the long run which end up costing more than just providing people with the bins
- If people have to pay more on top of the already high council tax I feel there will be far more fly tipping which costs the council more to clear.
- Management of who has and who hasn't got a garden who cost more. It will also lead to more flytipping by charging for the service.
- I fear if it's get to individual household paying , we would suffer dumping in the street as our estate already has a problem with other waste being dumped
- Either the subscription should be unified across the authorities so everyone pays the same (and less than we do now being the most expensive) or it be included in the current waste collection as with other council areas.
- Clearly equitable
- More of the old councils ran this for free. You made the decision to merge.
- I think it should be free for all
- I don't feel we should have to pay anymore additional payments when we all already pay council tax that no doubt will be going up again for April
- I believe our council tax charges are high and should include garden waste collection for all. If we start to add additional payments for those who use it are we going to do the same for other services provided by the council eg extra payment for using a library? Or a park?
- I believe garden waste collection should be free for all households within North Northants Council. Introducing charges will lead to an increase in garden waste dumped in unsuitable

areas or incorrect use of other bins. I would have thought that composting of garden waste and selling the resulting product would help to offset the cost of collection.

- Collecting garden waste is in the environmental interest of all residents. I believe some councils compost it down and sell off the compost as a revenue income. I believe you would see people putting garden waste into their black bins or flytipping it.
- Most households have some sort of garden waste but not all households could afford to pay for this service
- People who have no garden should not be paying
- This should be included in local council tax as it will lead to more flytipping and eventually cost more
- If people have to pay a subscription fee for use of green bins, we will likely see an increase in fly tipping of green waste. This is already an issue in the area
- We already pay for this service via housing rate payments. It should not be charged twice.
- Lots of households won't be able to afford the extra costs involved. And waste is a statutory duty of the LA and this should include garden waste. Especially as our council tax is being increased. East Northants is a more affluent area. Who also mis managed in several areas. Corby and Kettering have very well run waste services and this should be rolled out across the whole of North Northamptonshire.
- There should be no additional charge at all. I think we all pay far too much as it is.
- It's the same as tax and national insurance, not everybody works and pays tax and NI yet everyone benefits.

The same should apply to this service. If you start charging only those that use it will you end up doing the same for police / fire service, local libraries and other subsidised services?

- I live in a terraced property and have no room for a garden bin
- To be fair to those who don't have a garden
- Kerbside collection should be included in the council tax rate that residents already pay. It should not be an additional charge on top of council tax.
- Harmonisation of services
- I pay a significant amount of tax and the majority of this is spent on services I do not use. There should be some benefit in the system for those in the same situation as myself as opposed to my usual tax being spent on services I don't have and then being further charged for the services I do use. With the current inflationary environment I think it's hugely unfair to charge for this service, especially as a lot of people have gotten into gardening in a bid to protect their mental health over the past few years.
- Through my council tax payments I pay for many services that I do not use or benefit from. Therefore I feel it is essential that free garden waste collection is implemented to keep a status quo for everyone.
- Because if not free people will start to tip garden waste anywhere so they don't have to pay
- I am concerned that if this service stops, there will be more fly tipping, older and vulnerable people may be victim of garden clearance con men, vulnerable and older people may struggle to maintain their gardens, garden clearance companies may charge unfair rates, people who do not drive will not be able to access the tip. At least the council collection is regular and is "green".

I would also be concerned about people burning garden waste more frequently, causing a nuisance and more of a fire hazard.

Although I have a garden, it is not lawned and I rarely use the collection service.

- All should contribute and all should have the same access to proper waste disposal, this will hopefully reduce fly-tipping.

- I think that if it's a subscription only service there will be more fly tipping. I have very little garden waste and it wouldn't be viable to pay for collections. I don't have a car so taking it to the tip isn't an option. That only leaves landfill!
- Liable to increase fly tipping and for people without transport and bigger queues at main recycling centre. I pay for education, libraries etc. and don't use it but still need to pay
- Waste is waste... We all pay for recycling and black bins alongside garden waste...I don't have enough room for home composting and would have to burn my garden waste if there was an extra charge.

If councils want to promote eco friendly options and improve our environment they should all include the green waste in their current fees ...otherwise I can foresee people dumping more in our countryside.

I do not agree with Northampton towns charging policy..we should all get it free xx

- Do not want to pay for a separate service, pay enough already
- Cost of council services should be spread amongst the wider population not just on those who use the service, this is a slippery slope that sets a precedent for all services to be charged for by their users. This has implications for households ability to afford the services offered.
- It is unfair to people with no gardens or garden waste, which is often the poorest who can least afford it.
- We already pay for waste collection through our council tax payments. You don't charge separately for collecting recycling or black bin waste. Why should we pay again for garden waste to be collected?
- Quite frankly as I need my garden waste collected I am content to agree with both options above.

Thank you

- Three of the four previous councils provided a no additional charge service, this should now be the case for the whole of the new authority. Charging will result in an increase in visits to recycling centres and fly tipping of waste.
- It should be included in our taxes
- Fly tipping has become a huge problem since costs were imposed and by charging to remove garden waste the problem will be exacerbated and garden waste will be illegally deposited in the countryside. The cost to the council of removing tipped waste in whatever category must be greater than providing a collection service.
- Not all residents access all services provided by the council, but the cost of all of these services are paid for by all. I do not see why garden waste should be treated any differently!
- Because in this area there are more properties in a rural location - removal of this free provided service will lead to an increased need for black bins to be emptied weekly or more carbon from the traffic taking this to re use tips. Or dare I say it being dumped along the carriage ways in the local rural lanes.

Also how are people on fixed incomes going to pay for this additional service when the fixed income does not rise in line with local charges? How can they afford other items like bus or taxis if there is an additional increases? Never mind heating and basic costs?

- Some produce a lot more garden waste, it shouldn't be a tax paid by all. But the tax should be reduced by those of us who opt out.
- We pay for other services which we do not use so why should we pay for this one
- The current Wellingborough arrangement is a good option - free for limited months
- We all pay council tax for these services.
- I worry that if green waste isn't collected it will just become an issue for flytipping or people trying to burn stuff which in turn creates antisocial smoke. I have to a long round trip to my nearest recycling centre and that takes time out of an already busy schedule and costs in petrol.

i compost as much as i can and i am very happy with a two weekly collection and only from march-december. perhaps you could cut back in kettering's collections and this would save some money.

- I DON'T THINK THAT ANY HOUSEHOLD SHOULD BE CHARGED EXTRA TO HAVE THEIR GARDEN WASTE TAKEN AWAY. WHAT WILL HAPPEN IS PEOPLE WILL NOT PAY AND FLY TIP IT. THIS WILL COST THE COUNCIL EXTRA TO CLEAR THE MESS UP.

- I pay at the moment and I am happy to pay to keep the same service. I am happy with the service provided at the moment.

- This is the best way to encourage correct usage of waste separation

- If you start charging extra for garden waste it will leaped to people not paying and dumping the waste around the estate which will cost the council more in the long run.

The same thing happened when you brought landfill tax in.

That led to huge amounts of fly tipping.

All normal people could see that happening soon as it was talked about.

This will be the same thing people will fly tip or hide it in with normal rubbish.

Why the powers of be cannot see this it is obvious.

People have enough price increases coming this year without charging them for this.

I suggest you think carefully before introducing more charges.

- We ALREADY PAY FOR THIS SERVICE THROUGH OUR COUNCIL TAX. There is no good reason why we should be asked to pay unless we get an equal reduction in our council tax.

- I think you need another option here.

I do not necessarily agree that everyone should pay for my green waste bin so that answer doesn't apply, however I also feel that we pay enough council tax - especially following recent increases - to more than cover the cost of all council waste collection.

- I lived in NBC when they introduced their garden waste charge and at the time only had a tiny square of grass and one hedge.

Therefore, the cost of the waste subscription was not worth it and while people will say that they will take their green waste to the recycling centres if they don't use it, they won't if it is only a handful of branches or a small amount of grass. Instead that will be placed in the black bin creating more cost. Kettering has a lot of terrace houses who will have similar situations to what mine was who will do the same, or will just decide not to do the gardening work at all, leaving places looking a mess.

As a rule, you should provide the simplest option for people to carry out that provides the least resistance.

This isn't even getting into the cost of living rises and the additional pressure this is putting on to people. You are likely to see an increase in fires happening as people elect to burn waste instead, increasing fire call outs (I know this was an issue in Northampton). Additionally you run the risk of alienating people who carry out gardening maintenance on the streets/parks (sweeping leaves up etc)

- If you stop this service I expect my council tax to be reduced according.

- I think if everyone had the option it could stop people dumping their waste etc

- Not all homes have gardens so it would be unfair for them to contribute so those that opt to use the service should pay a fee.

- It's should stay the same included in the council tax

- I think we pay enough already. What exactly do I get for my Council Tax NO libraries. I don't need schools Have not seen a policeman around for over 6 years. Street lighting I have lighting all around my property that I provide and pay for. Firebrigade fair enough I may need them. I clear the weeds and sweep outside my property. If there is a charge for garden refuse I will opt out and take it to the tip. Or compost it.

- Even up not down
- This service has always been free and paid for out of our council tax. The collection is then sold by the council. To charge for this service could lead to more going to landfill and possibly more fly tipping making more cost to the council
- We are already paying for this service through our council tax. This is a service we have had for years. Our rates are going up, yet you want to cut the service we receive.
- If we have to pay for collection there will be more fly tipping and back to ques at the local tips.
- because if you start saying only those that use it where will this stop many people do not use every service the council tax pays for .example why should people without cars pay for pothole repairs
- There are certain services which should be provided to all. Kerbside waste collection is part of a wider recycling programme and if the council care for the environment then recycling off all types needs to be a priority.

There will be some people, notably those on low incomes or benefits and the retired who will not be able to afford an additional charge , especially with inflation on the rise. They may not have vehicles to transport waste to the tip. What are they supposed to do? I imagine fly tipping will increase and also that people will try and put garden waste in black bins hidden underneath other waste.

- I believe collection should be free to all, paid through wider taxation, like recycling and general waste. I agree all of Northamptonshire should be on the same as well. But it needs to be free, otherwise more flytipping will occur. Not everyone can get to the recycling centre, so it will just be dumped. Our village is already surrounded by dumped waste, so it will only get worse if the service is changed to a fee paying one.
- We pay enough in council tax so why should we pay for a service that is meant to be included. There is enough fly tipping across the uk with fees being charged so this will just create more which will be an even bigger expense to the council to clear up.
Also green waste is recycled by the council & sold for a fee
Also a lot of people will just put green waste in the general waste bin
- I thought we already paid for this service through our Council Tax.
- I pay more than enough council tax to cover this.
- The above options are not enough !
What about a third option - we all have the same service that Kettering & Corby have been receiving up to now.
Corby Borough council was not in debt when it merged into NNCC
This feels like a sneaky way to get residents to pay for NCC huge debt !
- It was only East Northampton who were charging for the service and the question should be asked why. To have another charge on top of all the rising cost, fuel, food, national insurance, council tax etc etc. put this against wages and I ask the question; "How are we expected to cope?"
Council collection encourages and ensures secure collection and disposal. It is an effective system and works.
We can not afford any further bills so wouldn't subscribe to any paying scheme. Please help us & the environment by keeping it free.
- So garden waste collection is accessible to all and would encourage the use of the service preventing green waste going in the black bin. Not everyone has space or ability to home compost
- Because it should be a free service
- What then is the point of my council tax if you are asking me to pay more.

Yes costs increase but so does my council tax....I find it ridiculous that due to incompetent councils that I should be forced to foot the bill by paying extra for something I am already paying for...

You will find more flytipping across the county as people won't want to pay extra...

- I feel the council should provide the service we already pay for and that they increase the price of every year. Charging a separate charge is unfair, especially when the normal waste can not even be collected on time.
- If you are going to change the focus to subscription only for council services it should be more transparent. There seems to be a hidden agenda. What will the next thing be? Surely it's better to do a broader consultation regarding what services the community think can be altered to save money.
- If you charge separately for this then it should be the same for all services provided by the council
- I'm already paying for the green bin collection within my council tax
I'm paying the full council tax for the value of my property despite the fact that I'm also paying an additional charge to [redacted] for maintenance services more commonly carried out by the Council
- I think we pay enough in council tax living in a rural area we have a lot of garden waste which we still have to take to the tip ourselves as the fortnightly collections aren't enough.
- I do not use many of the services funded by the council ie social services, education but I am still expected to contribute towards them with my council tax. Why should this be any different? You have cleverly phrased the question above to sway this survey. If a charge is brought in for the garden waste on the grounds that only those who use the service should pay for it does that mean that I can opt out of paying for social care and educational services?
- We pay for lots of things that we do not use ie schools etc. I think this is just a further debt putting on the residents' shoulders, who have a struggle as it is.
- I am a pensioner and cannot afford any extra charges for garden waste collection, and I do not have any transport, so can't take it to the tip.
- This should be covered in our council tax and we would not appreciate having to pay extra charges especially with everything else that is going up.
I personally think it's a cheek to ask people to pay for this service.
- Our current collection is said to be 'free' but we all know that nothing in life is free so the charge must be included in the current service. **SO ALL PAY IN WELLINGBOROUGH.**
- There should be no charge for anyone.
- At the moment we have patchy collection of all our bins.
The collection is often delayed for days and even forgotten.
Ours bins are left out on the street for days.
Feel already we get a poor service and very unhappy about paying more for a substandard service, feel penalised for living in a village
- The collection seems to me to be the most efficient environmentally responsible way to dispose of garden waste. Making the service a paid-for service could encourage more fly-tipping of garden waste.
Putting the responsibility on to individuals can have repercussions, particularly if there is a financial disincentive (such as paying for specific collections).
I am aware we all pay for this through national or local taxation and that there is no such thing as a free collection.
- Kerbside collection should not be charged separately. Once charging happens there will be a huge increase in fly tipping. My brown bin is used all year round and should be collected

through out the year. The contents of brown bin is useful as it can be composted down and reused. With the rise in council tax collection of garden waste should be covered by that.

- Neither, the services should be cover via our council tax
- If we start to charge via subscription, people will then want to do the same for other collections. Those who can't afford it will have to dispose elsewhere, leading to increased fly tipping
- Because all houses will have the choice to use or not .
Because the tip is not open every day , which doesn't help with fly tipping
- It is simply another form of waste disposal. It is more efficient if a vehicle travels to the properties and collects. There is also a reduced risk of garden waste fly tipping, fly tipping that is virtually untraceable. Different properties do have different needs as is the case for other forms of waste collection and it is impossible to set a rate that is proportionate to use so spreading the cost across all properties is fairer than any other scheme. It is also consistent with the service I'm used to from the former council.
- It should be free between March and November for all council houses.
- Throughout Northamptonshire, there is different council tax charges for same house bands ie A-C etc . Kettering and other towns pay significantly less in council tax than other areas - including my area . If you are harmonising services across the areas , other services should also be addressed , including levelling of council tax charges . Paying for a service when your council tax charges are already higher than other areas , in a village with no amenities at all , is unfair . In rural village areas , we already witness ongoing fly tipping , this will worsen with introduction of fees for garden waste - resulting in more trips by the county council to clear the debris.
- We all benefit from waste collection and suffer the consequences when people dispose of waste inappropriately (eg fly tipping). Reducing access to waste collection increases fly tipping and nuisance to everyone.
- We are paying already for the collection in our council tax
If people have to pay an extra charge, a lot won't and there will be more illegal fly tipping
- I believe we already pay the council via our council tax for such collections so adding an additional charge is unfair. Across other authorities as well Garden Waste collection is included in the council tax already being paid.

As this service is already inclusive for many residents (i.e. it's covered by their council tax) I don't believe the council will use savings from removing the service (and from charging people) to reduce tax any further, therefore as we already pay for it, it should remain included in the services received.

Costs are so high lately that introducing another increase would show how out of touch the council is with residents. People are already having to make tough decisions in order to make ends meet - put the heating on or eat! so to add another cost would show the council may acknowledge it but not actually care or take steps to help residents.

- Was led to believe that it is recyclable you could say i dont always put out my brown bin do why should I pay the same as others
- The current fortnightly collection work just fine. In fact all our refuse collection work efficiently and well for us. We lost the tip in Wollaston and the other tips are clearly too busy already and not able to stay open all week - it would be catastrophic to alter the current system and would lead to more flytipping or garden waste in black bins. In the same way that we all don't use all the other services our taxes pay for, they should be provided.
- I have a front and a back garden and use and pay for the council service. I think it is only fair that I pay for this, and I don't think that people with no garden (or very small gardens) who don't use the service should contribute to the cost of it.

I also think that as I pay for my garden waste to be collected, my general council tax shouldn't be used to pay for others to get a free service, especially when there are other demands on the money.

- Council tax is high enough to cover the cost as usual and if not a reduction in council tax is needed.
- There are plenty of other services that I pay for and don't use. This is one I use.
- I do not agree with the subscription because you have to pay it no matter how many times you use it. For me, you collect my waste 4-5 times a year but I have to pay for the entire period. The only subscription type model I would accept is a pay per use model where I only pay when you actually collect. This is the only fair model and you aren't even considering it.
- If you don't provide the service those who can't/won't pay the charge will be forced to fly tip the waste and it happens enough already.

If you get green waste put in the black bin it increases the amount of landfill and also the amount of greenhouse gas emissions as it rots.

Providing the service for part of the year is very silly garden waste is produced year round and what do you do with it when there is no service - fly tip it?

- All council services should be harmonised in one payment, not cutting out parts to charge residents more
- I think it should be free but you don't give that option - considering how much we pay for council tax it should remain as we are (collections from March to November)
- Even properties without gardens benefit from the composting of the collected green waste, they need to contribute.

I already pay for my green waste to be collected, I would only subscribe if my council tax was reduced by the same amount. You cannot be paid twice for the same service... That's illegal.

- I don't think we should pay for this but if we have to, everyone should pay
- Fairest solution
- I pay council tax for management of my waste, I compost what I can. Due to the mismanagement & corruption of Northampton Council, I should not be made to pay an additional charge to monies already paid for this service!
- We pay council tax which goes up every year
- All households do not use all the services paid for through council tax therefore it balances out so everyone pays for something they don't use .

There are things we don't use but don't expect others to pay extra for them because they do!

- We already pay for these services on our ever increasing council tax. More people will just fly tip it as it will decompose eventually or put it in black bins, or even let the gardens over grow, how untidy is that going to be.
- Council tax rises each year. This is another tax / cost.
- I believe it is the government's responsibility to ensure responsible disposal of waste including garden waste. Also I already pay a huge amount of council tax - much higher than those in flats who don't have garden- and so feel that the difference in council tax bands already covers the fact that homes with gardens need this service more than those that don't.
- I feel that both of the questions above imply the involvement of charges being incurred for brown bin collection.

An option to continue as we are would be preferable.

Charging for brown bin collection will just mean more fly tipping.

- If you make individuals pay for garden waste disposal people will put it in the black bin which isn't great

- Your questions are clearly distorted to promote what YOU want. Householders ALREADY pay for waste disposal, the fact that you wish to section out garden waste just so you can effectively increase the tax that householders pay under a false statement is immoral and borders on fraud!
- We should stay as we are currently. With collection March to November and no additional charge
- We pay a higher rate if council tax already so think it should be included
- Non recyclable waste is collected fortnightly, so garden waste collected on other weeks should be seen as a council service. Fly tipping will increase by those who need to dispose of their waste if they don't subscribe.
- Because it will prevent more fly tipping which is already an issue in the county.
If a subscription is brought in, I would hope that a reduction to all council tax bills is made which is equivalent to the total amount of subscription charged. That way residents who don't use the service are genuinely no longer being charged and are paying less, and residents who do use the service aren't paying twice, ie through the portion of council tax currently allocated as well as the subscription.
- Council tax is already one of the highest expenses for households and I do not feel that we should have to pay additional fees for essentially doing the right thing and recycling our garden waste.
- Kerbside garden waste collection should be a uniform service to all residents.
It should be included as part of the Council Tax, as is the black bin and the recycling bin.
I believe if you end up charging for this service, one of two things will happen. People will either agree to pay or they will end up putting their waste into the black bin and it will cost the council more in Gate fees as it will go to landfill, or even worse they will fly tip.
- Strongly disagree that an additional charge for garden waste should be added to residents ever increasing bills
We have already seen huge council tax increases and food and energy price increases are in the news daily
We did not ask for council reorganisation and should not be subject to extra costs as a result. Introducing an unfair additional charge would result in fly tipping of garden waste
- It doesn't seem fair that people without gardens pay to have their garden waste collected. However, having lived somewhere where we paid for garden waste to be collected during the summer months we noticed that people who didn't pay, dumped their garden waste along hedgerows or over hedges. What happens in Wellingborough seems to be the best option. Garden waste doesn't need to be collected all year round. £55 a year seems to be far too expensive.
- Garden waste should be free for everyone, we already pay through the nose in council tax for limited services.
- This service should be treated the same as all services provided by the council. For example: I don't use the Corby swimming pool but my council tax subsidises it.
- All houses in the area close to me have green bins. I don't put it out every time to be collected and therefore an additional charge wouldn't be worth me paying and I would have to dispose of my garden waste in the brown bin instead. Also being on a low income, as all my household bills have increased dramatically, I cannot afford to pay an additional charge. Feeding my children definitely takes priority. I would not pay for the brown bin collection, it just moves the problem to a different area.
- If this is something I'm going to start having to pay for on top of my council tax, then there needs to be an option to opt out. Some of us are having to budget where our money goes and what is the priority. Garden waste would not be top of the list compared to heating, eating and fuel for my car to get to work.

- Implementing a cost for garden waste collection will encourage dumping of grass cuttings and other garden waste or will discourage people who are already reluctant to maintain their garden from doing this. There will be a wider impact on the overall condition of neighbourhoods especially in deprived areas where rubbish dumping is already an ongoing issue
- I appreciate the service provided by Kettering of old. I accept that there are some who because of living in a flat or with a house with no garden may not make use of the facility. However, there are many services provided by NNC that I do not use but accept that I contribute to their financing
- I don't agree with the current system being changed. As far as I am concerned this is part of my council tax and removing this service will not result in a reduction of council tax. This will encourage flytipping, which is already an increasing problem and will encourage less recycling because it will be put in Black bins. I notice that there seems to be no proposal to stop the areas already paying the subscription to level things up.
- I feel that if people have to subscribe to the garden waste service, a lot will not bother as it is just another expense. Driving to the HWRC to offload a load of smelly grass and rotten leaves isn't pleasant, so most will just put the garden waste in the general waste bin instead.
- There is a lot of fly tipping and I believe this would increase with a subscription service. Having said this, adjustments should be made to Council tax charges for properties with no garden.
- This should be charged through the council tax
- I don't use my brown bin often as I have plastic grass. It is used for the old dead flower bunch or weed.
- As someone who rarely uses the service as my garden is very low maintenance (e.g. courtyard and artificial grass), I am prepared to pay via wider taxation (I believe this is what I do currently). Unless you are planning on proposing a reduction in council tax for me if I opt out of the service? I certainly am not interested in paying additional and given the increase in inflation, gas prices, food costs due to Brexit and war this is a really terrible time for you to even contemplate increasing costs
- The main reason I chose this is because if you make people pay they may not use the service and you may end up with more either untidy gardens or bonfires in gardens which can be both annoying and dangerous.
- If a charge is made the result will be that fly tipping will occur. I pay enough council tax bearing in mind we live in a village so don't get the same facilities as the towns, such as police station, police on the beat, library, etc.
And our local recycling site at Wollaston shut which means travelling to Wellingborough to deposit waste, so a kerbside collection of garden waste is a necessity for villagers.
- As the owner of a relatively large garden I make trips to the tip a few times a month to dispose of the garden waste that cannot be put in to the garden bin or composted in my own garden. I already find the winter break in collections frustrating as there is still the need for it in my view. I have elderly neighbours with much smaller gardens who use the current service throughout the year. They would not be able to compost or make trips to the tip and therefore would certainly struggle without the doorstep collection and would end up using the standard waste bins. I think removal of a free to use service would result in lots more garden fires which would be bad for neighbours and also bad for the environment.
- Although I am aware some households don't have gardens, making the service subscription only will result in an increase in fly tipping and therefore an increase in the overall costs as additional work will be needed to collect fly tipped garden waste.
- It should be part of the services paid for with our council tax.
- Garden Bin should be free of charge for all, included in the council tax. Not every garden has the option of adding a compost bin and costs of living have been risen dramatically already. If there

is a charge, I will not subscribe and add my garden waste into the black bin or dispose otherwise.

- We all pay Council Tax so that the organisation can lay on services for all of us. The alternative is to pay only if one has a brown bin. This could lead to illegal fly tipping in verges and lay-bys. This could possibly lead to a greater cost in clearing up this deposited rubbish because some will think that while tipping Green they might as well dump other rubbish. Stating that those who do not use the service would pay through their Council Tax is not the rational we need to consider. We all pay for all services whether we use them or not so that in most areas everyone is bearing the support for those in need in these circumstances. Residential services is an example of this.
Thank you for your time.
- I am a [redacted] and collect every weekend 6-10 bags of litter strewn across the country roads. Your street cleansing team pick it up on a weekly basis.
There is a general air that people just don't care and if this collection service isn't provided we will then have garden waste dumped everywhere. There is no point just serving a few who are willing to pay surely that's additional admin and manpower...
- If the service was charged for I would put the garden waste in my black bin
- This service to continue via council tax contributions.
- I don't agree with a charge for garden waste collection as we pay more than enough in our community tax!!
But don't agree others who don't use the service should subsidise it.
- It has always worked this way. Why change?
- I am not using schools, can I opt out of paying for those?...
- We already pay for it in our council tax
If the collection is not going to happen anymore we should get a refund or a reduction in cost
- All waste should be collected free by the local council
- Everybody pays for the service in their council tax .
People who don't have a garden will not receive a reduction.
The customers who do use this service will be paying twice, if you put an extra charge on the council tax payers.
- I'm not happy with either option. Garden waste collections help the environment. If you introduce a subscription based service many residents will decline and burn their garden waste instead ... creating poor neighbour relations and harming the environment.
- I don't believe we should pay an additional charge for garden waste removal as the charges are high enough already
- I do not expect households without a garden (e.g. Residents in flats) to have to pay for garden waste collection
- If charges are implemented to the householders, I believe people will just bag up the waste and put it in the black bins, adding to landfill and our ever-growing waste problems.
The councils could sell this waste to be used in the formation of compost, recouping the money they feel they have "lost" (despite the householders already costly council tax charges, for which over the years we have seen less street lighting, cuts to nursery budgets and social funding, poorer quality housing services for those in social housing etc)
- Garden waste should be collected the way it is at the moment. It is already paid for through council tax and if the residents have to start paying a separate charge, this would encourage fly tipping. Also, the council already collects money for recycling from the government. If we are to start paying for collections then I would expect to see a reduction in my council tax. Otherwise, I will be happy to dispose of my garden waste (grass clippings) into our local park.

- This is available to all residents who want it regardless of how little waste they may have. I dispose of waste responsibly but a charge is going to lead to flytipping and garden waste going in landfill neither of which are desirable and will lead to increased costs to residents in the long term
- When we lived in east Northants we paid the annual charge, it should be across all of Northants. If you have a smaller garden why can't the council have 2 size bins like the green bins and charge accordingly
- If a subscription model was to be used, those who don't opt in should receive a reduction in council tax. It is immoral to introduce a subscription model and not reduce the council tax, because it goes completely against your argument that currently everyone pays for the service. This is also a thinly veiled approach for you to get everyone to agree to the subscription model by the questions you have used.
- This is a 'loaded' question, as there is no option to current service provision to remain 'free of charge' or contained within existing Council Tax monthly payments. Waste collection is about all I personally get from Council Tax payments. I would like to see how the East Northants £55 charge is actually arrived at? Many of the other facilities, I do not use i.e meals on wheels / Library, so in reality, I am paying for others!. The state of our Village / county roads begs the question, what exactly are we paying for? I accept Govt cuts / austerity has had a huge impact over the past years, it did on families as well as services, but I question what financial 'due diligence' was done to maintain budget levels and not waste!
- Garden waste collection is not 'free'. We pay for this through council tax. I would be curious to know how tonnages for general waste increased or decreased when a charge was implemented in east Northants for garden waste.
Residents can request additional general waste capacity if they qualify, surely all recycling should be free if the council can afford to take more expensive waste for 'free' from residents?
- It's a great service but the any charge should be reasonable and value for money. If it's an annual charge, then bins should be collected all year round. If not, then perhaps it could be free or a minimal charge applied.
- This is how it is paid for at present and seems to work. Charging will result in customers not opting to pay and either putting garden waste in the household bin, leaving waste in an area of the garden or worse fly tipping it.
- It should stay as it is. Free and already included with council tax. People will just end up dumping their waste if they have to pay for it.
- When paying any kind of tax we pay for the wider community whether we use the service or not, why should garden waste be any different?
If we are charged a separate fee for garden waste will we be receiving a refund on our council tax bill? I doubt it, double tax easy money for the council. At a time when literally every household bill is increasing not only do you raise council tax again but the add in yet another tax for garden waste
- There are lots of other services provided which are not offered to my village - library, buses, regular street cleaning to name a few. To offer 'free' waste collection might help stop the selfish individuals who regularly drop their garden waste at entrances to the rural villages.
- I don't agree with either statement
- We already pay for refuse collection in our council tax, with ever increasing costs, and many others would not be able to afford another charge
- Taxes are high enough as it is. Totally unacceptable to change for garden waste disposal, particularly under the current cost of living crisis. Charging will only encourage illegal disposal and fly tipping.

- Unfair to charge all if not all are using the service. Although I'm obviously not happy with paying an additional charge, it's still more convenient to have kerbside collection and pay for it than go to the recycling centres
- If residents have to pay a subscription, they'll just put the garden waste in the general waste bins and doesn't encourage recycling.
- In Wollaston the tip has closed and having no vehicle of any sort I fail to understand why those who allegedly help keep the planet green are in danger of having to pay more whilst those who allegedly contribute to pollution still get free parking presumably subsidised by the tax payer?
- The council fund other services such as sports centres, parks, libraries, education, social care etc from which not all residents benefit
- If you impose a direct charge on a garden waste collection service there will be even more fly tipping than exists now as a direct result of restricted policies around recycling centres. If people see it as a hidden or sunk cost they are more likely to continue to use the service. Somebody needs to do some joined up thinking and what if scenarios rather than just pushing the problem elsewhere!
- We pay more than enough money for council tax which goes up every year without an added £55 on top. My family members in Northants who have to pay just shove their garden waste in the black bin instead
- It is wrong when it became North Northants that some selected boroughs have to pay for green waste, when others don't!
Should be equal throughout the boroughs
- We already pay a large council tax to include waste collection, this avoids people not opting to pay and then fly tipping; many more vehicles on the road accessing the tip or neglecting Gardens which is detrimental to neighbourhoods
- Many households either do not have a garden or have artificial grass etc
- We already pay enough council tax and with the rising costs of living and no increase in wages the extra charge really isn't fair!
- Not all residents have enough garden space to compost their own garden waste. Not collecting free of charge will compromise those people, especially if they do not have transport to take waste to the recycling centres. The impact of imposing a charge will affect the less affluent sectors of the community who often live in houses with hedges for boundaries but not much space to compost. As a result, hedges & shrubs may not be cut & areas will start to look unkempt. Also, imposing a charge will increase fly tipping.
- Should not be charged for at all, we already pay for this service through our council tax
- Garden waste can be composted by the council. If you make people pay for the service more garden waste will be put in general waste rather than being reused Adding another raise in costs to some vulnerable households means they may no longer be able to dispose of garden waste and it will be put into rubbish bins
- Happy to pay for this service if it operates 52 weeks of the year
- Encourage households to use their garden to grow plants, fruits & vegetables, as it is much more beneficial to the environment
- I think it is very unfair we have to pay for this when so many others across the county/country get it for free.
- I don't agree with either option
- It should be free like all the other local towns
- Council tax increases every year but we get no more for our money. Garden waste has always been part of our council tax I use it mainly for leaves falling into my garden and drive from council owned trees! It would lead to more fly tipping if it's charged separately for.

- Majority of households have gardens which require up keep by the resident. The cost of other bin collections is covered by council tax paid each year. All waste should be treated in the same way regardless of type of waste. Council tax on houses are usually higher than that of a flat which could account for the costs incurred for additional waste collections.
- Should be free. We pay enough in council tax each year. If you make people pay for it that will encourage people to do more fly tipping. Not everyone can afford the extra money.
- Bonfires are dangerous and a pollutant, anything that would discourage this lazy, outdated behaviour is a plus.
- I think it should be swallowed as a whole and not seperated. I think it will cause more fly tipping
- It is all included in the service charge, I pay more than someone in a flat so should get more services
- As much as I'd love garden waste to continue to be "free" without additional subscription. I do believe that those who do not have a garden, should pay a lesser council fee than those who do. I like the idea of collection between March - November to save costs to the council and also keeping a "free" service.
- We should not have an extra charge for this service. It should be available free of charge to all who want it.
- Council tax continues to rise with very little benefit to those that pay for it, the services get worse, pot holes never filled, lighting not fixed or take too long to be repaired. Adding a fee for garden waste is a joke, the council use the garden waste to sell at the council recycling centres in the form of compost.
- I think it should stay as it is and no one get charged as such, people cannot afford extra costs as things are at the moment. I believe people will just put garden wast in black bin or fly tip it (I believe harrowden lane is a popular dumping ground) or burn it.
- As a single occupant I produce less waste in a black bin than a family of four yet the service is allocated the same cost per household in budgets. Therefore there should be no difference for those with or without a garden contributing to brown bin waste
- As the majority of householders in Corby have gardens it's only right that the two weekly collections remain without additional costs incurred.
You are encouraging fly tipping now !
- Not a statutory service. I don't think disposal of garden waste ranks higher than more important services. I would rather pay than loose other vital services
- If you don't collect or charge for collection their will be an increase in flytipping. This will then cost you.
- I don't have any garden waste so I don't want to pay for service which I never use
- I would more than happily pay for the weeks I use this service which is probably 2 weeks in the spring and 2 at the end of summer the council are obviously trying to increase our council tax even further which most families/households cannot afford along with the rise in rent , energy bills and council tax this year not mentioning fuel , this shouldn't be something we have to pay for if we don't use it I cannot afford my bills at the minute and if my council tax increased further to pay for this service so others could use it it would put an even further strain on me financially maybe something that streets could opt into and pay for a week or say 1 street once a month gets the brown waste collected but the households who pay for it have a sticker something like that would be far better than increasing bills further for people who don't even benefit from the service
- I currently pay the garden subscription, previously having two subscriptions. You have a diabolical website, all subscriptions are individual. This means when one runs out you STOP collecting the garden waste completely. This method of system needs scrapping. I've lost count of the number of times our bins have been left unemptied, simply because your account

management is not fit for purpose, typical of a council. Why should we pay for this kind of treatment?

- Imposing charges discourages recycling. Many (like me) will just use the spare space in our black bin rather than paying more money to the council, especially at a time of massive increases to household bills.

Also, despite the biased wording of your question, I think the fairest way is a percentage of council tax, so the higher valued homes (almost always homes with the most land / biggest gardens) contribute more.

- If you want to take your garden waste to the local recycle facility, then you shouldn't be paying for collection at home.
- People who have the choice not to pay won't and will either dump or burn their waste. This will have a detrimental effect on the environment. It's just another way for the already broke council to rip off its users.
- I think it should be available during the spring, summer and autumn.
If you do introduce a charge it will be more costly to manage and it will increase fly tipping in the area.

- I don't think there should be any additional charges for collecting garden waste. We pay enough council tax already!!
- I pay £55 a year and others don't
- It should be included in what we pay if you keep lifting charges people will dump waste
- There should NOT be extra charges. We pay enough in council tax already!
- We pay enough council tax which should include garden waste collections.
Households are struggling enough financially with high rates of inflation and huge increases in energy bills!!

This is just another way for the council to make more money.

- The collection of garden waste is clearly factored into council tax charges, so if I were to witness a charge on garden waste implemented in my area, I would then be expecting my council tax to reduce by the same amount. I certainly won't pay twice for a service.
- We have never paid under CBC so why should we now that NNC have control. What benefits do we see in Corby from being NNC. NOTHING. Even the roads still have massive potholes. The youths are able to run riot in the town even though there is a PSPO which nobody enforces. Really what's this town coming to. No wonder it's rated the most miserable town to live in. Crime rates are high kids getting stabbed drinkers sitting all over the town with no deterrent. You should be ashamed of yourself NNC.
- This would be a tax on being green, would encourage more waste being disposed of in black bins or illegally dumped. The current challenges to the cost of living is hard enough. You talk about this being your budget, it's already tax payers money. You spend our money, not yours.
- Council tax is already extortionate and collection should be covered by this
- Neither. Kerbside collections would result in it being split by kids, animals or just idiots. And regarding paying, absolutely not. If that is the result then it'll go into the black bin.
- Garden waste should be collected for all households, particularly after the recent council tax increase.

Not all households are able to take their garden waste to the local recycling centre and not all households can afford a subscription service.

As the costs of living increase and wages don't, not to mention the cuts to universal credit, this will only cause an increase in this waste being disposed of in black bins or fly tipping.

I think it's important for the council to remember that not all the areas they serve are affluent and many people are struggling.

Those who cannot afford the service and so do not maintain their garden will then face consequences with landlord as garden maintainable is common place within tenancy agreements.

By making the service subscription or increasing existing taxes to fund it, the local authority could unwittingly be causing wider problems for the local community

- I think it would be an absolute joke to ask people to pay when we get the bin emptied anyway times are hard enough . It will result in more fly tipping
- I don't believe that any additional charge should be made for this service
We already pay excessive council tax.
- Its how its always been in wellingborough
- Every household should have access to this facility whether or not they can afford to pay for it. To some residents £55 is unaffordable. People will just put it in their black bin or fly tip it somewhere.
- I believe Kettering and Corby have been operating this system for some time and if the service is provided without extra cost per resident it is more widely used
- I feel if it is only charged to certain people using the service some people may start fly tipping garden waste rather than having to pay for collection.
- We already pay for this service.
- We currently pay council tax and I don't believe we should pay extra for this. If you want to encourage people to recycle their garden waste the kerb side service should continue. I do agree it could be at certain times of the year.
- If you make a charge then I would envisage there will be more fly tipping, which costs the tax payer more money to remove than providing a collection service
- You charge enough for council tax and do little for it. Street lights are an issue that I've been reporting and doesn't get fixed.
- I believe that introducing a paid subscription service will increase the incidence of green waste fly tipping
- Charging seems like yet another money making scheme will NNC reduce the council tax bill first then charge or just charge extra
- We already pay for this service within our council tax. You don't charge any extra for those who have two blue bins so if you start charging for garden waste then you should charge those who have two blue bins or those that have large black bins. I don't use many of the services you charge me for but I haven't kicked up so far but will happily start lobbying for you to remove that element of my council tax. If you start charging for garden waste it will end up being dumped in the countryside or put in the general waste bins. You will be cutting off your noses to spite your faces and opening a can of worms.
- Don't agree with either statement. Garden waste collection should be free everywhere, we all ready pay alot for council tax. I can see there will be more fly tipping or out of control fires across the county as people can't afford it.
- We already pay council tax to cover all waste
By charging extra will increase likelihood of garden waste going into black or blue bins or worse fly tipping
Income should be saught by selling the compost
- Residents pay enough in council tax that it should be included in the other refuse collections
- For the minimal amount we put ours out I.e. a few times a year, I would not be happy to pay extra for this service
- Everyone should still keep getting it collected, that is what council tax is supposed to be for. I don't think many people will be able to afford 55 a year with the energy price increases
- People are less likely to flytip garden waste if everyone has access to the service

- During lockdown there was huge issues with garden waste fly tipping (I cycle and saw lots of evidence). This is with the free collections in our area. If garden waste bins are not collected fly tipping of garden waste will increase. Having also lives in East Northamptonshire previously there were also issues with lots of people putting garden waste in their black bins (as unwilling to pay the extra cost). Also bad for the environment.
- I think by making households pay a subscription, rather than encouraging composting (a fairly slow process), it will encourage households to dispose of garden waste in less environmentally friendly ways e.g. fly tipping.
- As some people will create more black bin rubbish compared to other residents. Maybe reduce green waste collection over the winter months december to end of February.
- The cost of collecting garden waste should be included in the council tax we already pay, as it always has been
- Unfortunately the option I wanted to select wasn't available. We pay council tax to have the removal of waste products, picking and choosing what you choose to collect is just exploiting and finding ridiculous new ways to get more money from people who are already struggling with the cost of living.
- The council tax rate is already at an all time high, this already includes taxing for waste!
- As you don't offer food waste collection I don't think you should charge extra for garden waste collection. It is just an obvious green obligation
- If garden waste collection was an additional charge many people would either use their black bin as an alternative, deposit their garden waste in other residents bins or even resort to fly tipping.
- I don't think it would be fair for everyone to pay for a service if they don't need it. Having said that the cost for those who would benefit from a garden waste bin should not pay too much for this service. All Northamptonshire should be the same.
- Shouldn't have to pay an additional fee for garden waste to be collected unless council tax will be overall reduced to reflect the fact this service is no longer provided.
Garden waste is as much a part of household waste as recyclable and non recyclable waste so shouldn't be singled out to pay extra - would the same be done if I don't want to participate in recycling or any other council services I only wanted to opt in to pay for.
What would be done to combat Garden waste fly tipping by those who can't afford the additional fee. Fly tipping in the county is already high particularly in and around Wellingborough this will only add to the problem
- To avoid fly tipping
- We are all being encouraged to plant shrubs and trees to aid wildlife and biodiversity. Far too much habitat is being lost due to continued building development over large swathes of land and also the paving over of front gardens.
Trees and shrubs also remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.
Trees and shrubs need pruning and maintaining.
If the planting of more greenery is going to be punished by having to pay for disposing of green waste it will encourage people to reduce or remove the greenery in their gardens and discourage them from planting more trees.
Green waste collection should be free to all as lush green gardens are a benefit to all.
We all pay for dog waste bins even if we don't have dogs.
We pay for public toilets even if we don't use them.
We pay for park maintenance even if we don't use them.
We all pay for road maintenance even if we don't drive.
This is just the same. Some people will use the service, others won't.

The cost of implementing and running the scheme, issuing bills and chasing non-payers would be a complete waste of money. Who is going to check who has paid for their bin and who hasn't? It's a tax on the honest.

- Unfair for those who do not have a garden to pay for the service. Unfair to raise taxes to cover the charge as those who have smaller houses/no garden may well be on a lower income or struggling as is.
- I don't feel there should be a difference between households. Some people recycle more, some people use police services more, some people use health more, but they are all universal services and should be paid by everyone.
- Unfair that in east Northants we have had to pay and rest of areas were free
- We used the local East Northamptonshire council garden waste and paid the subscription. However had to change to a private company after many occasions of poor service and missed collection of or Garden waste. Therefore I would not be happy to be taxed to use the service when I have just entered into another private subscription already for this year. Also I would not be happy to be taxed for a poor service as previously experienced.
- Not everyone uses libraries or have children in school but we all contribute towards payment for these and other services.
- Many people only use certain elements which we pay for through our Council Tax. We have no choice but to pay for the whole package. If you start charging for garden bins then you should split all the elements so we can chose what we use and what we pay for. Leave well alone.
- This is a service under the charges I pay for council tax which is at an extortionate rate at the moment.

Working families are at breaking point at the moment and you are considering adding more costs.

If this is implemented I will not pay an extra cost to have it taken away, it will be added to my black bin.

This also will add more issues with fly tipping in the area.

Most areas by the traveller sites are already an eye sore so unfortunately there will be more.

- I believe noone should pay for garden waste collection, it should be in the council tax bill we have to pay every month
- We regularly see an increase in our council tax, especially in Desborough, so why is the garden waste collection not included within that.
- Cost of living is already so high, if someone has to choose between this and their electricity, likelihood is we would see a massive uptake in fly tips.
- Although there is a cost to the council this is a service used for the betterment of the environment. It also helps the council increase the percentage of recycled waste. For example in my house my car is classed as van so access to the HWRC is limited which leaves only paid for options if I am charged for this. Whilst I appreciate many councils do charge, I use little of NNC services so removing this means I am paying for many things I will never use. I appreciate the purpose of council tax but this will hit a lot of users hard that are in my situation and this is one service which sets NNC, nee CBC apart and makes them respectable.
- It is a free to resident service at the moment. The cost of living and taxes are rising faster than my income. In this household the residents are all pensioners and are already struggling to meet rising costs. Gardening is a great activity for keeping fit, but having to pay for garden waste disposal may make it less enjoyable. Not to mention the increased pollution from people having more and bigger bonfires.
- This service is valuable service and people with gardens should not be have to pay additional cost for garden waste. If these additional costs come in with people then have to pay twice as much of they have two bins instead of one? People with gardens or actually helping the

environment in other ways such as providing wildlife gardens for bees. There should be more encouragement for wildlife and turning grass verges into wildlife Meadows instead of the costs of emptying a bin that can help to remove garden waste. If there's going to be additional charges there should be incentives to compost at home and support gardeners to move the ways and different ways.

- It's a wider public good and in my area is widely used as most properties have gardens. Not all residents can afford to subscribe or are able to take waste to the refuse Centre. Most rural houses have a garden and make use of the service, so I don't think it will reduce your van/staff costs much to introduce a charge.
- Because I have enough money to pay for it and people in flats without gardens shouldn't be subsidising me.
- We currently pay Council Tax and the Council utilise the garden waste from households make compost etc., this getting income. Each year Council Tax increases abs Services are reduced. We have no children so following your rationale should we then get a reduction in Council Tax as you are staying only those using garden waste should potentially pay!
- I believe it is the councils duty to enable recycling of garden waste, reduce garden bonfires and avoid creating more garden waste. Additionally if I have to take to the recycling centre along with other households it will create more car mileage increasing emissions
- Neither as we already pay to have our bins collected through council tax so no additional fee is required.
- It needs to be available to all to stop people putting water in the wrong bins or even worse dumping it on the roadside because they can't be bothered to go to the tip
- If this service is chargeable it is likely we will see an increase in fly tipping and incorrect disposal in the other bins.
- There are only two options I would ask that we look at other options as well.
Out of the two options this I feel is the most viable option. The reason for this is that if a grey bin service is charged for I would expect (1) more waste put into black bin, increasing costs this way (2) increased dumping of rubbish so people don't have to pay, whilst not as potentially harmful as dumping of general rubbish it can still lead to drains blocked, plants regrowing in unnatural environments etc = potential costs in the future.
I would add that could we not look at offering free compost bins to residents? This would enable residents to compost their waste and save council money in the long run by cutting out collections
- We already pay a lot of money for council tax - it should be paid for from this. Reduce bills for those who don't require the service.
- We already pay council tax which is for our bin collection. This is just another excuse to take more of our money while do less work for it
- A high number of households have no garden waste. Some households have four bins of garden waste every time.
- We already pay for it, so no need to change it.
- It is already factored into the council tax we pay and even those that may have gardens may at times have garden waste, veg peelings etc which would otherwise end up in general waste.
- We are already charged through our over priced council tax
- Because in general taxation I pay for schooling but do not have any children, so I think the same should apply
- We all pay enough already through all the maximum allowed increases that been applied to our council tax in the Kettering area. Consider senior management cost savings first before charging us for what should already be included in our exorbitant Council tax charges. Costs are also recouped via the selling of the composted waste

- Not everyone requires the service and so it should be paid for to be fair.
- none is this not included within our council tax?
- Through council tax we all have to pay towards services that are available to us but not necessarily used. I pay higher council tax due to banding than other houses and feel that's unfair as we all have the services available to us. Feel we should all pay for all the services provided.
- Not everyone uses it regularly. The cost to those that don't use it will be minimal compared to somebody who will have to subscribe but may only use it sporadically. People will always take the easy option. If it's "free" to use a brown bin that they already have they will use it. If not, it's more likely to be fly tipped, burned or sent to landfill in the black bin
- I simply don't think we should pay at all, we pay MORE than enough council tax that goes up every single year. Household waste collection isn't efficient enough at this present time regardless- a prime example being my household black bin which struggles to manage two weeks worth of waste when my household is just a family of two, and will only continue to struggle when our child is born later this year, yet we're told we have the largest bin available and it's only collected every two weeks! I'm not entirely sure what we pay council tax for (asides from emergency services) seeing as potholes in this county are constant and never fixed adequately, street lighting is always being reduced and as for services such as school/child care/doctors/housing- in my SMALL town, more and more houses are being built, meaning the population continues to increase, yet the number of schools or doctors does not, making it harder for parents to get their children into a local school and harder for people to see doctors when in need. That's not even getting started on social care- having previously worked in a role where I have had frequent dealing with both adult and child social services, I have first hand experience of how inadequate and failing these services are to those who really need it. Perhaps think about spending council tax on that; and just continue to collect the garden waste through the current council tax that we already out of our nose for- especially in financial times such as this when everything regarding the cost of living is increasing. I highly doubt people will agree to a subscription charge and will certainly object to paying even more council tax when the services already received are more than inadequate.
- I have experience in [redacted] of garden waste collections being stopped. As a result the level of fly tipping increased. This was not in appropriate places where it could decompose, but was on road side grass verges in residential areas, and often in black bin bags. Rotting garden rubbish in the streets smells. Also most people won't pay, so from an environmental view, more cars will be queueing with engines on to enter the recycling centre. Again it was the experience in [redacted] and still often causes major issues.
- We currently pay for the council to collect our garden waste, which mainly consists of hedge and shrub trimmings as we have no lawn. Home composting is not a viable option for us due to the amount of space it would need and the long time it would take for the woody stems to compost. Whilst we were happy to pay for this service it is unfair that the majority of North Northamptonshire gets it free of charge. I think it would be fairer if the cost of providing this service to all households was included in the council tax. Yes, not everyone has a garden, but we all contribute to the cost of services which we may not use ourselves but which are needed by other residents in North Northamptonshire so why should garden waste be any different? If the service is changed to an optional chargeable service I think a lot of residents who have not had to pay previously will decline to pay so we will see increased pressure on the Household Recycling Centres which may in turn lead to an increase in fly tipping to avoid the queues.
- We all pay for services through taxation and not every household will benefit from those services.

For example some people barely generate any black bin waste, some fill the bin to the top.

Some people will never enter a library or drive a car on the roads they pay towards maintaining. They may never use a leisure centre or have a child who accesses local schooling. We all pay the same towards these services and the garden waste collection scheme should continue to be part of what we pay for.

- No additional charges to be applied. Council tax already covered this. If a charge was to be applied. It will be deducted from the council tax bill
- I don't agree with either of your options, it could be collected with black bins every other week from households who use a garden waste bin. We don't have a garden waste bin so wouldn't want charging for something we don't use. We have patios and fake grass.
- With all price increases surely nobody within the council can justify a further tax increase for its residents.

Living within East Northants we are unfortunate to not have this as a free service whilst Wellingborough and others do.

We have already had huge council tax rises with little benefit!

Now you want us to pay for a service already offered for free elsewhere in the county to residents who already pay less than us?!?!

I don't agree with either of the above options. However if you, as a United county, want to make it fair then everyone who wants this service should pay a fee without having council tax increases for all.

- We already pay for this service through our council tax
- there should not be any higher tax paid, we have paid enough council tax over the years and paid the subscription cost in addition to this for a service, we share our garden waste bin with our neighbour due to the cost involved so it's cheaper for us both as we split the cost, I agree if everyone has a garden bin it will cost more for the vehicle/collectors involved but it will avoid people burning it causing an environmental issue and like last year a neighbour nearby causing a small fire which the fire service was called out to
- I already pay my council tax, don't see why I need to pay extra to have extra
- We all pay for schools libraries etc even if we don't use them. Same for garden waste
- We shouldn't pay extra to have our garden waste to be collected and this is played for in our council tax and also they make compost from it and sell it back to us
- It is not fair that some areas have to pay for garden waste collections whereas others do not. I would value greatly having a garden waste collection from March to November, for example, as it is not always easy to get to the household recycling centre when you work full time and with long hours.
- I don't generate a lot of garden waste and can dispose of it easily, so I would be annoyed to subsidise other users. I am on a tight budget.
- I do not have garden waste due to artificial grass so do not want to pay for it.
- I pay a council tax annual charge which has always include garden waste removal. It will start with garden waste then before you know it, other waste will be chargeable?! If this becomes a chargeable fee or a subscription then it will only lead to increased fly tipping which plagues our local countryside. Residents are already reeling from increased taxes, increased food and energy bills so garden waste disposal will not be a priority for household budgets already under unprecedented pressure. This needs a common sense approach because a minority of residents will pay for the majority. The recycling centre at Corby is badly set out and the location of the garden waste can cause bottle necks again putting off residents disposing of their garden waste legally and will again encourage fly tipping. Residents are being penalised for looking after their gardens - what about those who cannot drive or afford to pay??

- If you don't collect for free people will simple put it into landfill which will be worse for the environment.
- People will start fly tipping if it's a subscription service, people are struggling by this year already let alone having to pay to cut your own grass. Flytipping will become ridiculous
- As with everything else we should all contribute fairly. I don't have children at school, never use a bus, rarely use the hospital and never use the library but I'm happy contributing my share.
- I don't mind paying for the service I use, but there are many people who cannot afford it. A charge would spoil their enjoyment of gardening and even even those who just keep their gardens tidy might be discouraged. However If the council were to recommend a £52 per year charge instead of £55, many people would see that collections for £1 per week would be cheap at half the price.
- If the ones that don't pay, use the service, how will it be checked? I'd rather pay in case I need to use it and likewise would expect others to do the same. We will always use it so would pay if we had to
- Living in former East Northants I am used to paying for this service
- Council tax is high already and you want to take away servicea that it currently pays for??? Unless households that don't use a garden waste bin pay less then no. It already comes from everyone why should I be made to pay on top of what I pay for a service that my council tax currently pays for?
- As a Council tenant we don't have a choice to have a garden or not also at some point you will move to a property that has one so all should need to pay a little or none as there will be a increase in flytipping as all people can not afford
- If you start charging you will find people will start disposing of their waste by burning it (increasing pressure on fire services) in the black bins or just generally tipping it anywhere they like
- It has been this way since I moved here. This has been part of the Council Tax - why should it change and would my rate go down if I chose not to participate but take my waste to the recycle instead???
- We use the garden waste most weeks I would be willing to pay for this but feel it should be free as the garden waste will be put in the domestic bin
- Why is there no option to keep the service free????? Only 1 pays and 2 dont, why bring the 2 into line with the ones that does??? Bring the 1 that does into line with 2 that dont It should be provided free to eveeyone
- All services should be covered through council tax, not everyone uses all services covered through council tax but all persons have access to them should the want or need them. Waste sevicees are not an optional extra. This levy would be a stealth tax whereby those people with gardens are paying extra for the 'privilege' yet they are already more likely to be in a higher tax band anyway and as such are being charged twice.
- Stop differentiating between waste and 'garden' waste.
Has been and always should be and is ,part of the high council tax that we pay for waste collection.
What's next? I don't call the police for anything? Reduction in C/T? I don't walk around at night, should I pay for Street lights? Exactly, it's ridiculous.Stop trying to get MORE money out of us.
WE ALREADY CONTRIBUTE FOR THE COST OF ALL WASTE COLLECTION!!!
- Should reduce fly tipping, and people putting it in other peoples bins.
- I thought garden waste was recycled and made into compost which the council use or sell I also believe that if you charge will lead to more fly tipping. Also the council recycling centre should be open 7 days a week to discourage fly tipping.

With council tax going up and national insurance going up utilities going up the last thing we need is another bill

- It should be free service to all
- To separate the costs out doesn't make sense- some people don't make much use of various services, but you don't just pay for what you use.
- Our council tax bill covers our contribution to our waste collection and should continue to be provided without extra cost to the residents.
- If you go down the route that there is a subscription then people will just put it in their black bin which will have a massive impact on the environment and cost all the taxpayers more. I also don't agree with the statement that you would save sufficient money to only go down the streets that sign up as if one person signs up in a street you still have to go down it ?? You cannot assume that people have the use of cars to take their waste to household sites so this will likely discriminate against people who don't have the capacity to take it to a waste recycling centre themselves and I also believe it will lead to an increase in fly tipping
- Not fair on flats who are typically lower income too
- I use this service, but only pay from March until September. I don't see why I should pay for the months I do not need this service. Therefore the cost should be included in the council tax. I have to pay for school teachers through my taxes, even though my children are now adults....
- We pay for it now, why is this even being questioned, it's just another way for council to reduce services and then charge more for the services that have been removed, shocking behaviour
- I don't see why certain areas should be penalised for our postcode.
- The question is framed in a way that is incredibly biased. In reality garden waste is no different from household waste. People pay their Council Tax to have their waste taken away - if they are charged extra for garden waste they will just put the garden waste in the black bin. And if the waste is still not taken away - people will fly tip it.
- If not everyone is treated equally, it will lead to more fly tipping which in the end costs more to clean up
- A question to the above:
Do all households need to pay contribution to schools when they have no children at school or should only those households who have children at school pay?
- My council tax is already £180 a month for a 2 bed house, lower than that and I'll pay your garden waste charge. You charge me enough as it is, £180 would be 3 weeks shopping, a month of fuel. I have to work a month and a half every year just to pay my council tax bill, so stick your garden waste charge where the sun doesn't shine
- Residents should not expect to pick and choose which services they require.
- Without kerbside collection everyone will end up taking it to the tip causing more pollution and damage to the environment as more cars on the road. Also just because you have a garden doesn't mean you have a car which just means those that are car less will be the only ones paying. I don't have any school age children or parents in care but still contribute to these through my council tax. If you only pay for what you need could I opt out of these
- I feel the question had been returned on a very biased way trying to make the respondent answer the way you want us to. I disagree with what you want and feel that all household waste should already be brought collected free of extra charge sure to the council tax bills we already pay
- I've been paying for the service for years, just because it was done differently within a different council does not mean we have to suffer for others' past mistakes for greed
- Tax is paid on size of house. A terrace house with back yard will pay less than a 4 bed detached with garden. Therefore the cost evens out.
- I already pay you a lot enough.

- Some people are unable to afford this service especially with recent cost of living increases. We also have increases in fuel costs and this Tory government is putting more of a burden on the poor with national insurance rises.
This should be put onto council tax with those who live in higher band properties shouldering more of the burden.
- The current council tax for my banding should cover the cost of the collection as it always has done
- Not everyone has a garden.
- because you are a failing council and trying to profit more money from taxpayers
- I already pay for collection of my rubbish, recycling and garden waste within my council tax. I won't be paying again.
- Varied opinion - my garden waste bin is only put out 2/3 times a year, would individual payments every time the bin needs emptying be an option? Obviously administrative heavy, but I don't use the bin enough for a yearly fee but equally with the cost of everything rising, can't afford for my bills to increase further than already expected!
- You can't start charging for one service some use and some don't otherwise where does it stop? Unless this is applied to all services then it should not apply all. Not everyone uses social care, schools, drive, use buses etc but everyone pays towards them. This would punish anyone who happens to have a garden and only one authority in North Northants currently charges. This is why people pay council tax and not to start charging extra for some services services.
- We already pay council tax why should we need to pay more
- Council tax in different areas is different. Green waste should be collected through this method otherwise a rebate/reduction should be made if a charge is to be made separately. Council tax is getting expensive year on year with lots of reduction in services and waste should not be compromised otherwise more rural fly tipping will happen and then additional costs associated with clean up will defeat the purpose.
- Kerbside collection is already paid for through council tax
- We pay for garden waste collection already through our council tax. However, I think if there are ADDITIONAL costs for the council to collect garden waste, then they should increase council tax for everyone, to spread the cost.
My concern is, if/when you start charging to collect garden waste, some people will just fly tip their waste or put it in their black bin, and not pay.
- We already pay for it to be done.
- If you charge for the garden waste people will just put it in the black bin instead
- By far most (if not all on our estate) use the garden waste collection. I'm happy for the £55 but would prefer it to be already included in the council tax.
(I wouldn't notice it that way)
- We already pay for this service via Council Tax and there won't be a discount if we don't use it. There are many services that we pay for and don't use already.
- It has been known for people to use other people's bins for their waste and is not fair for a subscriber to pay for a service that she cannot properly use because of other people's misuse
- Because I pay enough council tax for very limited return already
- I believe that garden waste should be collected by the council and not charged individually but all contribute equally
- Stop moving the goal posts. You have already increased council tax and now want to remove yet another service.
- The risk of people fly tipping claiming they do not need the service due to cost being a barrier
- We all pay for it through our council tax already

- We already pay for this service!
- Garden waste will only be put in the black bins if the service was paid for. We pay enough council tax as it is, please don't add another layer of taxation!
- There is currently no problem with the current arrangement. We pay our council tax accordingly, and in The circumstances at any point in the year we need to use the garden waste service, it's readily available. Those of us who don't drive are then saved having to pay for external services at extortionate rates for waste disposal.
- So that everyone has the opportunity to recycle garden waste properly or it will dumped or go to landfill.
- We pay Council Tax so why should we pay additional fee for garden waste to be removed? Previously lived within the [redacted], where garden waste was collected for free. NNC should all be treated the same.
- We pay a lot more council tax than many other properties.
Use the money to continue collecting the garden waste.
If you charge people, you will encourage fly tipping (not by us) which will cost a lot more and will be another eyesore
- I feel that in order to ensure the service is properly funded it should be paid for through taxation spread out across everyone
- If you don't have a garden you don't use the service it's not fair you pay for this service through your council tax
- If you start charging for grey bins people will dispose garden waste in the black bin, or even worse fly tip it,
- We pay a very hefty council tax which includes the removal of garden waste. This should continue. There is no way I would pay extra for my grass cuttings to be taken away
- Garden waste collection is an essential service and should be funded through general taxation, like many other councils do. Most people don't have space for a compost heap or the ability to take it to the tip. If the same logic is applied to a subscription of council services, should people who only use libraries or drive on the roads pay towards their upkeep?
- Everyone should have all their waste collected for free or flytipping will increase and it will cost more in the long run
- We already pay for this service whether or not we use it. I don't have much use for the service, probably twice a year. I would also prefer smaller bins. I have just moved here and had half sized bins at my previous address.
- The household recycling centres have to be funded, therefore an equitable charge on all residents for all waste disposal is a fairer system than allowing some to opt out of garden waste collection and use the recycling centre, effectively free of charge. Some households are unable to take garden waste to the recycling centre for various reasons so would be unfairly penalised as not having the possibility to opt out of the scheme.
- We should all contribute to public services. Should be Available to all.
We should not have to pay further to have garden waste removed - especially when families are struggling with high inflation, higher fuel costs, universal credit changes etc. it should be part and parcel of normal taxes not further sums paid
- Those who pay for a service can have stuff dumped in their bins by those that don't.
If the service is not free there is a greater risk of fly tipping, which would make everywhere unsightly and still incur clear up costs
- Previously always been free to kettering residents will prevent fly tipping
- If people are charged then they will fly tip costing more in the long term to clear. I back onto council owned allotments and regularly have to clear overgrowth from the allotments that grows through my hedges

- I feel the bins used to be emptied once a week for everyone. Recycle blue bin garden waste separated and 2 week turn around.! Any way the cost , costs of the council running the town cover lots of things. I put one grey bin out in the summer every other week and someone in a flat might not , but they might use a different service that I don't ! So surely that's why it needs to be an equal payment for taxation.
- I don't think we should pay for the service as garden waste is biodegradable so why not use it as a fuel so everyone can get the benefits
- Should not have to pay extra for a service that is supposed to be provide in the council tax. This will only result in more dumping of waste and improper disposal. It feels like council tax is being paid and very little services received for it as it is, the garden waste collection service should not be taken away unless someone can afford to pay for it on top of council tax. Stop trying to make us pay more council tax for even fewer, poorer services.
- There would be more flytipping , bonfires etc . Lots of services we pay for through council tax we don't use so if this was to go ahead would we be able to claim rebate for services we don't use .?
- We all pay tax for services that we use or don't use. Garden waste shouldn't be any different
- No matter if you have a garden or not, everyone has compostable waste that needs disposal. Cuts to kerbside collections - and charges for the disposal of rubbish at recycling centres - results in more fly-tipping and dumping. It's my opinion that the sanitary disposal of all household domestic waste is the responsibility of our public waste collection service and ought to be a year round service (though admittedly, garden waste falls off in winter months) Everyone needs to be making use of composting too. In flats/HMOs, shared facilities might be the answer but most towns and villages in N Northamptonshire have gardens
- We should be promoting the environment rather than encouraging people do get fake grass and no plants. Also if you make people pay for it then they will just put it in their regular bin, and front lawns are likely to start looking untidy. There is already a problem with people not cutting their hedges back which are drifting into the already very thin paths.
- We pay our council tax to cover these charges and have done for years , what will be next charges for all waste !!
- Common sense suggests that the ideal compromise is to adopt a system much the same as that currently in place within the former Borough Council of Wellingborough.
- The charge is within the council tax charge
- Most new developments do not have garden space to compost. Whilst waiting to be disposed of by other means other pests and decomposing smells will be encouraged.
- Allready pay council tax which includes kerb side collections those that don't use service should get a reduction if it's the case you wish to now charge extra for a service.
- This is already paid for within council tax. I don't use the library but accept its part of council tax. Asking for additional funds is insulting. The councils fail to maintain the county as it is.
- We use our garden waste bin regularly and appreciate the kerbside collection currently covered by our rates. However I also appreciate a number of people do not use there garden bins and therefore would benefit from knowing they would not be paying for a service they do not use.
- I do not agree with either of those statements. We pay enough already in tax and council tax . This is disgusting that more is wanted from residents in these hard times
- Because if people who haven't paid for the service in the past are charged in the future, it will lead to an increase in fly tipping and air pollution as there will be more bonfires.
- Council tax are tripe I'm on benefit and I am full deaf so can't afford for this and you should look at my garden! Tiny grass and keep flooding, shed is wrong place it is in middle!!!

- I feel it should free to everyone in the same way that the food composting bin is. Not everyone uses that bin, but it's still a free service for those who do wish to use it. If the garden waste was free collection then in our village there would be many fewer bonfires and less autumn leaves dumped into the brook.
- I feel that if you want to use the service then you need to pay only fair
- We pay council tax and all that happens is the council tax goes up but we get less and less. Its unfair, feels like we pay for nothing
- We have been provided with garden waste bins therefore we should use them at no extra cost to us, I'm sure the council tax covers some of the cost.
- Only people who have a garden should pay, with an opt out option if they compost all their waste. I have trees and shrubs and use the brown bin for that , I compost most green waste.
- Why should we pay for other people who get the service free
- We pay council tax that should cover all council services.
- I pay enough tax already and the council can't even mow the lawns on this estate so getting my garden waste collected is the least I should expect
- We already pay for waste removal services in our council tax. People have the option to use it, whether they do or not is their choice and those who do choose to should not be penalised. I feel a food waste collection service would be more beneficial as changes to services rather than changing the garden waste system. By changing the garden waste you risk flytipping and people not bothering to keep their properties looking respectful. At a time where people need to take pride and enjoy their green spaces and perhaps try to become self sustaining by growing veg yo, the council would be making it more difficult... whilst then profiteering from the garden waste by composting it and selling it back to the people who pay to dispose of it in the first place! Please don't start charging for this service it would have a detrimental impact on our community.
- If you charge extra people will put the waste in the black bins or fly tip it
- No additional costs , we pay enough council tax
- Limited options. Should continue during summer months as not everything can be composted in small gardens. Working out where to collect from is going to create logistical nightmares if only opted in property collected from. Charges will lead to more fly tipping or misuse of black bins. Feels like a way to increase council tax through the back door. We already pay for it through council tax - it is not free.
- In terms of meeting environmental goals, most of my waste is weeds and twigs and grass. I can burn it all iff you want but the entire neighborhood is going to hate it and it's not very eco friendly. I would love to know how your are processing this material anyway so may serve you with an FOI.
- I only chose that option as there isn't an option for it to be free for everyone. So if we have to pay, then you shouldn't have to pay for it if you don't use it
- Kerbside garden waste collection should be free but still by opt in subscription. This allows for route optimisation but reduces carbon emissions particularly from the remote areas of the county that are a long way from the hwrc's. Don't harmonise the costs upwards as an excuse to add a stealth tax.
- Living costs already going up and would that mean the elderly and people on low incomes would pay the same subscription. I tend to find my bin is always full coming into spring whilst tidying the garden but not necessarily going into summer.
- I don't go to school any more and rarely use a hospital but I pay for those through taxes. Taxation should be simple and should cover all core services
- We pay council tax which may rise, to fund bin collections.
- The clearing up of fly-tipping costs far more than would a continuation of the free collection of garden waste, as there was no option for 'keep it free' I have not picked an option.

- I'm happy to take my garden waste to the tip and don't feel I have enough garden waste to merit a bin especially during the winter. I don't have enough storage space for another wheelie bin as this was not thought of when my house was built 16 years ago!
- Extended scale of operations should bring cost savings. As we are always being told.
- Unfair to tax residents for a service they don't use or require
- My money probably would not be used on something else so I'm paying the same amount to then have less service than the council already provide.
- Council tax is banded and I pay proportionately to my property
- Prices are always rising. Affordability is getting harder and harder. I work near on 50 hours a week, have a toddler that's at nursery and a wife that works part time. We do not have the time to wait in the constant queue at the tip to get rid of garden waste nor should we have to pay more for a service that has been included in our current bills since we started being home owners.
- The council is responsible for other services with no "opt-out" option even if not used (e.g. Schools) - why should garden waste disposal be treated differently?
- I think there are currently more people who have this service within their Council Tax rate than don't, at present. If you start asking those people to pay for the service you'll likely find that most won't, and then the waste will not be disposed of correctly.
- could cut down to be March -November universally, or give compost bins to local residents in order to cut down, once a month bin collections would also be sufficient and also cut costs
- This is difficult because don't want people paying who have no garden waste, but don't want people putting it in black bins or going to WRC to dispose of it, or tipping it under hedges etc. I would consider paying.
- To encourage people to recycle garden waste and not dump it this service should be available free of charge/included as currently
- I think that if you were to provide only kerbside garden waste collection to those who pay for it, potentially you may encourage fly tipping. Having just carried out our bi annual litter pick in Mears Ashby, it is astonishing just how much garden waste is fly tipped on the verges and in hedges , usually dumped in plastic bags. If households can only have garden waste collected if they pay a subscription this will not help this situation in my opinion.
- I don't mind whether it's free or paid for, it just needs to be the same across the board
- Council Tax precept rises every calendar yet we receive less for our money the Police Crime Commission raise it by £5 everytime they have the opportunity the cost of living is on the rise with fuel going through the roof.
If people want the service they should pay but the council shouldn't expect households without gardens and lower income families to pick up the tab for our richer counterparts.
- Ultimately not everyone has garden waste but everyone has general waste so it is fairer that you pay if you need it. However I would expect to see a reduction in my bin charge if this happened (as it is currently included)
- Firstly so people who use the service pick up the cost.
Secondly to avoid excessive carbon emissions due to an increased mileage that a universal service would bring.
Finally I do not want to have my garden waste collected and definitely do not want another wheelie bin. I find bins ugly and commissioned a bin store (DIY using reclaimed wood) to hide the 2 we have. If another one were introduced I would need to spend time and money reconfiguring my outdoor space to accommodate it. I cope perfectly well composting my own garden waste supplemented by occasional trips to the HWRC
- What you are proposing is a backdoor increase, the households that DON'T use the service should be able to apply for a reduction/ refund if they see fit.

This proposal will increase illegal fly tipping, filching on other peoples bins and less public hygiene in residential areas.

Which in turn will increase the costs seen by the council for the clean up and monitoring of these activities.

So from a financial point of view will actually damage the financial standing of the council

- If you charge people they will just use their black bins sending waste into landfill or will dump it. Prices are increasing for everyone and this will penalise and unfairly discriminate those on a lower wage and the elderly.

We are currently having this service provided and it benefits the environment

- I feel that at this time for the council to ask pensioners to pay more when many are struggling with other cost of living increase is beyond belief and wholly unacceptable
- Kettering Borough Council used to make garden waste collections pay for themselves by the sale of the green waste collected.

There are lots of services which are not used by house holds but those are not made a pay by per use service.

Currently it is included so if I don't pay for a grey bin I assume my council tax will go down by £55 a year?

Would tips services allow trailers at the tip more than 5 times a year to allow people to dispose of waste? Without having to put it in their boot? Tips can not coupe on a Saturday as it is, it will increase traffic on the road (bad for the environment) and increase fly tipping.

- I don't have children and yet pay for education for children in my council tax, therefore why shouldn't I get something else such as removal of garden waste?!
- Most other services are provided and funded in this way. It means that everyone has equal access regardless of income.
- We pay enough in council taxes as it is without having to pay more just to get waste taken away. It will just lead to having more people having either fly tipping or having bonfires
- Charging some for kerbside collection directly will reduce the use of the brown bins and more garden waste will be inappropriately discarded.

Harmonisation should bring up to a level rather than reduce to the worstI think a partial year service as currently runs in Wellingborough area would be best for everyone

- We all pay extortionate amounts of council tax which should include collection of garden waste. If a subscription for collection is introduced this should be reflected by a decrease in council tax charges.

I feel if an optional subscription is introduced, some may flytip their garden waste due to either a) not wanting or being unable to afford the subscription or b) not having time/not wanting to queue at the recycling centre in order to dispose of their garden waste correctly.

Some people may also put the garden waste into their black bin which will increase the amount going to landfill.

- If everyone paid a little it would stop people fly tipping creating the councils more expence.
- People that don't use it don't have to pay for it.
- Everyone should have the opportunity to use the service regardless of how frequently they use it. The garden waste bin can also be used for vacuum cleaner contents which everyone generates. I have 2 compost bins and utilise these throughout the year, but during leaf drop I will clear my elderly neighbours drive and paths from neighbouring trees fall and require the additional green waste collection in conjunction with my composting
- If you charge extra people will burn more bonfires or dump it which would be bad for the environment ! With all other bills going up people can't afford to pay more especially as council tax going up anyway pay more get less !!! Pensioners like me already struggling ...I compost what I can but some garden waste not suitable for composting !

- I don't think anyone should pay extra for it.
- Some people may not be able to afford the collection fee or have the means to take their waste to the tip and yet get a lot of pleasure from their garden.
- Do not agree with any off them, we shouldn't need to pay for kerb side collection for garden waste, this will just encourage fly tipping, if we start paying for garden waste to be collected, what's next, charge for emptying bins , what do we actually pay for when we pay council tax.
- A removal of waste services increases the frequency of fly tipping, which negates any costs saved.
- It's hard to police who would use it and who would pay
Then people would not pay but dump it in others bins or fly tip
If every one pays it should reduce the fly tip of garden waste
- I would not mind paying so long as the overall council tax was reduced, as currently the waste collection is built into the payment. You can't charge twice, those who care will pay, those who don't will bring down the whole street...
- I haven't selected either - garden waste collection is already covered by the council tax we pay. That is what we pay council tax for, for bin collection services no?
So I do not agree with either statement - there shouldn't not be an additional subscription service, nor should there be a 'wider taxation contribution'
- This should be included in the huge amount we pay for Council tax. If it not a universal service but an optional paid for service, many will be tempted not to pay and to fly tip their garden waste. This will add to the already huge fly tipping problem. The solution to fly tipping in general is to make it easy to access free waste centres.
- We already pay for it in our council tax bill
- Garden waste should be treated the same as general waste and recycling. Many people will often not need to put out the recycling or general waste bin, although they still contribute to the cost of other people having their bins collected through taxation. Therefore, all should be treated equally.
- I believe that the cost should be covered by the council tax we pay
- I do not agree with either option. I currently pay for my garden waste collection within my council tax and this should continue. I should NOT have to pay any extra for collection of my green waste
- I have a very large garden and use it all summer but my bin does not go out once through winter. To me they should be collected for free through march- November.
- Fair option is to continue as is
- Paying for ALL refuse collection, garden or domestic, should be 'free' to all households by having already paid for the service within our standardised council tax payments.
- Enough tax is paid already.
- Because not all people use all services, all services are spread across everyone to make them more affordable
- I slowly put the weeds from the pavement outside of my property in the bin. Not all have gardens, but some have walls, fences and pavements that need weeding.
- Current system is discriminatory. Any future systems should reflect the United Council. Only those who use it should have to pay, everyone should have a choice to use and pay, or not.
- If this is what you want to do, then where does it stop? How far do you want to "unbundle" council services? I don't use the library, so should I not be asked to pay for that? I don't have children and don't use children's services so should I request to have that "unbundled" and not pay for that because I don't use them? You are starting down a dangerous and slippery slope if

you do this and I can assure you that my garden waste will end up in my general waste bin as I simply WILL NOT put up with this.

- Neither, it should stay as it is! No charge. But I do agree that it makes no sense to have it running all year round.
- I do not see a reason to change how my garden waste is collected and I should not pay any more for it. If I have to pay more it will go in black bin .
- We all pay for all sorts of services, not everyone uses social services, or the fire service, but we all pay. Just as we all pay for the nhs. If this is stopped people will fly tip. There are many elderly who have large gardens who have no way of removing their garden waste
- I pay my council tax which includes waste collection regardless of what colour bin it is. Each year our taxes goes up and wages stay the same. I do not expect to pay extra for garden waste to be collected. I can understand the service running from March to November free of charge but I will not pay extra for this.

- Pay enough council tax as it is, I pay for social care don't need that , why should I pay for that the roads around here are terrible I pay road tax why aren't they being repaired to a good standard instead of being botched. The way the council is going every town will soon be a concrete jungle

- We pay Council Tax already, this should cover all waste collections. We shouldn't have to pay more.

If people are charged a subscription fee, people will not want to pay it and it will lead to more roadside dumping of rubbish & waste which will ultimately end up costing more

- We already all pay council tax. I want to know how the garden waste collection was funded previously, will Corby and Kettering residents get a discount on the council tax if the decision is made for residents to pay separately for green waste collection?

Green waste is such a vital part of doing the right thing for the environment, councils should be encouraging this and not introducing a fee that many households will not be able to afford, resulting in more green waste ending up in landfill.

- Everyone should be encouraged to recycle, this includes green waste. The only way to encourage everyone is if it is free at the point of access and its paid for through wider taxation.
- Encourage environmentally friendly disposal. Some wont pay and will add to black bin/landfill. Some will fly tip. So will take to recycling centres but this will add to road pollution.

I doubt there will be a reduction in existing taxes so this will become just another additional cost with rising bills already as households struggle to make ends meet.

Banded council tax already reflects property value!

- We currently pay our council tax which already covers services that we do not personally use but pay for. Our rates reflect the cost of full waste collection. If there is a surcharge for garden waste introduced does that mean there will be a reduction in the rates?
- I think it should already be covered by what we already pay in Council Tax.
- If a separate fee is charged then I believe many households will choose not to pay the charge and i) fly tipping - which is already a problem in this area - is likely to increase ii) bonfires will increase with associated environmental issues and local distress. What is the justification for splitting out the cost? I wouldn't expect a discount because I don't have a child at school (for example)
- We pay enough in council tax that rises each year for this service. Everything is increasing in price so I don't feel that paying extra is within our budget.
- Garden waste will not be disposed correctly by those who cannot afford it. This could encourage more fly tipping and increase more issues for council's and not help the environment. I would more likely burn garden wastage if I had to pay extra for this service to save money.

- I don't think we should have to pay for a garden waste. We all pay enough through council tax. People will just fly tip even more I'm sure that will cost you more in the long run.
- This has always been the way, you keep increasing the council tax and trying to take away services or charging extra for them
- We currently pay enough through taxes so this service should be included with that!
- I have to pay for all services regardless of what I use. This is no different. If West Northamptonshire opt for a different option then the two councils should charge differently
- It was very difficult to answer as I can see an argument both sides, however I feel that those who do not have a garden (& possibly are lower income households) should not have to subsidise those who do have a garden.
- We don't currently pick and choose what we pay for via the council / council tax - keep things as they are rather than complicating things further.
- I believe it is fair as it is currently March to November paid via council tax. If we do end up paying a subscription does everyone else get a reduction in their council tax bill.
- Free for all, but reduce collections to once a month from March to October.
- I don't think there should be a charge at all for garden waste or any waste for that matter to be collected we already pay enough in council tax if a charge is brought in then fly tipping will just become more of an issue.
- I take the trouble to dispose of my own garden waste and therefore don't see why I should contribute to the cost of disposing of other residents waste.
- I already struggle to pay my council tax as well as other bills. If I have to pay extra to get my garden waste taken I won't be able to afford it and will have to put it in my black bin instead.
- There must be lots of things my council tax pays for that I don't use. If you charge people for what services they use then I will save a fortune and look forward to my council tax being lowered!
- We are already taxed enough. This is just another way for the failing council to make more money from its resident.
If this charge were to happen. I would not pay for it. Meaning I would dispose of in other ways. ie Burn it or left to rot.
- We only have a small garden but use the bin every so often, I think people who don't pay the subscription will just end up putting garden waste in the back bin or fly tipping to save paying the charge
- The price should be deducted for homes that don't have gardens not added on to the homes that do have gardens.
Council tax is extortionate already without having to pay extra for garden waste collection. This will lead to even more fly tipping.
- House hold waste regardless of what it is has always been part of the council tax bill. You start getting paid for separately and you'll have more fly tipping issues than you do already. You earn a [expletive] fortune of every house for the council tax your getting more money now than you ever have, what with rises and all the news houses yet your constantly thinking up new way to suck more money out of the already over stretched working classes.
- Should have a choice as always ... should not pay for goods or services you do not need or use
- If you charge more garden waste will go in the general waste.
- The answers you have as a choice are totally loaded in favour of you justifying bringing in more charges. We already pay for green collection in our council tax.
- I think we should all pay the same but £55 is too much, especially considering garden waste is not collected all year long.

Wider taxation ensures people do not choose to subscribe and then flytip/dispose of waste inappropriately.

Penalising people with gardens, especially those who keep their front garden looking nice to help the community environment seems unfair.

- I have to keep my bin outside so chances are it would be used by the street anyway, as my neighbour regularly uses our bins to dump his rubbish as hes too lazy to take his own bin out. Also 55 a year is also a lot for some families so being shared and paid in your council tax seems a fair option
- We already pay for the service and you get paid per ton for it if you don't then some one is
- We pay more than enough council tax every year that covers all sorts of things, police, roads, schools, refuse collection.

If you want us to pay for garden waste collection separately, does that mean you want to charge separately for recycling collection, separately for general waste collection.

What if I'm not a road user, so never use the roads, can I get a discount, no I can't

What about if I don't have school aged children, can I get a discount, no I can't

What if I'm never a victim of crime, so never use the police, can I get a discount, no I can't

So if you start charging by each particular type of rubbish, you risk additional fly tipping which will cost you more.

This is a short term 'gain' but a very quick long term problem.

- For those of us who pay council tax the garden waste should be part of the normal collections ,or as some people are doing , waste ,whatever it is, will continue to be dumped in our country lanes which results in the council having to pick it up anyway at a huge cost
- Garden waste has to go somewhere so if it is not collected separately it will go in the black bins. Green waste collected and processed is a much better environmental solution.
- With the cost of electricity and gas, all the prices of food etc going up.. physically we are struggling without adding more cost on top
- We already pay for waste collection in our council tax
- Other households may not use the garden waste bins but may cause the council more money in other ways. Often people paying larger council tax bills pay larger gardens. We already pay a huge amount for council tax and don't want to pay any more for a service that should be included free with the tax I pay.
- We already pay for garden waste to be collected in our council tax bill
- Only house with garden should have a brown bin.
- Because if it is t, it will lead to more flytipping, which affects everybody
- If you don't offer kerbside collection for free for at least some of the year people will just put it in their rubbish. That causes problems at landfill.
- Because it's in everyone's interest to have waste disposed of properly.

Different things funded by taxes are always going to be used more by some and less by others - it's easier and fairer for everyone to contribute proportionally to what they can afford.

- I pay for dog bin collections but I don't use them.

I pay for NHS services but rarely use them.

All residents will use one service but not another.

You cannot introduce an additional tax when we have been paying for this for many many years.

Maybe those that do not have garden should pay less council tax!

- We already pay for the collection within our council tax, therefore it should stay the same
- Households pay council tax for numerous services not available or needed by all. We continually get squeezed financially, yet we all pay council tax. This service needs to stay and be covered by Council Taxation.

- I am in Band F and pay higher Council Tax. My house is in Band F partly because I have a larger garden. I compost what I can but still need to fill him with garden waste. Charging for this service would penalise more those with larger gardens who are already paying higher council tax charges.
- It should stay as it is. Everyone has the same rights to disposal of their garden waste
- I think more people would dispose of the garden waste responsibly if it were a (free) service.. ie the cost is incorporated into the council tax that households pay
- If I am not using the service I don't understand why I should pay for it.
- That is a leading question, you should alway give the option of disagreeing. Being a data analyst I feel that you are using a motive question, your analyst over this questionnaire will be skewed and 'not worth the paper is written on'! Whoever you paid to produce this questionnaire has not done a good job- this question is biased- where is the option of leaving the collection where it currently is!
- It should be within a consistent band of council tax as is now, you could be band b and not have a garden and band b and have a garden why should the person with a garden pay more to get their waste collected? If you are going to band council tax as you do then you must keep it consistent regardless of the property make up.
- If you don't collect many people won't pay and will then either burn it or fly tip it. Which we already see through out our countryside. This must end up costing the council more
- None of the answers provided are adequate. Previous years it has been included in council tax, your leaflets show it! Now you're deciding to charge. We get nothing for our council tax as it is. If a charge is introduced I can see a lot of dumping of garden waste happening. I for one will not be paying an extra £55! How you can get away with it is beyond me.
- Both statements are leading.
If you have a bigger house with a bigger garden, Council tax prices reflect the size of the house. So you are already paying extra.
If there is specific ,charge fly tipping will increase and garden waste is most likely to go in the black bin.
- If only a few people use it when you put your bin out other people will put their garden waste in your bin that you have for.
- My council tax pays for lots of services I don't need or have access to, so why should garden waste collection be any different.
- The order in which the questions have been placed shows the Councils preference and casts doubts on its plans to accept an alternate preference of the residents/voters
- We all have gardens of various size. During the summer months each household will be cutting grass. We already pay a huge amount in council tax and often have to attend the tip being a family of 5 bins just are not big enough. The service should be free for the summer months.
- I dont need this service and so shouldn't pay for it.
Living in a rural postcode our services and amenities are lower and council tax higher and I dont need the additional cost. Struggling to see how you justify continuing to offer this service free in some areas given the financial mess!
- We pay council tax for you to empty our bins
- If you don't have local government service delivery for collection of green waste, or indeed any waste, included in the wider taxation funding it will lead to many inequities and bad behaviour from residents who need green waste collections. We are entering a period of servere inflation and tight funding for the general public. Fly tipping will increase local community standards will fall, risk to lowering of public health standards will grow, and local authorities will spend more on remedial interventions, pointless selling of services to local residents who cannot afford them, and dissatisfaction with the political leadership and lack of foresight.

Implied put, If it isn't broken don't fix it.

- The block of flats where I live have balconies a lot of the residents use the garden bins for the waste from their planters but I bet they wouldn't pay.
People who occasionally use the garden bin won't pay for collection and will just add to the black bin. They do this in [Redacted].

Flytipping will increase drastically

You make money from the garden waste by selling the compost it makes

- I believe the cost already comes out of the council tax for which everyone pays for the services, waste being one. It should stay this way, people already pay more council tax and you will definitely see an increase in illegal dumping if you make people pay separately (which will then come out of your budget to remove it)
- How depressing is this survey. Literally the country on its knees and now you want us to pay more for garden waste collection. Really?
- We already pay council tax to cover things such as refuse collection so why should we pay more. Maybe those without gardens should receive a rebate instead of taxing more.
- We pay enough currently in all taxes, the council need to be more efficient in how they spend the money.

I have worked for the council previously and I know money is mispent and I feel it is a disgrace for us to foot the bill again for this on top of all other expenses going up. There isn't even an option to pay monthly to reduce the cost.

- Residents will use black bins or dump green waste if charged extra
- we already pay too much tax so this is just an excuse to get more hard earned cash from people
- If everybody pays, it keeps the cost down. I'm sure there are other services provided by the council that we all pay for but don't all access. Charging for this additional service will encourage fly tipping which affects all residents.
- To keep as it is as there are plenty of older people or people without transport who cannot get to the recycling centre.

These are usually people who cannot always afford to pay extra as well.

Easier if free for all as there will be more fly tipping, as if there isn't enough, and this would ultimately cost council more.

- I feel it should be collected all year round, not collecting will only encourage fly tipping.
- You are going to charge more for it anyway either subscription or council tax. So spread the cost around ! May encourage more to put waste in bin and for council to use it for other means
- We all pay council tax. This should cover collection of all waste whether people use all the bins or not.
- I don't agree with either we pay more than enough in council tax with prices going up every year and a lot of services being reduced and cut. Therefore the collection should be included within this.
- I live in a Council house with a massive garden. I cannot dispose of my garden stuff any other way. I feel I am being persecuted for having a garden. I pay rent, tax and have worked all my life. Come on everything is going up and people like me can't cope with the added expense.
- We already pay for this service through our council tax so we shouldn't have to pay for it separately again
- There should be other options - free collection for a standard amount (e.g. fortnightly collection in summer for free) and an extra charge for those who use the service more e.g all year round
- - Because imposing a charge will lead to more residents burning their garden waste, which is not good for the environment.
- - Because imposing a charge will lead to garden waste being mixed in with landfill waste, which reduces recycling.

- Because imposing a change will lead to more fly-tipping.
- Because the steep rise in other costs is making it more likely that residents will try and avoid paying this tax, leading to the above adverse outcomes.
- Because our council tax is supposed to cover the collection of waste already.
- this will help prevent dumping of waste
- We already pay for our bin collection in our council tax, why should we have to pay more if we have garden waste when it has been collected for free since the introduction of the grey household bins. Our council tax is already rising, further to the cost of living and the rise in energy bills. It's not fair to add further charges with all the current rises and this is crippling most households! Most cannot afford to put food on the table currently, who will pay for bin collection should they need it if they cannot afford it - nobody which will further ruin the current locations we live in. We already pay council tax and things are not done, particularly the maintenance of our roads most of which are left to continue to become one pothole. I would be surprised if there is not further push back from residents of the local authority.
- It should carry on as it has done.
- This service should be free for all. Council tax is already a lot of money
- We are in the old ENC authority and currently are still paying £55 a year to dispose of our garden waste. I would be very happy with the "model" adopted in Wellingborough whereby their garden waste disposal is completely free but only collected between March and November - a good compromise I feel and levelling us all up. I feel this is fair and just considering I had a 6.7% increase in my council tax (£11 extra a month) last year to supposedly bring us all in line. Black bins will be abused and fly tipping will increase if everyone incurs a charge.
- If people are going to be charged extra to have their waste collected I believe it will lead to fly tipping or more bonfires which will cause air pollution.
- No more extra charges we pay enough already!
- By making people pay directly for services like this, you're more likely to experience fly tipping and incorrect disposal. It makes more sense to spread the cost using taxation to allow lower income families to safely and correctly dispose of their garden waste without hassle.
- I pay for other services through general taxation that i do not use (e.g. libraries, social services). I understand the need to do this. My concern is that charging for garden waste collection will increase fly-tipping, will increase the number of bonfires residents will have which will cause upset to other residents and cause more pollution.
- I agree with kerb side collections and should continue to be included in the cost of the refuse. There should not be any additional costs. Otherwise some residents could then say they want a reduction in the education cost because they don't have children in schools. Everyone can start picking and choosing what they should pay for!
- It doesn't seem fair to charge those that do not have a garden. Though conversely there is a risk if it incurs a charge that some areas are not used to paying, then they may choose not to pay and to dispose of it inappropriately.
- I believe if not then it is encouraging more residents to not look after the gardens. More fly tipping
- A house with a garden pays more in council tax than a flat, so we are already paying extra.
- We pay enough for our council tax fees so these should be used to cover the cost of such services.
- All garden waste should be collected with no additional charges to residents the majority of residents green waste collection is paid for as a core council tax cost. Therefore the majority should be adopted by Enc residents. The amalgamation of services should provide cost savings which should cover this extra cost to bring Enc residents inline with the other 3 district and borough's.

- It should be run as the same service currently provided to Kattering and Corby residents whom are also part of North Northamptonshire Council -FREE
- People will fly tip if a charge is put on to green waste, the cost to the council would be very high, I feel that we already pay a high council tax and adding any extra costs at this time when the cost of living is at an all time high would put so much stress on ordinary families who struggle .
- We pay enough council tax , it should be paid through council tax
- its to encourage everyone to utilise the service and dispose of waste in the correct manner.
- I currently do not pay for my garden waste to be collected. I highly doubt that asking us to pay would result in lower council tax.

Also, I do not garden anywhere near as much as I should so my bin doesn't get much use really. Enough that it would be a pain to try to dispose of it another way, but not quite enough to feel it would be value for money.

It may well be that households with smaller amounts of garden waste would then dispose of it in the black general waste bin or just dump it instead of paying.

- garden waste would need to be taken to a recycling centre by individuals cars which creates more pollution of the environment.
- Because having waste collected and dealt with correctly benefits us all. Our countryside is already plagued by litter and fly tipping and making it more difficult for people to dispose of waste responsibly will only make it worse.

I also presume that if this changes there will not be a reduction in charges for those not using it, those using it will just be charged more for a service they already get.

- This is totally out of control now we pay enough why should we pay for garden waste to be taken away its just the councils wanting more money from the working people who are already struggling
- I have paid for this for many years. Other residents in the new NNC area are not paying. This should be the same for everyone
- Do we have a system whereby people can opt out of services depending on what they think they will use or not use?

Surely lots of people will opt out but then put garden waste in black bin or fly tipping ... people will not drive to safe centres to dispose of their waste.

That said if we do have an opt in service will everyone first get a reduction in council tax as that portion of the existing provision is removed? Then pay the opt in amount if you wish to?

Otherwise we are essentially paying twice

- If its free everywhere it will stop all the garden waste that gets dumped around the countryside.
- People who live in properties with no outside space will produce minimal green waste. It is probable that all others will have green waste . If the council do not provide the collection service to all then people will use their black bins with gree waste in plastic bin liners or will fly tip larger things. Home compost bins are no good for woody green waste.
- We already pay enough council tax, there is nothing wrong with how the collection works as it is!
- We already pay for this in with rates also there will be a major rise in fly tipping if people have to pay extra for this service as people are already struggling with all bills rising
- Council tax is already high enough and is supposed to include refuse collection, garden waste is refuse collection especially as part of council renting contract you have to keep your gardens neat and tidy
- Seems a little unfair to make people pay who don't have a garden.
- I feel that we pay enough council tax already. As I was previously east Northants I have always had to pay extra for garden waste collection. I find it very unfair to learn that other towns did not have to pay for this service! I feel we should all be reimbursed whether we used the private company or the council. Either that or if everyone is charged going forward those of us that have

paid for years should get their turn of a free service. You cannot do one rule for one and another for someone else! I would like to know what extra we got from our council with the money they saved as I can't think of anything extra we gained from the money.

- Because I am disabled and wouldn't be able to take myself to a refuse centre.
It might start at £55 pa but would increase and like everything else will increase higher than wages/income
People who are on benefits won't pay anyway so it is only penalising those working that although they get a wage still struggle
- We pay enough so I don't want to have to pay an additional subscription to have this bin emptied
- I don't agree that we should pay for collecting of Green waste
- Not everyone will pay and will just dump their garden waste in the bins of those who have paid or fly tip it. Whilst we don't expect the collection all year round I do think we pay more than enough for it to be a service included in our current taxation.
- I don't use the library, or the police etc or maybe other services that are funded through wider taxation so why should garden waste collection be any different?
- Bins will still need to be emptied along each street so it should be all included in current council tax, even if for a reduced amount of months.
- It should remain as it is council tax is high enough now without any extras
- I may not drink from glass or plastic bottles and yet I would still have to pay for that, surely this would stop people keeping gardens tidy
- We already pay council tax which is supposed to cover waste collection. Some people have small gardens won't produce a much waste as someone with a large lawn but would have to pay the same yearly cost. With everything else rising people are pushed and those on benefits won't be able to afford it. A kerbside charge would mean more fly tipping. Also the council had green targets to meet and if people use black bins or fly tip that would make the target harder to reach
- I think the service should remain free & those that pay should be able to do the same. We all pay council tax after all for these services
- I had free bin and collection at my previous house.
However I refuse to pay for this service as I'm quite capable of taking the waste to the tip myself. Everyone is capable of doing the same with maybe the elderly being an exception. Maybe give the elderly a free service every 2 months.
- With the cost of council tax that is ever increasing, the garden waste should be free. Next you'll be asking us to pay for recycling or the black bins. All you will do is increase fly tipping and it'll cost you a lot more in the long run. I for one will certainly not be paying for garden waste collection, it's disgusting. We live in a private road with no council supplied street lighting and we pay for the road maintenance. What do we get?
- Some may have much less garden waste than others so are better able to choose to take their waste to the local tip, free of charge. A subscription for ALL who use it at the same cost per bin, collected fortnightly would spread and reduce the current cost only paid by some.
- Because the wording of these questions are damned if you do damned if you don't! Whatever way, your looking at charging or increasing tax for a service that has been included in our already increasing taxes for many years! Worse thing "harmonising" the councils! We are only in this predicament because Northampton overspent!
- We would like to keep a free option for garden waste collection. You say that you understand the financial difficulties with the rise in bills, in April our gas and electric is moving to over double what we currently pay. Fuel costs are through the roof, us and other residents are crippled with bills and this is a really bad time to now propose the idea of a subscription to remove waste that we currently already pay for in our council tax. If this is removed then I would hope we would see a reduction in our council tax accordingly

- I could pave my garden, but the environment wouldn't get the benefit of it attracting pollinators and decreasing flooding by soaking up water.
If garden waste bins had to be paid for, residents would just put green waste in the black bin...and some might dump it, causing fly tipping in other areas.
- It free now, if collection is charged i will just bag it as general waste
- As with every other amenity each person should contribute to the wider society regardless of what they use.
We all pay for the police, NHS, fire service, benefits etc regardless of our usage.
Waste collection is be different.
- Council tax keeps on increasing every year by nearly 10%, and for what benefit. The potholes in the roads damages many more vehicledthan what is reported. Garden waste collections SHOULD be included in council tax yearly charges.
- I don't totally agree with either of the above statements - the council tax we pay that increases without fail every year should cover this. Other council areas across the country have a green waste collection that's included in the council tax cost. If people have no need to use it (don't have a garden) then they should be offered a reduced council tax fee.
- So that it is fair, I've not used the fire brigade in this council tax year but still have to pay for the service
- If Corby and Kettering residents have to pay an additional fee then where is the refund on the part of their current council tax that covers this?
Charging for green waste collection also stops all households from being able to do so, which isn't very environmentally friendly
- I have to pay towards idiot who dump their rubbish on side of roads that need to cleaned why should I now pay more for disposing of my garden item in the correct manor
- Most properties have gardens and therefore produce garden waste. To avoid this waste being put into black bins it needs to be offered to all properties. Having previously lived in an 'opt in' service in another council area it was evident those who chose not to opt in used their black bin (hidden by black bin bags) or used a neighbours who were paying for collections.
- My understanding is that refuse collection is paid for through our council tax. I pay all of this, and put my bins out. Homes without gardens in our local area are flats, the majority of who do not have to put them out, they are collected from their 'bin stores'. As part of tenancy agreement we must keep our grounds clean, clear and tidy, we also have extensive hedges, planted by the local authority, which we maintain and cut, we then arrange to take this at our own cost to the local recycling centre. Adding an additional cost to families who are doing what is required in terms of reuse, recycle will only lead to misuse of black bins, contaminated waste of additional flytipping, if which my husband collects regularly as he works within the local authority.
- I do not agree with either option. It should be paid through the current taxation. If you are going to charge for this service will the existing council tax go down as you will be paying for this through alternative means.
- I disagree with the two options so was forced to choose one. It should be free using the wellingborough model across the patch.
- I have a fully paved, tiny corner plot with no shrubs or grass in it, i only have a few potted plant. I technically use my garden bin to tidy up the huge amount of leafs falling from the large tree planted on the public road, next to my plot. I would not like to pay for garden waste collection and will have to throw all the leafs to tha public pavement , where the tree is. Also the tree is large, has not been cut back for years and shading half of the tiny garden, not to mention the mess from fallen branches and leafs all year around. Can the council look into it as part of their tree inspection and right of light act?

- We pay for this service via our council tax, and you are asking us to pay again, nothing but daylight robbery and the council should be ashamed of themselves!! I'm very annoyed about this. If this stupidity is allowed to go ahead, there will be a lot more fly tipping and fires, that will end up costing the council, well the council tax payers paying more to clean the mess up, completely ridiculous idea!!!!
- It encourages people to not put garden waste in black bin, it should be a service provided for all at no extra charge.
- That's why the house bands was brought in!!
- This should not include a tax increase to cover the service we already over pay for what we get. There should be a 3rd choice that says continue as we do today rather than using this as a stealth tax.
- Everyone who has a garden should be able to have their garden waste collected for 'free' through the council tax. Not a charge for it making more money from those that struggle as it is. You want us as a county to be vleaner and greener so DON'T charge extra to get the garden waste taken away. I can see more flytipping or more contaminated waste happening if you charge to take away people's gardening waste.
- I'm already paying loads on council tax for services I don't use as a single person with no children why should I pay even more for waste collection on top of that? It's not fair. If we only pay for what we use that should be the same for all council services not just some
- I have had to pay for this service, as an ENC tenant, so am use to it.
- We all pay for all the other services, whether we use them or not. Why single this one out? If this is the way you want to go, let's single them all out, and we can then all pick and choose the services we use, and pay accordingly !
- I think the council should foot the bill for garden waste like the rest of Northamptonshire and as the council tax is so expensive and cost of living some residents can't afford to pay for garden waste so either put in black bin or fly tip it witch is so much cheaper
- I think the Wellingborough system collection through march to Oct works really really well. We have a big issues with leaves and taking these to a recycling centre or burning them is not always practical but paying an extra charge to get rid of leaves seems a little excessive. I only use the brown bin 2-3 times per year though and wouldn't want to pay a big price for this. The £50 something paid by another area would be too much.
- The collection service should be covered by my Council Tax payments. The proceeds from processing and selling the garden waste should contribute to the cost of the collection service.
If free collection are terminated, fly tipping will increase.
- There are services that not all householders use. If you start charging for one service only if you use where does that stop.
- Because I don't believe those in sheltered accommodation or flats should be charged for a service their not using. I'm in a house and I chose this property so I don't mind contributing towards the upkeep of the garden etc.
- All other taxes and charges are universal regardless of use. Also people may be more inclined to use a garden waste service if there is a bin available rather than use a black bin.
- Would you only charge dog owners tax for emptying dog waste bins?
- Seems the fairest option.
However, there should be a mechanism for those who might struggle to afford it can access the service.
- The cost of collection should be off set by the sale of garden compost, generated from the collected garden waste. This therefore should make it cost neutral and no one has to pay for it to be collected

- I am tied into a contract with [Redacted]. I don't see why I should effectively pay twice!! If you use your service a charge should be made . If you don't use it shouldn't have to pay
- If it were a subscription service I believe a proportion of the residents would opt out and then fly tip their garden waste.
However I would be happy to pay an additional charge for a second bin to be collected as we have a large garden and don't compost
- We already pay nearly £200 a month in council tax and it's not unreasonable to expect the maintenance of a handful of basic services as part of that.
- The council tax we currently pay, covers the collection of garden waste, which the council also receives an income for, so to charge us for something that is already included AND already receiving an income on, is terrible.
- If you start charging extra for it then lots will be dumped instead of disposed of properly.
Better to only offer the collection during fewer months of the year.
- I have mixed views, if it goes to a subscription service for all I can see all the local household recycling centres being overwhelmed and people putting it in the black bin or fly tipping it. It feels like a service that should be paid through general taxation. Many residents don't have a garden but also not everyone uses all services the council provide. I would also be mindful the household waste recycling centres aren't particularly accessible for disabled people. One of the main reasons I pay for the garden waste service is because I'm disabled and the sites aren't easily accessible to me. Also I don't know how people without a car would access the waste recycling centres.
- We already do recycling and food waste, this will encourage some to mix this waste with other waste types, and therefore defeating the purpose of this scheme
- I must admit that I had never considered this.
I have a garden, but fully accept that those who do not should be paying for a service, through taxation, that they do not use.
- We have been paying for a subscription annually whilst the rest of north northants have been getting it free. We pay for the service and regularly have missed collections once 8 weeks in a row where the collectors said we hadn't left the bin out (we had cctv proof we did and they had lied. Having paid extra for a service which we then didn't receive and had to send numerous calls and emails was not great especially when others don't have to pay and gets a regular hassle free service.
- If you have to pay a subscription to dispose of garden waste people will end up putting it into their black general waste or end up dumping it elsewhere and cause further issues.
- We use the service all year round as we have guinea pigs and dispose of the bedding , on top of the garden waste we generate in the summer, but people who don't have gardens shouldn't have to pay for those who do.
- I don't want to choose either option.
We should not have to pay any more, the cost of living has already risen a lot and is predicted to rise considerably more
- Having to pay for collection will lead to dumping of garden waste, and to people taking less care in their gardens, leading to a less enjoyable environment
- I think it needs to be fair across the board. We shouldn't have to pay extra for green waste to be picked up. This should be considered part of the council tax fee.
- Council tax charges are high enough without further penalising those with gardens
- The lazy bone idle persons that don't take care of there paid for homes should at least contribute
- To encourage recycling, everyone should have equal responsibility.
- There's already a problem with fly tipping across the region. Charging for this service risks people declining to pay and then tipping more waste across the countryside.

- Because my garden is tiny - I use the brown bin once a month so don't feel a unilateral fee anyone that wants the service is fair. I already pay for services I don't use so feel garden waste should be included.
- Where does this end?? We all pay for services such as the libraries...Will there become membership charge for this next?
- I have a very limited garden space, only need collection once a month...
- Should be universal and free for all to encourage better waste management
- As a single mum I already struggle to pay my bills, let alone pay for service I do not use, it is very unfair! Thank you.
- We pay enough council tax already, I don't think it's fair to pay for garden waste collection, our road is never cleaned or litter picked up.
- I thought we paid Council Tax for these services anyway, so paying extra just if you want to use it, would mean paying twice! We don't get refuse collected for free, we're already paying for it. What if you only want to use it a few times a year and not every fortnight?
- Whilst it may be harsh for those without gardens the kerbside collection is ensuring a sustainable efficient means of collection. If I understand correctly this waste is recycled. An additional charge may result in people using the general waste bin for the garden waste thus increasing the tonnage to landfill.
- We already pay an exorbitant amount of money for sub standard council services as it is. Any further ask for payment for existing services is simply a slap in the face of taxpayers (like us) who are already struggling to pay our bills as it is. Maybe you should ask our MPs, who have just had a pay rise (again) to pay for it.
- We already pay through are poll tax.
- I agree there should be parity over the county, however, this should not be an additional fee we pay enough council tax each year to cover this charge.
- We dont have children but have to pay for all child based services regardless of use. Unless we all only pay for services we use why should garden waste be any different
- My council tax is used for a whole wide range of services that I do not use, just because I use this one I do not expect to be charged for it. This is a basic service that has always been provided by the local council and it should remain that way.
- In view of other districts garden waste policy, such as Wellingborough other constituents seem to get far more value from their council tax. Considering we are all part of a unitary council now, how can you justify one rule for one and another rule for another.
I think it's shamefully that most other areas covered by the same council receive garden waste collection as part of their council tax. The bigger question should be to you. Why do you feel this is fair? If we don't receive it in Irthlingborough then Wellingborough shouldn't either and they have much more services and amenities than we have anyway.
- I am in the old ENC. I pay £55 a year for my garden waste collection on top of the increase on my council tax last year when we levelled up for NNC unitary. I would like the same as Wellingborough. Free garden waste bin but only collected in the growing season March to November
- Why should we pay for a service when council tax is already an horrendous amount
- If you don't have a garden and are not creating garden waste there should be no charge. There should be no charge for using this service for users or non users.
- I would be concerned that there would be an increase of fly tipping if households had to pay to use the garden waste collect service.
- Where is the question that no residents should pay more and the service should be included in the extortionate council tax we pay

- I believe in a free & equal society where people that are able to pay equally for all council services provided through taxation.
- Pay tax for waste collection already so shouldn't pay more
- You will be creating a culture whereby only those that can afford it will be able to use the service. You're not thinking about inclusivity. You will be excluding the poorer households with less disposable income. Poorer households/those on certain benefits and people with a low income with a garden will also need somewhere to put their garden waste and should not be charged for this. They may not have even had any say in their household having a garden and garden waste and may have been placed there through no choice of their own. Yet you'd charge them through no fault of their own.

I believe you really need to think about the impact that this may have on these households rather than the ones who could/should and will pay for the service.

- This is the principle of social democracy. There are many many services that I pay for but do not necessarily use through taxation at every level
- The large majority of households have a garden waste need
- Be fair peoples income is being stretched unlike council workers I haven't had a pay rise in the last ten years. I can't afford any more additional costs the [redacted] council tax is far too expensive over £200 a month not easy to cover all the bills when you only take home £1600 per month. The idea of charging people will encourage more fly tipping and more people to just stuff it in there black bin be realistic. Stupid idea to charge just plain greedy.
- Households generally contribute to lots of services they do not use, and larger houses more likely to have a garden pay more council tax already, it's absurd to expect them to pay even more.
- We previously lived in East Northants and were happy to pay for a service that we used and felt that people without gardens shouldn't pay for a service that they can not use.
I would like the council to offer a bag service to those who wouldn't benefit from a regular service but still have occasional waste
- I think taxes are paid for this service to keep the county clean and tidy where everyone lives and even those who don't have a garden wouldn't want garden waste fly tipped or being burned. Why change something which has worked well? There's enough fly tipping without creating more of a problem. Perhaps those without a garden could have a council tax reduction.
- Needs to be fair
- We already pay an overinflated council tax for poor services and now you want to charge us for garden waste? Absolutely not! You know people will just start dumping it in the street, so we'll done, you're actually going to make Corby even more scummy.
- It's a green waste that can be easily recycled.
It needs to stay as a free service like it is now.
It seems as the council is always trying to take things away but always asking for well above inflation rises in the council tax year on year.
My wages do not go up well above inflation year after year
- We pay enough council tax as it is , never mind charging more for waste collection
- Residents who fail to pay will dispose elsewhere ie tipping or burning causing further pollution, if collected can be disposed of correctly, will still need collection in every street even if only one person opts in
- I do not see why those without a garden should subsidise those with.
A fair system throughout the area where those using the collection pay accordingly.
At present it is grossly unfair that some get collections free and others pay.
- Fewer vehicles, less pollution but would not want the service all year round. Need it more frequently in summer, especially if it's a bigger garden.

Going to the tip is adding to pollution and costs

- Homes that do not have gardens should not contribute to its cost.
- I don't think the present system should change. I am happy for the collection March until November.
- I feel it's not fair for those that don't use the scheme to have to pay for it
- We pay a lot in council tax already and don't think we should have to pay even more extra costs for garden waste to be collected, most households that don't have gardens would be on the lowest band for council tax so the ones using the service in most cases will already be paying a large amount in council tax! I also feel that if an extra charge is added this will lead to more fly tipping in the countryside which is already a real issue.
- Given that the answer options of these questions are very much aimed to get the responses the council need to go ahead with the plan anyway, I do believe that people who do not have a garden and do not use the garden waste disposal service, should not have to pay for it. However, I then believe that the cost of the service should be deducted from the total council tax cost. If then there was an option to pay to use it, it would not be an additional cost on top of the same council tax rates. NOT, how I imagine it will be, the same council tax rates as currently for everyone and subscribers paying even more during a time where living costs are already going through the roof.
- There are many services not used by all residents that we all pay for. It is a good service to have and avoid dumping or pollution through burning so serves a greater good.
- Why should people who don't have gardens pay. If I pay a subscription charge I would not want to see it in the council tax.
- Personally I feel there should be no extra charges - all that will happen is an increase in people depositing their garden waste in black bins where in actual fact the council can use the garden waste for recycling as it does at the HWRC.
- Why am I being asked to pay twice for the same service entitlement? Folks around here work hard to keep our spaces free from litter and they do this for nothing. Perhaps they should invoice the local authority for their time and expenses.
- I pay council tax goes up every year why should I pay more and services get reduced
- 1) It is currently included in cost of our Council Tax payment, so if made to pay £55 for this service, I expect to see a reduction of £55 in my council tax payment. (I presume Wellingborough Council tax does not currently take this in to consideration as they pay separately.)
2) By having an optional service, I believe there will be an increase in the incorrect disposal of this waste in pack bin and fly tipping around the area.
3) If council are only collecting from houses for paying, how is this monitored by Bin men to ensure they are only collecting from the correct houses who have paid. I can see this being abused and houses who do not pay putting their bin out to be emptied, as the bin men won't have time to check house numbers. Creating an unfair system.
4) Homes without gardens often still have compostable waste.
- If the kerbside garden waste collection is free for everyone to use then everyone can pick and choose when they want to use the service. If you have to pay for the service but only use it once it's unfair compared to someone who uses it weekly, also having the service free encourages people to get outside in the gardens.
- Some areas have higher unemployment/lower opportunities... these are the areas less able to pay therefore fly tipping of waste/green waste will rise if a charge is requested. Levelling these charges across the board will keep the whole of Northamptonshire clean not just the more financially able or more environmentally educated

- Each household pays a community charge, houses that are deemed to be more expensive, pay a higher rate. Therefore a flat or a small terraced house would likely be in the smaller Bands. Larger houses, many with larger gardens and garden waste already pay more, which should include a cost for the collection of their household and garden waste?
- We pay enough council tax and these charges are already built in to the council tax. With the cost of living increasing. I'd rather dispose of my garden waste another way than pay extra in my council tax. I will look at getting artificial grass to reduce garden waste if its charged. Why should I have my council tax increased if I won't need the service???
- I do not agree with either. If the garden service is to be charged for youre going to encourage people to either fly tip or just put their garden waste in the black bin! Nobody will pay for the service and a tax should NOT be given to all.
- The cost of living is rising dramatically so having an extra charge for garden waste would see a possible increase in fly tipping. Council tax is always rising so it should come as part of this charge.
- There are certain services which wider taxation should provide, such as general waste collection, maintaining parks and street lighting etc. and policing and fire services. Not everyone needs or wants a garden waste service and having lived in East Northamptonshire for 3 years paying for the collection service I don't see why everyone can't do the same.
- Green waste needs to be responsibly disposed. I have lived in the county in a flat and houses and this service should be encorpotared into the council tax. We risk losing it all together and privatising it is not the answer. There won't be any discount to the council tax, in fact it has risen (for what I dont know because everything else just seems to be getting cut), and this will just be another charge on top. Please do the right thing instead of trying to shift the cost. Too many increases in tax, energy, fuel, food will just leave people not being able to afford to remove their garden waste. It'll end up dumped, in black bins or just rotting in the corner attracting pests
- Having a large garden, the amount of waste isn't practical to home compost. Also use the grey bin for waste from animal hutch (sawdust) and log burner ash both of which are through the winter months.
- It has to be consistent across North Northants. At the moment East Northants residents are paying both, and it's fairer to put the burden on those who use the service when there is a free option available (taking to HWRC).
- We have been paying our rates to include this service, it should stay the same.
- I believe that we pay enough council tax already and this should be included. It would mean many families who cannot afford to have it collect (us included!) would have to use black bins to get rid of it. We already compost at home as much as possible but there's only so much we can put in. Being able to be outside helps many peoples mental health and this would just make people less likely to be able to go out and do gardening as they can't responsibly dispose of their garden waste.
- I already pay band F tax, adding more unnecessary costs is ridiculous and you the council will end up paying more for fly tipping
- I don't use many services that are subsidised by my council tax eg library, leisure centres ect so why should I pay to get my garden waste removed just because everyone doesn't use it.
- Kerbside collection which is free will stop people who cannot afford the subscription from fly tipping their garden waste
- My understanding is that the Council has the compost made from the waste collected. Having the waste bagged up in black bin bags to skip is more plastic that should be reduced as part of the Councils Green Policy
I maintain the ground at the front of my property which is actually not my responsibility

- We pay such a lot in Council tax - many services through this are not used by many people.e.g road repairs for those who don't drive. There are many other examples. Why then should those of us with gardens be penalised. It will only lead to fly tipping for those who cannot afford it
- I don't think I should have to pay for a service that I don't use
- I agree that we should minimise the impact of curbside collections and limit the time spent by vehicles collecting garden waste. However, if you're encouraging us to compost at home the council should provide an incentive for residents to do so. Would like to see the introduction of free compost bins or food waste bins
- Assuming that if you have nothing to be taken away that you don't get charged...
- The provision of collection services is essential that all charges are even regardless of use. I have never used many of the council's other services and I still have to pay an ever increasing council tax.
If this service is only for those who use it then all other services should be on the same basis.
- Otherwise those who do not pay, and therefore don't have the option to use it, will dump the waste and there will be more fly tipping.
- I don't agree with either statement . I was under the impression that it was a free service as the contractor used the garden waste to make compost. If you bring in a fee for garden waste it will be put in the black bin . The system we have in NN6 works well why change it. Unless it is just to collect more revenue .
- To make sure that this service is continued . Disposal in the correct manner not in land fill or fly tipped .
- If people do not have garden waste collected it is much more likely they will put their garden waste in the black bin instead, or fly tip.
- If those who don't use the service don't pay then I can ask not to pay for Police/Fire etc unless I decide to use them. The Council tax funds many services and not everybody uses all of them. That's the way the cookie crumbles.
- The cost of council tax is already high and continuing to increase so should be included within the cost.
- Should be free for everyone
- I don't think it should be a subscription service as people will refuse to pay for it and dump waste everywhere.
- Only fair if you use the service and have a garden
- I don't use education services, but I still expect to pay towards them. The same should apply to all waste.
- Garden waste collection should be free and collected all year
- Just to add to my last answer - the payment should not change, we pay more than enough for our council tax, so no extra charges should not be applicable for those who use garden waste service through the year. Councils agree to expand the town's, building more houses in rural areas, so they should keep in mind that more garden waste is produced in these areas... And don't get me started saying that the roads are maintained really badly here on Priors Hall Park, that lights are mostly not in working order, that there is constant dust because the building sites around, that it smells horribly at times. Should the green garden waste be chargeable more than it is now, you can expect gardens in our areas will be neglected and instead of a beautiful green area you will end up with another ugly one.
- Assuming that current Council Tax covers the cost of garden waste collection, NNC should retain kerbside collection, but give a proportionate discount to those who don't present a garden waste bin for collection.
- It's only fair to be able to opt out of paying if the rest of our council tax is opened up the same way.for example, I don't have children so why do I have to pay for schools? It's a thin end of the

wedge, you set a precedent with having to manage who pays for what. Everyone pays is easiest.

- It's hard but if you don't have a garden it must be frustrating that your paying for the service so only those who have gardens and want to use it should pay.

I have a huge garden filled with mature trees and a huge wildlife population of different varieties of animals, bees and birds and it takes alot of maintaining, especially through Autumn and late winter before spring and I would struggle to take everything to my local recycling centre every single week, one bin alone is used for grass cuttings and my second with anything else and they are full every collection day!

So I really rely on this service.

- We must encourage all residents to compost as much as possible. Garden and food waste. By allowing people to opt out you will be encouraging fly tipping.
- I feel that we pay enough for the service that the bins are emptied and by charging for this extra it should be a better service then that is currently offered.
- I don't feel we should have to pay for garden waste collection when we already pay for refuse collection through our council tax. We don't get any other benefit for the extortionate amount of council tax we pay.

- It is already paid for in our council tax, there should be no further charge. And some people use services that others don't use, where does it end splitting it down, and people need all services to be available incase they do need it at some point.

I can understand it only being available between March and November, however it should not be paid for. If you put in a charge then it will all end up in the black waste bin or fly tipped, costing the council more.

- This way everyone has the opportunity to use the device and will encourage more people to use rather than adding this waste into other collections and also limit potential fly tipping of the waste
- To be honest I think it should be free

We all pay an extreme amount on our council tax so thinkbtheres more than enough money in there

It's appalling bad that you want even more money when council tax is meant to be in with this At the present I can't see any improvements and why I'm even paying it my roads pathways are disgusting like if you see police in any of the services its meant to pay and to top that of its pot luck you get your bin emptied so no defiantly not re think please as I can't see this going down well at all people are fed up enough on how much you take and with things going up its taking advantage of a situation

- Waste is part of our council tax and so shouldn't have an extra bill because some councils can't manage properly. It will only end up fly tipped or going in general waste bins
- Having used the EMC waste service for several years I feel the cost is reasonable and a good service is provided. I do not feel the charge should be higher but agree only those with gardens should contribute towards the service.
- I believe the service should be structured in a way that you can pay for the growing season as we have not used the service during the months of October to March.

I also think the garden waste sack service ENC used to provide should be continued as an alternative for residents.

- We have to pay for other services we not everybody uses, why should this be any different?
- It is unfair those who do not use the service have to pay and any monies raised by the charge can contribute towards the Council recycling the waste
- If you allow residents to pick and choose which of the services covered by council tax apply to them then it would be extremely messy and you cannot target one service without reviewing all others.

- There are always going to be services that don't apply to everyone so if you start charging for a service that people might not use, you will then have to start looking at all of them to have a fair scheme. Can't just pick and chose.
- It's what I oay my council tax for. If it becomes a subscription, I will put it in the black bin.
- We already pay council tax to cover this cost. Why does it need to be taxed further ? I think you should have it included in the waste collection without increasing the price, but to save money dont have any collections of the green bin during November to march when it's not necessary. You don't need to charge even more for a service we have had implemented by yourselves for years without additional costs.
- Kettering and Corby residents are already bailing out the old East Northants Council who copped for a £4million payout for its misbehaviour.
The services in this area work well, leave things as they were restricting green waste recycling will only mean it gets put to landfill instead.
- We live in corby so have always had our garden waste collected and would like it to stay that way please
- We have paid for garden waste collection for years now, I think it is unfair that some parts do not pay for it but I don't see why those that don't or wouldn't use it should have to pay either.
- I believe I already pay enough in council tax. I would worry if this came in to place there would be lots of fly tipping. People do this already. Have a small garden not enough to warrant a composter. The large bins already take up loads of rooms in precious garden space. You will get some not so honest people fly tipping. Especially as everyone is struggling to pay for utilities at the moment and my council tax has risen quite a bit. It's a cheek to ask people to keep paying out more and more. The other alternative is there will be a lot of garden fires which will also not be good for the environment. Or at worse cause fires and extra work for the emergency services. Cause more problems than it solves!!
- I don't agree with either, unless people not using the kerbside garden waste collection get a discount on their council tax bill.
- Strongly disagree with having to pay extra for green waste collection as we pay way too much for council taxes. Surely green waste should be composted and then sold back to householders. A lot of people will more than likely just fly tip their garden waste thus costing the local authority yet more expense in removal of the rubbish.
- I have never paid to have my garden waste taken away. I have now moved to a rural area with a very large garden. It would be unfair now to charge me a fee to tend to that garden.
It would take me multiple trips every two weeks to the local refuse centre to get rid of that garden waste. In the current climate with rising fuel costs this would be a massive hit financially. Composting isn't an option as it would be too large and would attract vermin.
- I use my garden waste bin for all vegetation waste preventing this waste from going to landfill. We do not have a composting service so this ensures that there is less waste being poorly managed. It's is fair that all have the option of using their green bins for garden waste, which also reduces the amount of fly tipping.
- It is unfair to have to pay fir garden waste when years ago it was free you just rang up and it was collected then you closed Oundle garden waste forcing people to travel to corby to get rid of it no wonder fkytipping increased so east northants were charged £55 a year to get bin collected fortnightly it is unfair and should be free fir everyone people in corby and Kettering are not going to suddenly start paying fir it they will fly tip or take to local tip it's is unfair we pay more council tax than then as we live in a village and have a precept on top it is unfair should be free for everyone

- Wellingborough Council sold the garden waste for recycling. The service has been provided for free. Why should we now pay just because one area has been charged before? I didn't want a combined council.
- Few benefits here, no pathways, no buses
- Council tax has risen and this service should be covered by this. It is also needed needs to help stop fly tipping of garden waste as I think this would increase if charges were introduced. Not everyone has a car to take their waste to the dump or spare money as everything else is increasing.
- There is no option to keep taxation the same and continue to have this service. Garden waste will be burnt or put in black bin instead. No way can this service cost £3m a year
- The framing of the above question is biased and divisive and should not be part of an unbiased consultation. Should I pay for children's services or social care if i do not use it? Yes, of course! It's about society and the social good. It is a basic service that all who pay tax should be able to access and i feel this questionnaire is set up with leading questions to achieve a desired result. If it becomes subscription we all suffer with increased fly- tipping.
- Should remain as part of council tax as currently the case in most of north Northants and not an additional charge.
- If we're going down the avenue of charging people only for the services they use, let's do it properly and not cherry pick things that are convenient. For example, let's remove the subsidy for Chester House, and charge people that use that service...
- All households will have waste that will require access to this service.
- It fair that the whole of the authority area is the same, we are one council now not separate ones, if you don't treat it as one why did we become unitry? I have only moved here 18 months ago from [redacted] and the garden waster there was included at no extra cost and collected march to November , which was perfect,
- We pay enough council tax as it is
Not our fault you pay councillors to much and Wellingborough council couldn't balance the books not our fault
I've work through covid on the front line with my massive pay rise and everything going up I can't afford anything else
- There are several services that are paid for by wider taxation. Some of these services are of no use to me but are of use to many others. A community requires give and take.
- We have been told for years that this is included in our Council Tax, which you are increasing by 3% this year. For an additional tax to be added to in effect double tax is for the same service is immoral and dishonest
- We have lots of fly tipping around our village. Paying for collection by these who use it will just increase this problem.
Will the council Collect the unused bins from properties who are not paying?
Will the council provide extra services to collect the inevitable extra fly tipping?
Most households have a garden what happens to those who cannot afford an extra payment?
- It works as it is, by asking people to pay more, when everything is rising you are encouraging people to fly tip. Which we already need less of
- I think the council tax we pay is more than enough to cover the brown bin collection. We already pay for this service as part of our council tax. The council also make money from compost. It is way out of order trying to make people pay twice for the same thing.
- If people wish to use the garden waste collection service, they should subscribe and pay for it.
- It should be covered by the council tax otherwise you are encouraging fly tipping. The cost of council tax is a joke as it is so why charge more.

- It should be kept as is. The councils profit from the compost made from garden waste. It will not profit when everyone starts shoving it down into the black bins. And will no longer promote recycling
- I'm biased in my answer as I already pay for two bins and find the service and current charge very good.
- Removing the garden waste collection from taxation will not benefit anyone, it will be a way for the council to save money. We would all have to pay more, those not using the service probably paying the same, or a minuscule amount saved compared to what actually would be saved, with those using the green bin paying more for nothing extra. In little stanion we already pay £300 on top of all other bills, and since covid general inflation is skyrocketing. Fuel and groceries are crazy price compared to two years ago, so further increase in bills is not sustainable.
- Because we collect all of the leaves that fall from three huge trees belonging to the church that adjoins our property. This can be as much as 15-20 bulk bags a season. We have very little garden waste otherwise so would have no option but to dump the leaves into the church yard which we really don't want to do.

Being in a rural location we don't get the benefits fits of sports halls, parks etc.

The idea of a council is to spread costs amounts all households. Otherwise we will get to the position of who uses hospitals, doctors, schools, roads, street lighting, parks, swimming pools, sports halls, etc etc etc.

Also the cost and environment cost of driving 10miles round trip would mean the cost is just wasted elsewhere. So if you want to charge more for me using the garden waste service please can I have a refund for all the other services I don't use?

What is I'm not able to drive to a waste site?

What about neighbours leaves?

Also how much is this going to cost to administer this? What happens when a house is sold do the new owners pick up the bill? It's just a huge admin mess and likely to cause issues between neighbours.

It will also just look like stealth tax.

Surely there is a net cost to such a scheme for clearing up after those who start dumping garden waste elsewhere to avoid the cost, more pollutants and increase in cost of health from cars travelling to and from waste sites and loss of revenue from compost sales. Etc.

It makes no sense to charge for a commodity that can be sold. With fertiliser prices likely to go through the roof with loss of supply from Russia (worlds largest manufacturer) prices will only go up.

- We already pay a high charge in council tax in fact the highest banding and pay local parish tax. This charge should be included and not additional. At present we are covered under the wellingborough council policy.
If you differentiate for this, you would open up challenges for opting out of other services
- Restricting access to garden waste collection will result in waste being disposed of incorrectly, either by putting in with general waste or worse by fly tipping. Some residents may opt to take garden waste to their local tip, which would require plastic bags or similar that will likely be put into the next skip at the tip. Any of these alternatives will not help the councils zero carbon initiatives.
- Effective waste management should be paid for as part of taxes. Garden waste is difficult to dispose of any other way than to pay an extra £55 on top of those usual taxes. It is unfair to say that only those with gardens should pay the extra as there are other council services which are only used by some of the population where this rule is not applied.
- I already pay a taxation cost to have my waste collected. It is called the council tax. Apart from having my waste collected and some street lighting I do not see where the money goes.

- We always pay the council what they say our council tax is. This should cover all expenses such as street lights, gritting and refuse collection. Why should we pay for the same service twice. You will not employ more refuse collectors and you already get the money for this service. Next will you charge us if we want the street light on near us, or grit our part of the road but not yours. Where will this end?
- As the councils have been unified I think it is outrageous that we are not paying in line with other boroughs and are being charged due to our postcode. This is the main sticking point with me - if I must continue to pay then so should every borough in the council.
- Because green waste disposal will ultimately benefit all council service users as black bins won't be used and more home burning will not take place.
- We all pay for household waste no matter how much is used, social responsibility should be in effect. If households have to pay to use the service a lot won't resulting in dumped waste or untidy houses, or it will go into black bins anyway.
- There shouldn't be a charge, if you start to charge then garden waste will end up in peoples general rubbish. To encourage people to recycle etc then take away a service is ridiculous! We all pay enough council tax without paying extra for a bin to be emptied!
- Having a limited pay service will discourage people from recycling and end up putting waste in the black bin.
- There are lots of services paid for via council tax that not everyone uses, ie library, parks schools etc. when would it stop ? Plus the cost of administration.
- If garden waste collection is not paid for from the general rates then the subsequent clearing up of fly tipping will be paid for from the general rates
- There should be no additional cost to any house hold. All house holds already pay a very large amount of council tax!
- Continue the service provided - too many price increases at the moment. Councils should not be putting more financial pressure on already stretched households.
- It is a fair way
- I don't agree to a subscription charge. I think this would have site consequences for those that would then not be able to afford this and may lead to more fly tipping. I think the service that is currently offered in the Wellingborough area is the best option.
- Because I lay my tax to cover policing and various other services I don't or haven't personally used. Garden waste has always previously been included, if you go down the route if only paying when you use something I would expect to make further savings in other areas I am currently being charged
- As pensioners we feel it is totally unfair for other areas in North Northamptonshire to have a free collection service of their green waste when we in Great Addington have to pay for the same service. In the summer when everybody has a lot of waste to dispose off it is quite a problem to get into Rushdens recycling site so we have no option but to pay for this service.
- People with no garden (e.g flats) shouldn't have to pay it. As it an extra service people should have the choice if they want it or not.
- I strongly disagree with being charged . Fly tipping is a problem already, being charged for garden waste will only add to the problem. Council tax increases year on year as services decline. Pensioners are suffering with the increase in food and fuel and council tax, how are they supposed to dispose of garden waste if they can't afford the proposed fee? If only 6 houses in a road of 100 pay you still have to travel the length of the road !
- Sharing the cost as it is now means much more likely for areas to be kept nice and neat. I'd be particularly worried about rental properties who would pay and if neither will then a lot of places will be overgrown. There's many places near me with long borders or along pathways and it's

bad enough now that foliage isn't cut back and encroaches over pavements forcing walking on road. People aren't gonna pay to get rid of this.

I'd also be worried that those who have paid may have to lock the bins away to stop others using their bins. I would also feel fly tipping will massively increase.

We pay more than enough council tax now for a bi-weekly service maybe stop it in winter but I don't feel anyone should have to pay more to get rid of green waste. In the current climate with climate change and loss of insects charging for this will increase low maintenance non green gardens

- If you charge to take compost materials away no one will use it and they will just use the general waste bins. I think you should continue to use the grey bins but as a compromise reduce the service to maybe once a month. It is not environmentally friendly to dispose of the service and I think that would be the wrong thing for our precious environment. Taking the service away does not set a good example for our young people.
- Wellingborough council sold garden waste for compost. Service is currently provided free. No benefit to us to change that just because a large disparate area has been combined in one council.
- If it was more expensive to recycle garden waste, I would put it in the black bin and let it go to landfill. We need to encourage recycling, not charge extra for it!! Cutting back to between March and November would be a good in between.
- Human nature being what it is, referring to option 1, large numbers of households which do have garden waste will not pay and will instead fly-tip their garden waste. Fly-tipping is already appalling and option 1 will make it worse.

As for option 2, we already pay huge and increasing amounts each year in council tax so the cost of dealing with garden waste, collecting preferably between March and November only, should be taken from general taxation, just as the cost of removing domestic waste is taken. The cost could be significantly defrayed by dispensing with the services of officers enforcing diversity and inclusivity and any other unnecessary functions of local government.

- Neither are applicable, you already tax us for this service and then to add more! Might start a campaign for residents to fill up black bins! Until you start actually listening and making plans which if you need to do something like this you can then release something else elsewhere you will always be viewed badly
- I feel we are already paying an inflated charge for council tax so I feel it should be included for everyone to have access to the service as and when needed.
- I don't think anyone should pay for the garden waste to be collected, we pay council tax which should cover this and with that going up this year I think it's wrong .
- By offering a subscription service those residents who need/want the service will get it. That means you do not have to provide resource needlessly to those who don't want/need or use the service.

Whilst I'd rather not pay, I feel that my council tax payments should go to higher need services such as roads maintenance, childrens services, care and policing.

- Council tax is already high and the cost of kerbside waste has been included in the budgeting process. Charging residents on top of existing council tax would, therefore, be increasing that tax via the back door!

Additionally, residents of multi occupied buildings, with communal bins, when there are fewer bins than the number of single residences, each resident would be unfairly charged

- Abstained - leading question with no offer to continue the service as currently supplied but only an option to increase the charges
- Council tax is to pay all local services this includes waste collection. If you go down the route of charging extra you will just have people putting it in the general rubbish bin or worse still fly

tipping it. Whilst I would never fly tip and I have the means to take excess waste to the recycling centre there are people that can't or won't pay extra. This is the reality of it I'm afraid. I fear it will cost councils more in the long run having to clear up the inevitable fly tipping and re-sorting of the general waste. I think changing it to a monthly collection and only doing it over the spring summer months would be a viable solution though. I'm sure no one really puts them out over winter anyway.

- Compostable garden waste would be put in black bin refuse if a subscription service was introduced and it would also increase the likelihood of neighbours using other people's bins to dispose of their rubbish
- I don't agree with either we already pay for the bin collections through our council taxes which rises every year - think it's disgusting that this is even being considered and you are opening yourselves up for more flytipping and work for council teams.
- Neither of the above. We already pay enough for rubbish collection in our Council Tax. Shouldn't have to pay anything else. Having to pay extra will only lead to even more fly tipping than we have now.
- Both answers are rubbish! I think garden waste should be collected as part of our paid council tax but I disagree with the use of the word wider which implies you will increase our council tax to cover this cost. Lots of naughty people already fly tip their waste, by increasing council tax or charging extra for garden waste collection will only make the problem worse. It costs the council more to clear fly tipped waste every year rather than collect garden waste, I am sure.
- If we individually only paid for the services we each used then some service costs would be prohibitive. If we have to pay a subscription for garden waste collection there is a risk some people will not pay and instead dump their waste at the kerbside.
- I think every household should be encouraged to recycle their garden waste it shouldn't just be for those the pay into the scheme.
- The collection service should be available to everyone at no extra cost.
- It is important to recycle and encourage people to properly manage their garden spaces
- We all use are garden waste bins one way or another so I feel it is only fair we're all treated the same
- I don't object to continue to pay a subscription charge but believe it should be applied equally across North Northamptonshire at a lower level than former East Northamptonshire Council residents currently pay.
- I have neglected to answer either of the above questions for as they are unfairly structured for the following reasons. Why should I pay for garden waste to be collected when neighbouring councils are getting it for free and are not contributing to any fees or subscriptions, which in itself is another taxation to working class people.
- Charging on top of everything else will lead to more fly tipping, people not disposing of garden waste appropriately, gardens may just be left to overgrow & lead to increase in rats & unsightly areas.
In the summer 2 weekly is fine then in winter bi monthly or not all once leaves have had a month to be cleared away from gardens.
- If people can opt out, they will which will lead to garden waste being dumped elsewhere which although will compost down is unsightly.
- Council tenants do not choose to live in walled, fenced or hedged gardens. We live there because we can not afford to live where best suits our pockets.
- I currently have this service and already feel I don't get a lot for my extortionate council tax bill - this would be another kick in the teeth. I already pay maintenance charges for where I live which means the council costs are lower so feel it's fair to keep receiving this service.

- Rising cost of utilities may mean some are now unable to pay for collection. This will mean garden waste going into general waste which will cost NCC money in an increase in waste collected. Also an increase in flytipping as people run out of space in general waste. NCC should be encouraging EVERY HOUSEHOLD with a garden to recycle their garden waste and as this has already been free in other areas of the county it should be free for all regardless of postcode.
- I feel that fewer households with garden waste will use the service which could lead to irresponsible ways of disposing of garden waste. It also mitigates against families with lower incomes and gardens. There are a lot of compostable wrappers coming through the post on magazines etc which will end up in the black bin if garden waste bins are not easily accessible.
- Not everyone can afford to pay for garden waste to be collected. I myself am unfortunately stuck on universal credits and we are barely living above the poverty line.
- I don't agree with any of the above.
I don't think we should be charged. I personally would opt out of the scheme and put the garden waste in my black bin, I would not pay extra. I didn't get a reduction in my council tax when we went to fortnightly collections.
- The bin collection service is included in the council tax we pay, why do you want to charge residents again, not sure this would go unchallenged in a court. You already get paid by companies who recycle our waste. Basically you get paid twice. If I don't put my bins out do I get a refund on my council tax, no I don't.
- Our house deeds say we should maintain our border with "horticulture".
Maintaining this hedge is for the benefit of the environment and community.
- I don't agree to pay for recycling.
- I don't think I should pay extra for this service. I am struggling as it is
- The question is wrong.
I pay my council tax so any bin I am provided should be emptied, if the service is an additional charge you can take the bin back and I won't bother
- All with a garden will need to use the service at some point. Some will use it more than others but to have the ability to access it when it's needed is much better than paying £55 to maybe use it once a year.
- Corby has already had a financial increase to bring it in line with other districts. Yet more levy is unfair
- Payment through wider taxation is the fairest way of attributing costs.
- Everybody should be treated the same. If you start charging for waste collection separately people will find other ways to dispose of it. E.g. in the black bins or burning it in their gardens
- Fear that many will not 'opt in' and waste will not be recycled in an environmental way ie it'll go in black bins
- We pay a large amount of council tax regardless of variants of what services we use, this is accepted and paid as a matter of course. This change would bring into question where it would end, for example would it be fair for us to say we shouldn't pay as much because we don't use certain services, for example care services, schools, police etc
I also feel that if this is collected only at a cost it will encourage fly tipping, rubbish being put in any type of bin and increased burning of garden refuse in the form of bonfires (this may increase the work of the ambulance and fire services).
- Why is there not a "neither" or "other" option ?
This survey is immorally weighted to allow you to assume people have supported a change. Regardless of if the change has already been decided it is irresponsible for you to word this in such a way that gives the impression that either of these is supported.

- Roadside collection of garden waste is the same as a lot of facilities included in “council tax” costs; not used by everyone but paid for by everyone. For example libraries, streetlights, flowers in the town centre. Why should garden waste be treated differently. I don’t pay less council tax just because I don’t look at the flowers or use the library.
- Wellingborough area works well. Paying for it discourages proper recycling of green waste
- It should be left as it is. Subscription charge is silly and will create more problems. People won't take care of their gardens or bushes as they won't be able to afford to get it collected. It will also lead to more fly tipping and more garden fires. No disrespect, but subscription charges are stupid! If you're looking to cut expenses, even look at emptying the bins monthly instead of fortnightly.
- Encourages recycling
- I contribute to many services that I do not use, like council housing, benefits, education (My children were privately educated), my pension being delayed by the government and may be never receiving it at all like neither of my parents. I am not complaining about these things specifically but my community charge is probably considerably higher than many households and I need something for my money, surely.
- This is the same with all council services
- We pay enough taxes already and to have waste collections shouldn't incur any other fees. It will just mean poorer families will fly tip or dump, local areas will suffer
- As soon as you start creating an opt in service you create a process that will become a nightmare to administrators and will cause a domino effect for future services
- I live in the area where I have to pay an extra cost to have my garden waste collected where other areas do not. It needs to be the same for the whole of North Northamptonshire. It should be added on to the council tax if a charge has to be made.
- We pay for schools etc if we use them or not. Some households have larger families and pay same rates so why should garden recycling be any different
- Because although people may argue that if they do not generate garden waste they should not contribute, the inappropriate disposal of garden waste through fly tipping affects the environment and in turn affects everyone regardless of whether they generate garden waste or not. A year round garden waste collection service also encourages people to maintain their outside space year round therefore reducing the costs associated with pest control and reducing the numbers of cases of untidy land that the council would have to investigate and process.
- Two main reasons:-
 1. If you start charging for collection of garden waste it will massively increase the amount going to landfill in Black Bins - thus damaging recycling & sustainability aims
 2. If you posit that only people with gardens should pay for removal of garden waste you open up an argument that only people with children should pay for schools, only old & disabled for social care etc.

A far better option if you want to make economies is to just have garden collections from 1st March to 31st October
- We should be encouraging households to grow plants and lawns to protect the environment (encourage bees and insects). Making people pay extra will encourage people to use artificial grass concrete gardens; which are not good for the environment.
- Don't want to pay any more council tax than we do already.
- I don't use many of the local services funded by council tax and don't get an opt in / opt out option on those. Unless you're adopting a shopping list approach where you only pay for what you use then this option is frankly ridiculous
- We all pay council tax it should be part of that. No additional charge !

- This has been in operation in Irthlingborough since we moved here 4 years ago. It works well and is effective. Some households have no garden and do not require this service therefore it should only be a subscribed service based on need.
- It's like saying fire service or police should only be paid for by the people that use it ;) Perhaps 4-weekly collections would reduce the carbon footprint and cost?
- If people don't use it then why should they pay for it.
- Don't agree that those who use the service have to pay for it because I'm positive I contribute to a service I don't use or have a need for.
- This is just another service that is being taken from us unless we want to pay extra - will you be reducing the council tax bill for those that pay for this?
- We already pay taxes and don't want to pay any more.
- CBC originally, along with lots of other Councils wanted it collected separately as part of the recyclable waste. Bin collection has always been part of the service we all pay for with Council Tax
- Why one gets the same service for taxes.
This would be a tax in the same vein of charging people to use the NHS or using any public service.
If you do charge people for this which is ridiculous you'll end up with even more of fly tipping issue than you already have. The enforcement is poor for all offences and the cost of taking anyone to court grossly outweighs the penalty.
- I have a small garden, I leave the grass cuttings on the lawn and only have a small amount of annual pruning, instead of charging extra for a service that is currently covered by our council tax, a much fairer way would be to give residents a reduction in council tax if they do not require the service. My only concern is that taking away the service, there will inevitably be an increase in fly tipping which will then cost the authority to clean it up !!!
- We already have to pay over £1,000 per year, in council tax.
Garden rubbish collection should stay included in the existing council tax, WITHOUT any increased charges!
How many people will resort to "fly tipping", if we are forced to pay more?
How much more would that cost, to clear it up?
How many people will put their garden rubbish in somebody else's bin, causing friction between neighbours?
- It is obvious on brown bin collection days that the residents use the service so it should continue. No charge should be made to residents which would encourage mass recycling and production of compost.
- Because I pay for removal of waste for families of 4, 6, 8 people live on my own and so it's only fair the same happens that they pay for others use of garden bins.
- Surely this should be a service provided through current council tax bill & not a subscription service
- Neither option! Why should I pay for this service when my council tax rises every year, my energy bills have risen, my cost of living has risen. I shall just use my black bin for garden waste.
- I don't think we should be charged for collection. I agree that we should have less collection during the winter months.
- This is one of the services we pay for through council tax and it keeps rising and you want us to have even fewer services and actually want us all to pay for it. This should stay free collection for all of Northants.
- Council tax is high enough as it is, to the point of unaffordable, why when a single occupant of a house is it only 25% off a bill why not 50%? It would be so much fairer.

If you do not drive and are unable to get waste to a recycling centre, and can't afford any extra charge. What are you supposed to do then? I fear this will add to fly tipping, it took a lot of people a lot of getting used to a fortnightly collection of household waste, in the summer time this isn't great. Surely there is enough of an allowance within the council tax charge to cover the continuation of inclusive grey/ green bin collections.....

- Those who don't use it should receive a reduction in their council tax.
- Because I don't use other council services but I still have to pay for those! The same should apply here. A small cost to everyone rather than a large cost to some.
- Surely it's the same with any service, because we don't break the law do we not pay for Police? The whole point of Council Tax is to pay for all the services that the council provide, whether we use them or not. The council needs to man- up and charge us all. Not cut services and then try to win votes by pretending to keep Council Tax to a minimum. If the council is not brave enough to do the job for which it was elected, it should say so and move over and make room for those that are.
- As householders we all pay for all services via the council tax regardless of if/how often we use them. This service should be no different.
- This is fairer to those that do not have a garden and do not use the service.
- There are many services which are covered by our council tax payment. Not all services will be assessed by everyone.
- My garden waste bins from autumn to spring is filled by the amount for fallen leaves from the trees surrounding the estate.
- East Northants residents have been paying for years whilst everyone else got it for free
- I think we already pay for the collection of garden waste, included in our monthly Council tax payments.

If we are then asked to pay for future collections, then we are paying twice.

There won't be a deduction if we have to pay an additional charge.

- Garden waste should be collected
Like all other waste
- I think u shouldnt have to pay to get garden rubbish took away
- Waste collection should be funded through wider taxation. I pay taxes and hardly use any council services, by the logic of a subscription model can I then opt out and pay less for other services I don't use. Of course not. Why make this distinction with waste collection? It's another stealth tax.
- High council tax is enough to cover all bins collection
- We already pay so much to you council for stuff we don't get anything out off so why pay more the one thing we use and if you do start charging there will be more people disposal of your t at the sides of road this area already got enough fly tipping and don't need more of it
- We have been paying through taxation for this service for years.
I don't suppose the council will reduce the council tax for those without a garden or grey bin collection.
It would just be another tax on tax payers.
- Just like any other tax - you pay into the pot for the general good. I pay for streetlights but rarely go out at night, but am happy to pay towards the common good.
- Choice lies with the household, I dont agree that someone in a flat with no garden should pay more council tax to supplement those of us that have gardens but consideration should be given to lower income households to retain s free service
- Council tax includes these service charges already, residents should not be charged an additional fee on top of what is already paid within the council tax. This service has always been included so why suddenly should it stop and residents be charged more or will the council tax be

reduced to not include this service...I think not! Charging an additional fee will encourage more fly tipping in the local areas

- Through my Council Tax I pay for services I don't use.
I DO use the green bin service and as a disabled person I gratefully appreciate the services provided by NCC.
- As different towns don't pay for the collection, and the council gets paid for the garden waste, would be prepared to pay for the bin initially and free after
- You will see more fly tipping and people putting garden waste into black bins if subscription charges are introduced. This is opposed to the council's target of reducing landfill waste. Keep it as is. Put up council tax for more expensive houses (they'll all have gardens) if money is the issue.
- I see so many gardens paved over which is not good environmentally. I like my garden being mainly lawn and it's healthier for the environment. Artificial grass and paving is not good for drainage and I believe charging will just encourage this behaviour.
- Garden waste collection should be kept as it is at the moment. I believe it will encourage fly tipping & eventually cost the tax payer more to resolve the issue of fly tipping
- Paying for the services could result in more fly tipping - most people require some variety of garden waste at some point. Even when we lived in our small terrace, we still needed an occasional collection. If we had to pay, it would have just gone in the black bin.
- Council tax is collected for refuse collection already, why should I pay twice? In addition to that, as a wheelchair user I would find it impossible to take garden refuse to the tip, I only have a tiny garden do have no room for a compost area.
- This shouldn't be allowed to be a separate bill we already pay enough for council tax. My garden is quite big and I rely on my garden waste bin being collected.. annoying it is only fortnightly which is not enough in high season although I am grateful that it is a service provided all yr round!!
If they bring in more costs I feel that this will lead to more fly tipping around the county.
- If garden material is fly tipped or placed in the black bin it affects the entire community.
- I'm guessing that's how it works at the moment so I think it should be kept the same
- The system in Wellingborough has been the same for many years and just because another area decided to charge does not mean that it is an revenue generating opportunity
- If you don't have a garden why would you want to pay for something you won't use. We pay enough for things we don't use!
- It's keeping the planet greener & also good for environment & helps the planet to survive so everyone benefits. If the inflation cost goes higher this year most people will lose more than gardens costs. So help the planet & save the planet with year round garden bin needed for different times all the year
- If you apply the logic that you only pay for the council services you use, how can you justify making everyone pay for social services, children's services, council operated buildings, car parks, play parks, skateboard ramps, other services. We don't bill based on what services provided by the council are accessed. This is the thin end of the wedge! I have never once used the police, but I still pay the precept! We all pay to ensure those who can't afford pay for individual services to can still access them. This will penalise those on low incomes and increase the frequency of fly tipping, which is already a significant problem in rural parts of the county like the one where I live.
- The point of waste collection must be to ensure that all of the waste is carried away. Otherwise we will risk the illegal dumping.
Why do we charge everyone for school provision not everyone has a children

- We currently pay for the service. If its free in other areas of Northamptonshire it should be free in my area.
- Because I don't have garden waste that will need emptying ever fortnight once a year is to much I have artificial grass
- There a a number of services we pay for that we do not use. It does, in fact, do away with the principal that we all contribute. Moreover, a house of five adults for example, make more rubbish than a house of 2 but are charged no more for the service.
- To stay the same as it is
- although we have a garden that needs to have a waste collection there are many that dont and it is unfair they should pay for a service they dont need. unlike the use of libraries /swimming pools etc where we all have a choice wether we use them or not
- The vast majority of residents use this facility. I would much prefer to pay extra tax
- Some properties do not have gardens. This is not an essential service and so houses without gardens should not have to pay.
- We all pay for services that we don't necessarily use, its just a fact of life. What isn't acceptable is charging more and more for services. Some households have gardens that have no waste, some households have more bins because they have a family, its just the way it is. Responsible waste management should be encouraged not discouraged.
- I think that we currently on option 2 (which I selected) and I believe that is the way. If you will start charging us another 55£ or whatever for garden waste then council should be cheaper by the cost of the same service paid by council? I guess it will not... So no thank you... If you decide to charge extra I will unsubscribe and put all my garden waste in the black bin. Thanks ! :)
- We currently fund this through our council tax. Will we receive a refund if we don't use this service?
Surely councils should be encouraging and supporting all forms if recycling.
- Garden waste should be collected by the councils as we already pay for this in council tax plus the garden waste is composted then sold at a high price.
- I pay for many services through my council tax that I don't use, that's just the way it is, everyone pools together into the same pot to ensure everyone gets the services they need.
- Having fortnightly collections is already a nuisance. Having to pay extra on top of an already absurd amount of council tax is ridiculous. Maybe you should streamline the staff that work for the council and pay those at the top less if you are struggling for money. Corby is already losing out massively since the new councils have been set up.
- So when I put my waste bin out for collection what would stop someone putting something in my bin if mine is not full!
One more point, I have a TPO for my trees, they are regarded as part of the conservation of the area, for the benefit of the community. I don't see one single person being asked to contribute to its upkeep but I cannot cut it down.
This request to only pay for if you use it is somewhat petty unless you can police it. It will be abused. It will cause flytipping. I will pay a subscription if you tell me how you will stop flytipping and people putting stuff in my bin when they don't pay.
- I have family In Northampton. Since paying for disposal of garden waste, fly tipping of garden waste has increased significantly. I do not want that to happen in Rothwell. We regularly cut the grass verge outside our home- helps keep our area looking nice but will no longer do this if we are limited to space. Households are limited to a certain number of tip runs per year, again leading to an increase in fly tipping. Who can actually fit the garden waste in a car.
We do not all have children, yet our taxes contribute to schools...
Costs going up considerably in all areas of life. Please do not make the burden any harder to bear.

Yes make waste collection consistent across the authority. Make it free for all.

- I pay now through the ENC Garden Waste Club.
I do not understand, however, why the Council scheme costs 50% more than [Redacted]'s own.
- As the Council Tax has to cover all the services provided for residents the Council has to find ways to balance income from Council Tax with outgoings for services provided. Money for these services has to come from somewhere. Presumably the alternative to charging for the service would be to increase Council Tax for everyone. More and more flats are being built in the area meaning there will be more people who will never use a garden waste service, but whose Council Tax would be increased regardless. Because of this it seems reasonable to charge those that use the service. With possibly a reduction in the cost for the elderly or disabled for whom it is not practical to either compost or to drive to the waste disposal depots
- It should be free for everyone, as it is not fair for most to get it free as we are under the same council !!
- Service has been free for many years. Why change something that works well.
With increasing household bills I can not afford a subscription and will have to put garden waste in black bin.
- See previous comments
- Already a significant amount of flytipping in the community.
Household finances are stretched .. this would just lead to more people already struggling with other cost of living increases.
As a consequence of the above would undoubtedly fuel the mental health crisis.
- We pay an extortionate amount of money already for our Council Tax, it should be included in this price! 99% of people in Rothwell have a garden, we should not be penalised for living in an area where this is the case.
- Medium to Larger properties who are more likely to have a garden already pay a higher community charge and too many things against charging, fly tipping, garden waste in black bin, people who haven't paid putting stuff in peoples bins who have . What would you do take away all the bins of people who don't pay. Will bin man have a list and check each bin. administrate nightmare. no No No.
- I believe that all waste whether it is normal household waste, garden waste or recycling should be collected and paid for through our council tax payment. We pay enough already without charging us for garden waste collection.
- We have paid council tax and it will be no cheaper not to be collects as has been the lots of numerous years
- I think the service should be included at no extra cost as it currently is
- It will be hard to manage and more admin work if it was done individually
- My council tax should cover this. It is only natural that people pay for some services they may not make direct use of. If you charge for waste collection people will fly tip and it will cost more in the long run.
- If you start to single out specific council services for pay per use where will it end? We don't have children but we still pay towards the local education services and don't begrudge it. We also have a very low maintenance garden that requires very little use of the garden waste collection but again we happily accept that we are paying for a service through our council tax that we don't use. If you start to implement a pay per use on essential services like this it opens the gate to a slippery slope for other services and then where does it end? In privatising the more basic and fundamental services?
- We all pay for services which we don't use so it's not fair to pick and choose what we pay for
- Providing a 'free' service would help to prevent fly-tipping of garden waste, which likely costs more to clear up than collecting it from the kerb-side.

- It is too difficult to police who is using it and who isn't. It is provided without additional charge now, make this available to the areas that have been paying until now. Do not charge Corby and Kettering for the device, nor remove it or make it subscription only. Life's difficult enough without messing around with garden waste collections
- By all households paying, it allows those less well off, the elderly and charitable organisations to still maintain a green garden waste bin without being penalised. Those who can afford it are then contributing to something which benefits others.
- Because rather than a discount for households with no garden a 'subscription' charge is being put forward. This is just another way of saying raising tax.
- I feel that it is unfair for people that do not have garden waste to pay for a service that they do not require or use
- Most people I know hide the garden waste in their black bins, if we all paid a small amount and everyone was given a brown bin I'm sure the amount recycled would double meaning more profit for the council. I don't think it's fair that as a unitary council that some areas pay and others get it free, those that don't get it free and refuse to pay for a collection just hide it in other rubbish or dump it.
- [Expletive] We will burn our waste and damage the ozone layer even more....and as a pensioner with not much life left. I DON'T GIVE A [expletive]. Get your staff back to work and give us the service we are paying for/ And stop lining your pockets with back handers
- Residents should be encouraged to dispose of their green waste rather than financially penalised. If people have to pay, the danger is it's a disincentive to do this the right way. They may dispose of it in their grey bin or dump it.
- If charges are levied it will cost households more at a time of escalating costs. We pay enough in council tax as it is.
Additionally it will lead to garden and date being dumped
- I agree with neither of these options. We already pay for waste disposal. People will simply put their garden waste in black bins or dump it on roadsides, although I personally would compost it or take to recycling centre..not everyone has those options though, or the money to pay extra for a service we already pay for 😡
- We pay enough council tax already for services including household waste. I believe these services are and should be included as part of this cost. With the cost of everything else rising people cannot afford for garden waste to be charged and I think this would be unfair.
- I haven't answered because I don't agree. I would argue what are you spending my council Tax money on ?
We pay so much money for minimum services at it is. Get rid of council tax then I might change my mind
- From a personal view easy reliable service no need to worry about disposal.
- We pay Council Tax for waste collection already, regardless of the type of waste
- As well as a local resident, I have a small gardening business (sole proprietor) and look after gardens for mostly elderly and retired people. It's likely that by implementing a subscription service to remove garden waste, my clients will no longer afford my services and that will have a detrimental impact on my business.
- Many things that we so pay taxes for are only used by a small percentage of the people paying for it. Many services are only accessed by people not contributing anything towards it.
- Though I would have preferred an option similar to what Wellingborough currently receive now, I am quite happy with the option I have chosen as I believe that only those who use the collection service should pay for it. Perhaps an option such as a March to November collection could be considered for a reduced cost or even free.

- I believe that all residents should have the service across the county included in their normal collections. This would encourage people to look after their gardens, reduce fly tipping, and negate the need for some to hide it in other bins. For those who do not have access to gardens, it is accepted that not everyone uses all the services regularly as needs differ from household to household and it balances out
- Rubbish/recycling/garden waste collection is already included in our council tax so should not be being paid for twice, if it is i can see most putting grass cuttings etc in black bins
- I pay for the service in East Northants, no one else in the county pays. I either want a refund, or you charge everyone, and not just me and my neighbours
- Not everyone needs garden waste disposed of! Why should we pay for a service we don't use? At the moment we have a grey bin which we probably put out a couple of times a year, if this becomes an added cost, we will dispose of our grass cuttings by other means, like burning them. We don't have enough space for a compost bin so that's not an option. We will opt out of any subscription! We pay enough council tax a year, yet services are decreased, so I'm not paying an extra fee for a service that should be included in what we already pay!
- They all ready struggle to pick up for what is a normal service
They don't pay to have the bins cleaned when left for too long
If I was to pay extra I would want a much better service which I don't believe they could offer
- Some people will dump waste rather than pay
- Neither
- I can almost guarantee that if you start charging that the amount of fly tipping will increase dramatically, causing untold damage to the environment
- No additional charge encourages the use of garden waste recycling and keeps it out of the black bins
- Because I Irwafy pay too much for the service, it's ridiculous to consider a standing charge in addition.
- I don't use it that often so don't see why I should pay for people who use it lots
- Everyone uses garden waste disposal at some point.
- Leave things as they are the cost of living is already crippling people
People can not afford much more
Extra charges will also result in more fly tipping and the countryside is already being abused by this
- Those without gardens are likely to be the poorest - why should they subsidise richer residents? Regressive taxation is a feature of Tory governments and is disgraceful.
- Because we pay enough already. The garden waste can be used to generate income as could/ should green bin contents . The council should work smarter
- Like our household, we have to clear up from.trees and shrubs that over hang into our garden so it's not our waste. If I had a big garden with flowers then I would expect to pay for the service.
- I am not paying extra, I pay enough rates as it is
- Most people have gardens so the lorry will still have to drive every street regardless of 1 pickup or 20 etc.
We all pay towards education but we don't all have kids etc.
We all pay for emergency services but may never use them etc.
You will need to start pricing each service and we cherry pick which ones we choose to pay for, or not.
There will be no reduction in council tax for those who choose not to have garden waste collected! This is obviously just a scheme to make extra money!

- We already pay for the bins to be emptied. Charging more would cause people who already struggle to have over grown hedges and gardens. More waste would be dumped adding to encouraging rodents.
- The council charges too much already in the name of "harmonisation". To start taking away services for all the money we pay should make the decision makers hang their heads in shame.
- If not it will probably lead to more fly tipping
- Reduce fly tipping, reduce individual journeys to dispose of garden waste
- Because although we try and minimise our waste, others may resort to dumping into hedgerow which is surely a worse situation?
- Taxpayers all contribute towards a variety of services some of which we will never use however they still need important services to the community. Having free garden waste collection encourages people to recycle their garden waste thus ensuring it is appropriately disposed of, preventing the additional associated costs with fly tipping. Clearly this provides a social and financial benefit for the community.
- The council is there to provide whatever services are needed by the local community and the cost should be spread equally across that community and for which we pay a variety of taxes. I strongly disagree with this concept changing in the way that is being suggested and worry about the general direction it takes us in. I could argue that, as I do not have children, I should be able to opt out of the cost of any services provided for children or, as I do not use public transport, I shouldn't have to contribute to any subsidies given to the bus company by the council. I understand that these services are needed by the local community and, as part of the community, I have a collective responsibility to contribute. It is not my fault that this government has imposed such huge cuts to our councils and I certainly did not vote for that.
- I feel this is another erosion of service's I would like to know what we are actually paying for now the roads are no longer cleaned the pavements need retarmcing I also would like to know with the amalgamation of the councils why should we start to pay in this area why can't residents who currently pay no longer have pay
- Rather than charge extra. Why don't u give a reduction. Then it wd not seem that we are increasing our outgoings, people will see it as a saving.
People will fly tip.
- This is a service that has been included as part of our council tax since the separation of household waste. It's a service that's not broken and doesn't need fixed. I live in an area that charges a management fee, i accept that. However I do not receive any reimbursement from the council for grass cutting or litter picking and a few other services as these are included in my management fee, I accept that also.
- A lot of people cannot afford an extra charge. It will just go into landfill bins and be wasted. This will increase the cost off landfill disposal as there will be more when there is no need when it can be recycled.
- If garden waste collection becomes paid for, then it will lead to people putting garden waste in their black bins (which means waste which could be composted by the council will not be handled in the most appropriate way in line with the waste hierarchy; fly tipping of garden waste will increase as people decide to dump rather than pay, which will cost residents more in clean up costs; it will result in more single purpose trips to municipal waste sites with increased congestion for users.
- it should be free so this choice is the lesser of two evils that you gave
- so this can be disposed of correctly, if people had the option to pay and can't afford this it will either go in the black bin or flytipping.
I don't have alot of garden waste but are happy to get taxed on it for everyone to use.
Although I think this should be all year round

- Introducing a fee for this service will encourage people to dispose of garden waste in general waste bins. With the cost of living increasing at an alarming rate, adding in these costs (which are already covered by council tax) is completely unacceptable
- My taxes pay for (amongst other things) the police and fire service, but I have never had to call upon these services, but I pay because a) I have no choice and b) when/if I need them, they will be there.

So why can't the same be said for garden waste? I have a small garden. I put my grey bin out a couple of times a year and I understand some people have no garden or garden waste collection requirement; but this is how societies operate.

This proposed charge will further divide our communities between those who pay and those who don't.

The council is providing a community service, so the community should pay (per police, fire, library, school services).

If this charge goes ahead, where will it end? Childless adults no longer contributing towards schools, despite the societal benefits those eventual educated children will provide when grown? Agoraphobics no longer contributing towards highway maintenance because they don't leave the house? High income earners no longer contributing towards the NHS because they have private healthcare coverage.

The council can mulch this garden waste down and use it to nurture the municipal parks and recreation grounds.

About 18 years ago recycling bins arrived in North Northants and we were encouraged to do our bit for the eco system, and now KBC wants to step back from their side of the bargain?

I literally have a postage stamp size patch of lawn and have no need to compost. Nor do I have the time or the means to make regular trips to the recycling centre and wait for hours to get in with rotting grass cuttings inside my car.

Furthermore, council tax and charges keep going up but we are seeing less and less for our money - and now this?!

- I think we pay enough in council tax already. The council have saved money by only collecting fortnightly and most people have gardens so what happens to the people who can't afford the extra cost?
- I think that those who decide not to pay may dump their waste in ditches or fields or burn it thus costing all residents more.

I usually only dump stuff in the bin that doesn't compost very easily, (twiggy shrub clippings) and weeds that I don't want to seed their way back into my garden.

- Neither of these options. We pay for this service already we not need need to pay more.
- We pay our council tax which should pay for our bins to be emptied whether that's black bins, blue bins or grey bins.

EVERYONE has been through a tough time these last couple of years and we are ALL still feeling the effects of it now.

Why should we pay more on top of what we already pay in council tax!!!!

- Considering the ratio of areas that do not pay to those that do is 2:1, therefore all areas should be free of this charge. Households are under enough of a squeeze currently without extra charges, people will just put their garden waste in their black bin rather than incur petrol costs taking their waste to a recycling centre. That is not meet the Governments green aims.
- I live on a new road which requires a service charge - this covers things like lamp posts etc. I still have to pay the same council tax. I don't use a library, but still have to pay to. There are a number of things I pay for in my council tax that I don't use but other people do. Whether my black bin is half full, full, or I've been away for a fortnight and is empty, I still pay. We all pay for refuse collection - garden waste is just a part of that

- It seems unfair that those in flats or do not have gardens should pay for a service that does not directly benefit them and they do not need.
- I think it's disgusting we are even being asked this! It's like asking tax payers if they think they should contribute to paying those who don't work's benefits. We have no choice so why should garden waste be any different.
- We all pay our council tax & this is included in the cost already, we should not have to pay more for a service we already use!
- Because those who don't want to pay the subscription will just dump there garden waste elsewhere, fly tipping etc. Using recycling centres for garden waste is hardly easy these days
- Kerbside garden waste collection should be paid for out of the tax system. If we start charging people extra for collections where will it stop. We might not all use it, but the same could be said for schools, hospitals, etc. It's a dangerous route to start charging people for what they use unless we are going to also get rid / charge for, the use of the NHS, state schools, etc. Also how much will it cost in admin to sort this, if you only collect from those who've paid how will the bin men know where to go, will bins be stolen or used by non paying residents.
- I think that the council can make compost from brown bin collections which can be a sustainable project especially if it is sold on to gardeners, farmers and those who have allotments.
- It just seems a fair way as we all pay to have all bins collected
- There are services that I might pay towards but do not access, so this is a case of swings and roundabouts and we don't break down individuals use of a service to charge them separately for them.
- Why should people pay when they don't use it
- For example I happily pay towards schools but have no children, I believe that all services should come out of the council tax and the services delivered by NNC this keeps all the services of good quality, start putting add ons on and you will risk people not paying and fly tipping will increase
- A subscription only service would be likely to result in increased fly tipping from households that disagree with the subscription/refuse to pay it.
- So that is harmonised with all other areas 3- out of 4 of the sovereign areas for this to be a fair harmonisation all should have a free service
- Living in the east Northamptonshire part of North Northamptonshire people have to pay if they want a garden waste. I don't believe it's fair or justified for people to pay for a service that they don't use. I hope that if you do choose to tax us all that you give those who have already paid their subscription for the year a discount and not additional fees. I believe this would otherwise be greedy and unlawful
- It seems unfair for those without gardens to subsidise a collection. I am happy to pay as I have quite a lot of garden waste which I would like to be disposed of properly.
- Our garden waste is already collected and I object to a further charge being made for this. Our council tax seems to rise and services we receive fall. We wonder what we are paying for?
- There should be parity across the whole of North Northants. It needs to be fairer and would help to prevent fly tipping or going to land fill. I also believe that those without gardens should pay less on their council tax.
- Just because someone isn't using the service now doesn't meant they won't in the future. Okay e council tax has always covered this so this should not change.
- We already pay high council tax AND an additional Management Charge to [Redacted] of £150-350 pa. in [Redacted].
We do not have large gardens so composting ourselves is very difficult.

By stopping kerbside collections, which in my opinion we already pay for, you will find people either put it in their general waste (worst environmental outcome) OR you will see fly tipping increase locally. (Expensive and antisocial)!

Strongly oppose charging extra , keep kerbside collection as is.

- A very closed way to ask the question. I think those not wishing to use the service should be eligible for a reduction in council tax.
- Because this is just another degradation in the services provided by our council. All services have been degraded, weekly bin collections have become bi-weekly, council tax is ridiculously high, police and prosecution services have failed massively to tackle crime, local amenities have been left to rot and all monies granted have been squandered.
The least you could do is take some [expletive] bins.
- I think we pay enough in tax and should be free/shouldn't be charged any more than we pay already. Council tax is already ridiculously high, along with all other bills.
- Because there is no real third option. We don't have enough waste to be composted effectively, there are times when we will have the sort of waste that can be taken to the recycling centre. Just asking about garden waste is tricky. What about kitchen waste? Is that include implicitly in the question. I live in Rothwell and have my own 'peely bin' in the kitchen, my sister-in-law in [Redacted] had hers provided by the council. All households will have daily, weekly, monthly kitchen waste which should be disposed of in an environmentally friendly way. Perhaps a neighbourhood garden waste bin could be provided and the compost it produces made available to allotments and council owned land that would benefit from the compost.
- If it is not collected, it will either be dumped somewhere or go the black bin, which for some families is already full with fortnightly collections then end up in landfill. Either aren't good.
- If the Garden waste is to be paid by subscription then I would want my council tax to be lower than what it is now, also those house holds that can't afford to pay extra charges would result in fly tipping, keep it the same as it's always been or be prepared to drop the council tax prices.
- We pay enough council tax for waste collection and why should we be charged more especially when the council then make more money by selling the waste as compost etc
- I don't particularly agree with either statement. The council tax in East Northants is one of the highest in all of north Northants and we have to pay a garden waste bin collection on top of that. We have the smallest recycling bins that we struggle to fit most recycling in. The entire county should have the same service and procedure in place. Same bin sizes and same fees for collections of same bins. No extra tax increase for an already over priced council tax charge in a year where prices are going up so rapidly that the minimum wage and national living wage cannot keep up with the cost of living!
- This is yet another erosion of service's I am struggling to think what actually now pay for, the streets are no longer cleaned, the road need re-tarmacng ,the pavements are a mess, I agree it's not fair for some resident's to have to pay and others not so why not stop charging those who now pay I also think as soon as the council's merged this was obviously going to happen.
- I do not have garden waste as I paid to have block paving front and back therefore I don't think I should have to pay for a service I do not use.
- If kerbside garden waste was charged as a subscription charge for those that wanted it, those that didn't want it wouldn't get a reduction in their taxes. Everyone would just end up paying more.
- Introducing further charges will mean more trips to the recycling centre with increased queues and more air pollution
- I feel strongly that folk care for their gardens if they know their waste branches, grass, for example will be taken away , whatever their income , and used usefully.

- Council tax levels are high enough without charging a further charge for removal of garden waste. I'm concerned that if a additional charge is introduced then this will leave to increased fly tipping which in the long run would cost the LA more
- Not all of us use all services paid for by taxation but we all pay for them, we don't all use street lights, Library's, schools, car parks, highways, parks and open spaces.
If we bring in a system whereby people only pay for what they use it will become very limited. We all pay and it's all shared. It's part of the system that we have in place.
On the other hand if I can also opt of paying for the services I don't use then sign me up. It would be a lot cheaper for me. But alas I contribute to our system, the schools, building control, street cleaning, coroners, by the time I will need one I will have paid for years for them. It's what makes our society work. I don't think it is the start of a path / journey you should be taking us on. I don't think people that have suggested it have thought about the bigger picture.
- I think the people without gardens should not have to pay however I believe this should be reflected in the council tax band and not in asking those with gardens to pay extra.
- If it's going to be a monthly subscription I will not pay. Council tax is already going up along with every other bin. I will burn my waste environment or not! My neighbours already do this regularly this will just lead to more people burning waste
- In certain parts of Northamptonshire, we get "NO" real service from NNC, this is just another example of a way of exhortation by NNC, in the end your actions will lead to fly tipping, cant you see that.
- If the council want garden waste disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner, it needs to be collected and paid for from within wider taxation.
- Should be free (included) as it is today
Else you will just get more people filling their black bin with or or even worse more fly tipping
- We already pay for this in our council tax cost of living is already hard with out you charging more and it will make dumping more of a thing
- We don't always put out our grey bin as we don't have a lot of garden waste but when we do in the summer due to our neighbours trees growing over we don't want to pay for a monthly subscription if we only want it collecting once or twice a year
- We pay enough in council tax I do not agree in having to pay more for having garden waste collected.
- I have a garden, but have artificial grass and paving, and surrounded by fencing therefore have no garden waste. I think it would be unfare to be charged for a service that I would never use.
- I already pay for garden waste collection and think it's only fair that if there is to be a charge then only those using the service should pay. If this is done county wide then the current subscription should be at a lesser cost and perhaps collection on be from March to October.
- This should be part of standard refuse collection, the composting of which could be utilised by the council and would reduce flytipping.
- It's shocking that even though the cost of council tax is going up there is still the opinion that residents should pay on top of them increased charges for garden waste disposal. People are struggling to pay for things as it is, this proposal is not helpful at all
- Pooled cost is less and therefore more affordable. It also avoids black jobs being used for this waste which is bad for all but will surely be done by some people not willing to pay the higher cost.
- I gave this answer as the answer I wanted to give wasn't there.
That is no charge should be made and it should remain as it is for me know.
- I don't think anyone should have to pay to have the garden waste taken away, I agree that it should changed to 8 months of the year March - September

- How ridiculous to state it should be paid for only by people that use it, there are very many services that I pay for that don't use so should we look to evaluate all of those as well so we don't pay for what we don't use?
- All areas in Northamptonshire should have the same amount paid for this collection. Some areas at the moment do not pay at all. This is not fair.
- Depending on size of garden etc this should be paid for by those that use it. I think monthly collections would be fine for everyone
- Paying our taxes should cover these services and this should not be an additional charge to households
- The risk of increased fly tipping by those denied the regular collection service. Why take it away?
- Because the question is written in such away that any nuance is removed.
- The question is more than a yes no problem because there are more than two solutions to the "problem".
- as a household i make very little / no waste / black bin.Can i get a rebate on this unused service?My grey garden bin is used. My garden is cared for.Charge for this and i will put it all in the general waste!!!
- Whilst requiring contributions only from families who use the service may seem fairer it will inevitably mean less people will use the service and in many cases will dump their garden waste elsewhere - in countryside or side of road.
- The garden waste in question, is a good service, the council benefit from the waste as its converted to compost and then subsequently covers the collection cost.
Taking this service away will drive more to use black bins to remove garden waste or burn the garden waste....
- If you are going to argue that only users pay for it, then why does that not apply to all other services? Why should people without children pay for schools and people who do not use libraries pay for those who do? To apply it to garden waste makes it look like a money-making scheme.
- I believe that fly tipping is a more expensive problem and restrictions on number of tip runs allowed would be better for all. Bring back the opportunity to buy items from the tip to help fund it then there will be no need for collection throughout the winter.
- I don't agree with either option we already pay more and get less when you live in villages. The council closed our recycling centre so we have to travel to one, hospital visits, dentist etc all have to be travelled to. If it's good enough for some places to get it free then so should we or do you want more fly tipping because that's what will happen at a greater cost to clear up.
- Because those who don't use it are obviously sending garden waste to landfill. We all need to be made to look after the environment.
- should there be a charge , some people can't take garden waste to tip, they may not drive . This is a "recyclable product " .
Never used to pay , where do all our taxes go ???
- If you have a garden we should have access to the service - I'm amazed at the high charge we have always taken ours to local tip however never knew free in other authorities! Assumed we all had to pay or take to the tip - exemptions should be those without a garden eg flat owner/occupiers
- Although what are we paying council tax for? I don't think anyone should be paying extra, and if people can't access this service they will just fly tip or put it in their black bins.
- Just a money making scheme, will those that don't have collections get a refund from their council tax? I doubt it.
- We already pay council tax that should cover collection of garden waste. If the council recycled it correctly it could be turned into usable compost or fuel. I shouldn't be penalised for having a

garden where I grow my own fruit and veg, I should get a rebate because I'm reducing plastic and food waste.

- Very leading question. It's not 'wider taxation', it's the existing charge.
There are plenty of council services that my wife and I do not use. Education services being the primary example. Will we make a reduced payment for not using these?
- The majority of households in the council area will have some level of outside space. Making garden waste a paid for only service means some will opt to hide grass cuttings in their black bins which is the worst option. Kettering currently has free collections and as the largest urban area that should continue. (I do currently pay for garden waste collection)
- Many households pay for services via taxation which they never benefit from, e.g. social services, which use a vast amount of council budget yet actually only benefit a small minority.
- I consider the ever increasing council tax I pay to be sufficient to cover the cost of waste removal especially as it is based on the rateable value of the property. I, therefore, pay more council tax than someone who lives in a small property with little or no garden.
I currently don't always manage to fill my garden waste bins for every fortnightly collection. I try to compost as much as possible but not everything composts easily.
Any excess I do create I dispose of at the recycling centre.
I don't understand why I need to be penalised for what amounts to be council mismanagement. How long before we are charged for each visit to the recycling centre?
- If you want recycling, and reduced tipping it should be free. There are many services covered by council tax that people don't use, but are still included eg people who don't have children still pay towards education overall
However, I more strongly believe that whatever happens, it should be made consistent across the council areas. Either everyone has to pay the service through optional subscription or it is a 'free' service to everyone, not as it is now with a mixture
- This shocking I thought you want to encourage green waste now we are to be charged for doing the right thing why I thought you made it in to compost and sold and used it on council land?
- I answered as I did because it seems that we will pay for it in one way or another ..I am a Widow and a Pensioner and although I think it very unfair to be charged for my garden waste removal I can see no other way out if it ..But ..I am sure it will lead to big scale fly tipping by those who are fit and active to do so ..Maybe Pensioners will be offered a lower rate ..we can only live in hope..
- It is so much simpler for everybody to pay the same. Not everyone has children but they still pay for schools. There are lots of things that not everybody uses (buses, parks, daycare centres, schools, libraries etc) but you use some and not others. Otherwise it gets so complicated to administer and collect. But I think if it is charged in addition to the rates then the rates payable by Wellingborough for example should be reduced by the charge that is made as at the moment it is obviously included. I am in W'boro Band E. If I have to pay extra for garden waste each year while Rushden for example gains £55 per year I will be very cross.
I do not think it is necessary to have collections all year round. If you want that you should pay. Plus if you are going to charge people who have never paid before they will put it in their black bins. Also W'boro council had a substantial amount of funds so obviously their rates were set to accumulate funds whilst still collecting garden waste for free.
- waste collection should be part of council service paid for from the general rates. This change in councils should not be used to add additional financial burden to the rate payers.
- If a charge is made there will be garden waste put in the household waste bins.
My household pays for services that it does not use through the wider taxation, what is the difference?

- Lots of people won't pay/ can't afford to pay more and it is very likely more fly tipping will happen which in the long term will cost tax payers more to clear up via general taxation. So I will end up paying for my waste to be removed and then pay again for the increase in fly tipping.
- The wider taxation option is unfair. If I have a garden and choose to pay the Council to dispose of garden waste I should pay. I can avoid the cost if I make the effort to compost and use a chipper. If I have no garden why should I pay?
- You cannot expect us to pay a penny more for this we are paying and paying and paying it is madness and our council tax is not getting managed well we are already paying through the nose. Keep collecting garden waste don't ask for more or you will create much bigger problems that cost every one of us more in the long run. Risking the environment, fly tipping and police prosecutions. It will be a false economy.
- For years now you have approved the construction of houses built too closely together, with gardens but no space for large composting bins, bonfires etc. Anyone with one of these properties needs to tend the garden (nobody likes to live next to a wilderness) but no-one likes to live next door to smelly piles of rotting garden waste or bonfires whenever the sun shines! The construction of these estates has been allowed, the consequence is necessary removal of the garden waste.
- Taxation system means we all technically pay for things we don't use in order to have the things we do use free at point of service. Having some items paid for at point of service would be very complicated and impossible to manage. Why should garden refuse bins be different to other services?
- Really! - so you want to make this a paid service. Don't you think we've got enough extra paying as it is with the cost of living etc.
- It should remain as it is as we pay for it and I bet you won't reduce our council Tax if we don't use the service. Everything is going up and we can't afford yet another charge. This will just lead to people putting garden waste in their black bin or fly tipping it.
- I already pay for you to remove my waste via the council tax. We have a grey bin to take garden waste. Why the hell should I pay you twice for something?
- All rubbish used to go in one bin, therefore every household, regardless, paid their share through charges incurred via the local authority, as we all still do via Council Tax charges - as these fees vary depending upon property value no further adjustments to charges should be involved.
- So the options are do we pay for it or do we pay for it? Where is the we don't pay for it and the council pays for it and reduces costs by stop wasting tax payers money? I don't see that option. Interesting questionnaire for the public to complete.
- I do not agree that there should be any additional levy for garden waste collection at all
- I think that a lot of people will not subscribe, and will just put their garden waste in the black bin.
- I pay for a number of services within my council tax that I have not used and will never personally use and feel it is not fair to charge extra for a service I do and will use
- Charging will discourage residents from collecting the waste in their green bin and will lead to fly tipping
- Unfair on those without gardens if its done through taxation
- If people have to pay many will either fly tip, choose not to maintain gardens and it will be a negative to the area. Also it is not fair that those on benefits will be able to have costs reduced while others on minimum wages will have to pay.
- What's the point in paying taxes, if you then have to pay a subscription fee for a green bin to be collected. It's pointless
- The survey is unfair as the options offered do not mention that we already pay for this service in our council taxes and always have. So if we opt not to subscribe we don't get a collection

therefore we fly tip or burn polluting the environment. Option B if we do subscribe are our council taxes going to be reduced to exclude refuse collection. I do agree that if you don't need the service you should get council tax reduction.

- It is part of the council tax we already pay for. If a charge to be applied for households using then reduction of waste collection should be applied from council tax paid. Most households only have bins collected as a regular charge for council tax paid. Increases in council tax should already cover all waste collections and no need for additional costs otherwise reduce the council tax bill
- We agree in principle that council tax should be paid by everyone as a general taxation but relief should be given to OAPs and the infirm!
- Everything has. Even increasing massively this year and if I had to pay to get rid of my garden waste I would just put it in the black bin
- If you charge for collections then you will find an increase in fly tipping. As it is the recycling system is over complicated and the harder you make it to dispose of items the more likely it is that you encourage fly tipping. Make refuse collection and recycling easy you'll save money on investigation and removal of dumped rubbish.
- The Council Tax, is paid by residents for Council services such as garden waste. The garden waste bin is unlikely to not be used at all given that even a bunch of flowers once over would be disposed of there.
- If people have to pay a subscription charge, with the cost of living being so high, many will not pay it. This will lead to increased fly tipping which would be a problem for all. Providing a roadside collection for no extra charge from March till November, as in Wellingborough, I feel would be a good compromise.
- In Kettering we pay a high band off council tax than the areas that charge for bin collection. To off set costs of bin collection all council tax in the other areas should be raised to match Kettering so we all pay the same rates.
- I have been paying for years and use it a lot in the summer months. People who do not have a garden should not be paying extra in their council tax for those of us that do
- We paid for street lights for years when we didnt have any. Its just one of those things. Everyone with a garden gardens and that must be the majority of residents. If you start charging, some people will fly tip rather than pay or will put it all in the black bin. I hear you are reducing the size of black bins as well which will have the same effect and you cant do both, choose one. I pay £300 a month in council tax which is already far too much. Garden waste should be paid for by what you do with it. Why is compostable kitchen waste not being collected?
- If you operate a subscription scheme, significant numbers of people will not use it, and will instead fly tip their garden waste. We already pay for waste collection in the council tax, and this works well.
- I am happy to pay as I currently do
- I have Astro turf in both gardens any other garden waste is taken to the tip
- Implementing a subscription charge for garden waste collection will result in many families opting out of the subscription and instead disposing of garden waste in a harmful manner. This entirely contradicts NNCs pledge to protect the environment.
"It is important to dispose of all waste responsibly and in a manner that reduces harm to the environment. The most environmentally friendly way to deal with garden waste is to compost it in your garden. It is not good for the environment to put it in the black bin with your general waste because this waste goes towards either energy recovery or energy production. Garden waste has a high water content and therefore uses a lot of energy to burn so using these disposal methods is not a good way to dispose of garden waste."
- I don't use the trains but my tax money still subsidise the fair for those who do.

- Considering I only have a small bin and it is only emptied from march to october i think your oposed charge is too expensive, council rates are high enough anyway
- Prices are going up already people on benefits are struggling to live. Not all benefit people are avoiding work and must being lazy i am disabled due to illness and struggle. People who use service shouldn't have to pay unless in high end jobs stop fly tipping by offering free to those who are eligble to housing benefit
- Some households it won't be relevant to so it would therefore be deemed unfair
- £55 is a lot of money for some people, especially when the cost of living is going up in so many other areas. I'm sure some people would start dumping the waste which would increase costs with having to tidy it up.
- To redress the last few years when we have paid and others have not. For far too long we have had devices withdrawn which other areas have not to address equity in a more equitable way
- Despite this costing myself more out of the choices I don't believe someone who doesn't have a garden or someone who disposes of there own garden waste should have to pay a contribution toward my garden waste disposal
- We already pay for garden waste collection through our council tax , so it should stay the same cost rather than everyone's council tax go up . We hardly use our black bin because we recycle so much and yet other peoples are overflowing, they dont pay any extra so works both ways.
- We already pay for this service in the community tax we already pay. We have to endure a yearly hike and yet now it seems you are wanting to charge us again for what we already pay for.
We have to pay monthly whether we put our bin out weekly or not so why not leave it the way it is?
- There is unlikely to be a reduction in council tax to offset the additional charges.
Therefore, people without a garden, or for those who choose not to use the service, are no better off (no discount to council tax). For those who choose to use the service, the additional charges are the equivalent of a 3-5% rise in council tax.
The service should be the same for everyone in England not just Local Government.
- It is not an essential service like general waste collection so should be a chargeable service.
- I don't agree with either of these options I the long run there are going to be more people fly tipping and more going into the black bin
- As per usual the council are trying to relinquish their responsibilities. We have a council tax we have to pay for the services provided by the council. Are you suggesting that only those who use the library should pay for it along with other services not used by everyone. Seems like another scheme to get more money from the residents while the service diminishes. I would really like to know what the council does with all the money they collect.
- A subscription charge would lead to more illegal dumping and yet further cost to families. Cant see how it would help reduce road usage as the lorries would still have to go up the roads to service the people who pay the surcharge.
Best solution is to only provide the service from April to September
- No one should be charged extra we pay enough council taxes
- I cant afford to pay. It should br included in the council tax that we already pay.
- Everyone needs to contribute as the council cut verges , and tend green spaces which needs disposing of
- Think we're paying enough for the services and people can't afford the extra which will end up people fly tipping
- Because all residents benefit from gardens being well maintained, especially front gardens. If charges are imposed, even more front gardens will become untidy, affecting general morale and encouraging pests. As in [Redacted], local councils here should provide free garden waste

collections to everyone and *pay for it by fining heavily all residents and land owners who fail to keep their properties tidy*. Go to [Redacted]. See how well-kept towns and villages are there. Compare them to the many unkempt gardens and waste lands in Northamptonshire.

- I have a very small garden with very little waste, and would likely only need to use the service 1 or 2 times a year. A property with a large garden is likely to access the service more frequently. I should not be made to pay a yearly fee if i do not use the service regularly. Why should i pay to provide axservice for people in large properties, with large gardens. A yearly subscription tallied to everyone would be unfair to those with very small or no gardens, i.e. living in a flat. A pay as you go system would be much fairer and could run the same as the collectiin of household items, such as a fridge.
- Without kerbside collection I think there is a big risk of garden waste being illegally tipped anywhere, causing other health risks (rats), and more additional costs for the council.
- I don't believe we should pay extra on top of council tax for any waste collection.
- Some people do not have gardens and it would be unfair to expect them to pay for those that do
- We already pay out so much and now fuel prices rising, cost of living rising and now the council want to add more on top when the only thing that's not rising is our pays !! This government is out to cripple the whole country. We already pay for waste collection so why now are we separating garden waste and gunna hike a charge for it ? Where does it end ? Will it be household non recyclables be only collected for a additional charge ???
- We pay council tax for many things.... Public transport , swimming pools waste police and I don't use all of them but still have to pay for them being provided in our council tax so it's only fair that I wouldn't have to pay more for waste collection
- All our bills are going up and if it carries on there will be alot of people either in debt or homeless. We do not need anything added plus we pay enough to the council for council taxes take some out of there is necessary.
- I don't have a garden! There's no lawn to cut. No weeds to dig up. No trees to be pruned! Why should I pay even more for a service I don't use!? I live in a flat..
- There are so many services run by the council which are used only by a sections of the society such as adult care / school (many send their children in independent schools) and many more. So arguing that garden bin collection service not used by all so should be paid is flawed.
- None of the above as we pay enough now for less cover
- We already pay for garden waste through our very high council tax! If you start charging then some people will have to drive to the tip which is not environmentally friendly or even worse fly-tipping garden waste will probably increase which the council will have to remove. I would like our bin services to stay just as they are.
- I don't answer as no one should pay it should be a free service
- There will be long term impacts of charging. The majority of people will not be able to afford such a cost with the cost of living currently. This will lead to either neglect of gardens or waste being disposed of in black bins or even recycling bins.
- I believe that this is s better option for the wider community. A larger house that tends to have a garden will pay more in council tax anyway and those without would pay proportionally less. Also, it's better for the environment to have 1 vehicle as opposed to multiple cars driving to the recycling center.
Finally, by removing this bin, you risk the waste being added to landfill.
There are services that I pay for with my council tax that I don't use too. It's part of being a community.
- We already pay an obscene amount for council tax. Plus the garden waste is turned into compost. Would it not make more sense to earn a revenue by selling it to a composting

company to cover the cost and perhaps even make a small profit from the scheme? I already thought you did this!!

- If the service is not free people will use alternative methods, in general waste bins or fly tip, not all can take to recycling centres re transport etc, we pay enough in Council Tax, I don't have children to use school services etc but I do have a garden and need garden waste collected, I don't think it's required year round as very little waste in winter months
- Because you did not provide a sensible option as an answer and limited responses to the decision which has already been made. Providing the opportunity for residents to have their say is all part of the public process to cover decisions made by councillors and for apparent transparency. Again using public money which could have been spent elsewhere
If some are getting it free 100% of the time, some free % of the time and some on subscription, it should be levelled and made equal. There is no option to try everyone gets it free for % of the year.
- Some people don't have a garden or small gardens that don't require much use of a brown bin. However I do appreciate that some older people who live in their family home may have a larger garden that requires alot of attention either by themselves or family that the extra cost would cause anxiety financially especially in the present climate.
I personally wouldn't change anything about the collection at the moment
- If you make this a chargeable service then I think more people will dump their garden waste or use their black bins. Taxation across all would support more people
- Council tax is already high. Making people pay will only encourage fly tipping or waste being put in the wrong bin
- Already paying for it in our council tax. Therefore more tax for the same job. Already paid for it from November to February. Which you don't collect.
- People without gardens shouldn't have to pay for this service. An unnecessary tax increase.
- Garden waste is difficult to move and will create issues in our community
- Because i pay enough in council tax and already pay a service charge to live at priors hall
- I hardly have any garden waste so don't see why I should pay for a service I don't use !
- It reduces the reason to fly tip
- these questions are very narrow. I dont have school age children but through taxation pay for schooling
- Should not pay for something I do not use
- When all are paying the.cost residents will be cheaper.Not all can afford a bigger increase . Not cost effective because bin lorry end up driving miles to pick up 2/3 bins. Garden waste be dumped everywhere any green space will be used to dump piles of garden rubbish people will not want to drive and cue at the tip.
- We are always lending our garden waste bin to neighbours when they don't pay for their own collection and I believe we'd also see much greater uptake to support the green targets if this was a general bin service.
- I think we pay more than enough to have garden waste collected once a month from March to November
- I feel that this service should be offered free to all households therefore everybody will pay within their council tax.
- I don't agree that we should pay for it in any event.
- I prefer not to differentiate between types of waste. Just because someone has a garden, why tax them extra to remove their waste efficiently. We don't charge families extra for their extra waste if they have a baby and use disposable nappies. Plus a charge will lead to an increase in fly tipping.

- If it is free to dispose of garden waste at recycling centres (I.e. the tip) it should be free to have it collected. Otherwise the queues at recycling centres will get worse and worse.
- We already pay through taxation for other waste to be disposed of, whether we choose to use the service or not. This should be fairly applied to all rubbish disposal services as one service, not individually based on type. Our taxation should pay for 'rubbish disposal' and not be broken into subtypes.
- Continue with the status quo, council tax is high enough no extra charge
- We already pay an extortionate amount of council tax, sure this includes the cost of emptying our bins without adding further subscription charges that we cannot afford
- Because it will encourage other people who don't pay to secretly fly tip their garden waste if you put your bin out
And also we pay enough in council tax as it is
If Northamptonshire Council cannot control their spending as before why should the residents have to pay for that
- I have always felt that waste collection is something paid for in taxes. It feels like the council benefit twice by charging me for the collection and then benefitting from the sale of compost produced
- The garden waste should be within the price of your council tax band for the house. If the situation is going to get like that. Then I should be able to pick and choose which bits of the council tax I have to pay!
- Kerbside collection should not be charged extra for! We all pay very high council tax. Why should tax payers also be charged more, we pay enough!!
- Because there is no variable charge for collecting other types of waste (ie recyclable or non-recyclable) dependant upon how much waste is actually collected.
- We pay enough council tax already. Just collect it, if you can do it for every other town why not us. So are you telling us we're already paying for a service we don't receive? In that case you should also give everyone who hasn't received their garden waste collected for free a partial refund on their council tax.
- To be honest I find it difficult to agree to either statement above. I believe that we already pay enough in council tax each month so why should we then have to pay extra to have our garden waste taken away. A lot of people are already struggling with rising costs and now this. It is not good enough.
- The question is rather loaded, making it sound like a huge burden on others. In my area the majority of homes use a green bin. Some may not be able to afford a subscription so will start fly tipping it or dumping it elsewhere. It's great it is turned into compost etc, how it should be to be sustainable. We want to do our bit
- Fair to all
- This way everybody is treated equally, it helps those who are unable to dispose of garden waste themselves for whatever reason- disability, transport, etc It will also stop gardens looking unruly in certain areas and make the community a tidier place to live in.
If you are so worried about the carbon footprint then why don't you have large designated skips on estates/areas for the communities to use which would only need emptying on a regular basis, at the moment the trucks have to go through lots of streets for the paid service anyway
- I don't fully agree with either of these but feel that by paying council tax I am already paying for collection of waste from my home whether it be general waste, recyclable waste or garden waste. I compost what I can and the rest goes in my brown bin. I would not want an extra charge for emptying my brown bin
- Local taxation is used to provide services that benefit communities as a whole. Waste collection does this.

- I wouldn't want to pay for service if I don't use it.
- I have my garden waste collected by the council. I only put this bin out roughly once a month from the months of April-Sept. I wouldn't be happy paying £55 on top of my council tax as that would mean £9 per collection. There are people with large gardens who will put their bin out weekly, so why should I pay the same as them? Deduct the £55 off everyone's council tax and then charge for this service, people can't afford to pay for something else
- Whilst I understand not everyone uses this service because they don't have any kind of garden, or a tree nearby, they should then be exempt.
Anyone else should then share the cost as they can use the service as and when they need to. I compost a lot of my waste but I use this service as I need it x I won't always be able, due to being [age], to drive to the recycle site.
All round cost is getting out of hand.
- Not everyone uses the service
- Simply because I know of many people who have stipulated they will put their garden waste into their black bin to avoid a separate garden waste charge
- We need to encourage proper disposal and recycling of garden waste for the environment. There is far too much fly tipping in northamptonshire already.
We pay enough council tax services should remain in place.
- I don't agree there should be a North Northants Council. Corby was doing well without it as was Kettering. That said, I think as much as possible pre NNC should continue for each individual authority.
- General taxation works because everyone pays for all the services regardless of if they use them. We all pay for the police, fire brigade, roads, care providers, health services, we don't all use these services all of the time and some people may never use them but we pay because it is for the greater good.
To set a precedent like this that you only pay if you use a particular service, risks jeopardizing the principle of general taxation. People will ask why should I pay for care providers, or bus services etc.
I never use them.
In other areas where this service has been removed fly tipping has vastly increased, rogue waste removal companies are created filling in the gaps but end up disposing of waste illegally, often in laybys and side roads. This then has to be removed at cost to the taxpayer.
And lastly this service is often used by elderly residents who are on a much lower income than others. They love their garden and it is a sense of pride for them to keep it looking nice, an extra £55 may not sound much to some but with only a limited income it is impossible to take on extra costs, especially with the extreme rises in other areas. Energy, fuel, food and other bills.
- Because it's a fairer system for all and what are we currently paying our taxes for????? If the councils were more efficient, there would be no need for cost cutting.#
Start charging and it will get added to black bins or fly tipped.
- We all pay enough in council tax as it is this service should continue free as part of bin collection as people cannot afford to live at the moment with all price increases
- My bin is mainly filled with leaves from the trees that have been planted by the council round their flats, said trees badly need to either be cut down or at least given a good cut, ([Redacted]) if not the leaves will be left on the path and garden and will eventually block the drains
- I actually disagree with both of the options that have been presented to us. As council tax is constantly rising this service should be included. Also, it will give rise to more fly tipping should it become an additional cost which will cost the council more in dealing with said fly tipping.
- Because if you started charging people for things that only they use then the whole system will be skewed

- Some people don't have children or dogs but still contribute to schools and dog waste bins and social care etc.
Why just target garden waste bins? It will also lead to more fly tipping.
- Neither, the cost should be taken from the current tax as it is now
- If you do not have a garden why should you pay
- I think the council is just looking for way to get more money out of people, but this will go very wrong as it will be come a massive fly tipping issue when people can pay for it
- Collection is better for the environment as it reduces individual journeys to the recycling centre and road traffic. Additionally green waste is separated and used for compost, etc. if the service becomes subscription more will go into land fill which creates more methane and increases the need for more land being assigned to land fill.
- Not everyone uses service
- There are a lot of council services I don't use, eg school and libraries. I also only put out my black bin (household waste) monthly because I have very little unrecyclable waste. Will you give me a discount for services not used? No. Do I keep a tidy garden? Yes. No sofas in my front garden, no overgrown hedges, no concrete. My garden has plants, flowers and is full of bees. Perhaps rewarding folk for being a good citizen would be a better approach
- I'm [age] and only have a small garden but I don't drive and if I was to have garden waste my daughter would have to drive 100 miles round trip to take it to the recycling centre
- These issues should have been decided before now and I don't see why when my green waste has been collected for the last 25 years I should now start paying. If you have a opt in/out for this will it be offered for other services? I also think you will make more fly tipping issues.
- We are already tax heavily on other services that I personally do not use but this is acceptable as this is the way the council tax works if the council now decide to tax on waste collection separately then this should extend to all services so it is balanced.
- Not everyone will be able to afford an extra charge and this will lead to more black bin/landfill waste. Or fly tipping
- Not every household uses the service. The cost of living is rising at an alarming rate and should not be made even higher by even more tax. I don't agree with either option above. The collection of garden waste should be provided to every household within the tax we already pay as it is now. All this will achieve is garden waste being bagged up and put in black bins instead of brown bins.
- I have no children at school but don't get to opt out of that option.
When we have selective taxation it encourages division in the community, between those that have and have not. Local taxation should be comprehensive
- I have a huge garden which generates more garden waste than I can put in my two compost bins. This is not because I am wealthy nor is my house that valuable but it's a 1960s house and gardens were important then. I can't take my waste to the tip as there is so much of it but I realise other people with smaller gardens or none at all wouldn't use this service as much and paying for it would be unfair.
- Through the council tax we all contribute for services which we may or may not use. E.g bus subsidies, care homes etc. This is no different. It's just another service which we may or may not use.
- Because I think this will drive people to use the black bin instead for their garden waste, especially when they have little. This will not be good for the planet.
- There should be a 3rd option to keep the status quo
- Why would I pay for a service I don't use?
- I would much prefer the service to be free for all but understand in these difficult financial times that the council probably can't afford this

- Wider taxation covers a lot of services all of which are not used by all residents, I believe changing people a premium to take away green rubbish would encourage fly tipping, wrong waste going to landfill along with more people buying plastic sacks etc to put green rubbish in.
- There would be a risk of fly tipping on roadsides if it is not collected for free
- I already pay my council tax
- Those with gardens are already likely to pay higher council tax so shouldn't be penalised twice. Additionally, the equivalent is only paying for the police if you're a victim of crime or for the fire service if your house burns down.
- As the cost of living rises people with gardens may opt to burn garden waste instead of paying an extra charge. The smoke is disturbing and unhealthy especially for us who are vulnerable neighbours. The council should simply take responsibility for all waste through the council tax scheme. If garden waste is excessive the council can request the culprit to take their garden waste to the local recycling centre through a polite notice followed by a citation if ignored. In short residents should not be encouraged to burn their garden waste due to extra charges.
- The cost involved in admin would be cheaper if everyone had the option march to November to have garden and food waste removed.
Where do you put your raw food waste ?
- All other services are paid by whole community schools, elderly care, allotments etc. many of which people don't use but will do at some point. Many people move in and out of homes with gardens therefore the same principle should be applied.
- I disagree that you consider this a free service. We all pay for various services/benefits that we may or may not use through wider taxation. If this becomes a subscription service, I expect there will be no decrease to council tax, so those who don't use the service will have paid for it anyway and those who use it will be charged additionally.
- Part of council tax
- We pay enough for our council tax as it is and like o have said I have to cut back trees and bushes that don't belong to me that hang over my boundary that the council won't touch and have never. I also believe that if done pay and some don't then you will have stuff put in your bin that isn't yours or more stuff go in black bin or burnt
- Household / Garden waste should be covered by council tax . Not split up ! are you going to charge extra for large family households that have two black bins of household waste ?? Same scenario. Cannot charge extra to tax people who have a garden !
Think this is a divisive poll which is worded to create division of opinion!
- All community services are paid for out of our of council tax, which has gone up alot recently. If the council can afford to pay over £30,000 a month to house one mental health person in a privately run house in the community, I'm sure they can take garden waste too.
- once you start doing this, just like when the tips closed or charged fly tipping will increase
- It will end up being fly tipped by some or put into black bin. Rising costs elsewhere (fuel, food, water etc council tax) this would be another financial burden too far for some.
- Why should people who choose to dispose of waste in the correct manner pay additional money when residents that choose to dispose in a non environmental friendly manner don't pay. If everyone pays the same hopefully more people will recycle.
- Fairness for all, just because you have a garden, doesn't mean that you have a better income
- Because I do not have any garden waste and do not see why I should pay for a service I don't and have no need use.
- I would not like to be paying for it if I didn't use it however how would it be monitored? Those who don't pay have bins taken away??
I feel this is a insults to charge especially with the increase in council tax. My question would be where does all that money go to???

- There are services within the council tax which I do not use, yet I pay for. Recycling centres are not open 7 days and there will be an increase further to fly tipping and rubbish at roadsides and lay-bys
- I've had occasions where my neighbours have used my bins to dispose of their waste. So, I think some people will not subscribe but will use neighbours bins or fly tip to save themselves money!
- If we remove the service from council tax we the question and challenge all others services on the council tax, and which of those items in the tax applies to specific household types. Does the council tax become attached to an individual and not a property?
- A subscription charge leads to people fly-tipping waste on agricultural land and verges etc. to avoid the charge. This has been very evident in the local area close to recycling sites where a charge is already made for depositing items delivered by vehicles deemed to be "trade" vehicles (vans, pickups) even when this is not the case.
- People who have to pay will just dump it elsewhere
- Garden waste collection was introduced to support improved environmental KPI's for authorities. Consideration must be given to those that have no alternative means of disposal of garden waste.

Personally if any additional charges are put in place I can find an alternative means of disposal but many do not have this luxury.

I see a proposal for additional charges as an additional tax on those already struggling with the cost of living and local authorities have a duty of care for its residents, not to be inflicting more un-due fiscal pressure on those already in or close to the poverty line

- It will reduce fly tipping, I don't have children but I pay towards schools, I never visit a library but pay for that there are lots of services that I will never use but for the greater good I pay towards them via tax.
- If there is no kerb side collecting, we will have an increase in fly tipping.
- Be providing subscription service for only users, the cost is likely to be higher than if everyone can choose to use the service as I believe most people do, certainly in our village.
- There may be a tendency for those that don't pay to fly-tip.
- It is unfair for households to pay for a service they may not want or need to use.
- Would be happy to pay an extra charge, provided the service is actually reliable and the waste is collected
- There are already people in the village dumping garden waste around the eco meadow. This would increase if people had to pay separately for the service. Not everyone has transport enabling them to take their garden waste to the Recycling Depot.
The period of collection could be reduced to start from April, and finish in October, saving Council money.
- This service should be in line with other services. Libraries, litter collection, dog warden etc. paid for by all but not used by all.
- I do not agree with either of the answers and will not select one as the answers are skewed. All houses have gardens here, flats do not. I can't see why the garden waste cannot just be collected from houses. The timings of March to November does make sense, but a subscription (when the cost of living is increasing without any pay rises) will lead to no payment and fly tipping.
- Why not provide compost bins
- We are already taxed enough let alone for services we do not use.
So if it will lower tax overall then it will be much better for those who are struggling. Garden waste isn't a necessity to have taken away, that is down to individuals choices to have a garden that creates said waste.

Not fair on those with no garden particularly to have to pay larger taxes or ones who have never had garden waste.

Lower taxes for all and make people pay the subscription which is a reasonable price anyway.

- I understand it might be difficult to charge only the households who use it however why should other households have to pay for other people's waste collection.
- I'm a single and work full time, I struggle to afford tax as it is without added tax I don't use
- There are only two of us in our house, but we are paying the same for all waste collections as a family of 5 or 6. By this fact we are effectively paying more per Kg of general waste than these families.
- I think majority of households have a garden of some description and need this service in my area. Cutting down could mean a possible increase of fly tipping and the wrong waste being included in the black bin. I would be happy to pay a small additional charge as a regular user of the service in order to keep the current fortnightly collection.
- I think the questions are misleading and indicate that council tax will decrease if you do not have a garden waste collection. This is already factored into the council tax bill as it is so in reality those that do use council collection will pay a surcharge for something that is already accounted for
- If everybody pays the council tax they should cover garden waste
- Council tax is banned. I pay a higher amount in council tax for the same services provided across the county. Having our garden waste collected biweekly shouldn't be an additional cost. If you want to charge for additional services like this then council tax should be the same for every household.
- There are many services that we pay for via council tax. Not everyone uses every service. This is a slippery slope to residents wanting rebates on services not used and/or councils having to tailor charges to different households which in turn places administrative burden on council
- The previous question is skewed because both options relate to some form of additional payment and therefore the questions ask if the resident agrees to paying this, either for everyone or by subscription.

Not paying extra at all has therefore been avoided. 😞

- Garden waste collection should continue at no additional tax cost. This cost of living has already rapidly increased, and households can not cope with additional bills
- I have a massive garden (housing association) cutting my lawn once a week fills my brown bin in a fortnight. I am on a low income. If greatwell homes want to slab my grass that'd be great. Paying to have my brown bin emptied is a cost u would struggle to cover, but I would have no choice!
- We have bin collection services included in council tax.
Collection of garden waste should not incur further costs.
Introducing a further charge will encourage fly tipping and cost the council more to clear in the long run.
- This is because you would keep the tax would be kept the same, with the standard annual increase and then you would require the subscription charge on top of this.
- Why should we pay for green waste collection, we pay enough in council tax
- I don't agree with either proposal. We pay enough council tax as it is. Residents Should not be charged for this service
- Because its the same for schools or libraries, we all pay but we don't all use those services
- Most people have some form of green waste. I have artificial grass, but we still weed our plant pots and maintain in-between the paving slabs etc. We probably only use our green been twice per year.

- At present, the service I receive is paid for by taxation in Kettering. If this were to transition to a subscription-based service, I would expect a reduction in taxation for the service I am no longer receiving via that funding mechanism so this needs to be considered in any calculations and proposals.
- We pay for our bins to be emptied anyway. It doesn't say we only pay for the black and brown bins.
I agree that it is unnecessary to have 12 months collection. I would only need maybe 4 - 6 collections during March and October
- I am a pensioner with a large garden and could not get the waste to the tip myself
- Already pay for this service through Council Tax.
Greedy council looking to profit from residents. You will just encourage fly tipping. IDIOTS!!!!
- That is why we paid to much council tax to collect all the waste from the house and the street
- If garden waste collection is not free it will lead to dumping. Collected garden waste can be composted with recycling benefits
- Many different services are payed for by the council and are not used by everyone.
- If each service was funded by only those who used it the service would be too expensive for those using it .
- This waste would otherwise go into the black bins. By using garden waste bins this helps the environment and the council then recycle it. Good for the environment and better than going to landfill.
- General taxation covers many services that are not used in equal proportion by residents and is a guiding principle of taxation and public services. Where would it stop if 'those that use pay'? It would be so complicated and unworkable.
- We are pensioners with a lovely garden. However, we are being pulled in every direction with additional cost of living, council tax, energy bills , etc. and yet have no additional income. We will not pay for garden waste bins and will resort back to having a bonfire. This will be totally against our beliefs of going green wherever possible and your own supposed aims of a green environment!!!!
- I am a pensioner a d pay council tax
- This should be part of the services we are already paying for. We had it before so why should it be changed. If money wasnt wasted on offices that werent needed there wouldnt be a problem. There should be accountability by the councillors responsible for this mess.
- Fair to pay for the service without burdening those who dont
- All residents with or without a garden benefit from seeing gardens around where they live. Those residents who enjoy gardening will be disadvantaged if they cannot pay. I also believe it will increase fly tipping of garden waste which could be a fire and environmental hazard
- Having a garden is one of the pleasures I enjoy in my senior years. Alot of people like myself are struggling to make ends meet and for a further additional cost at risk this pleasure I still have in my life could be taken away.
Please reconsider this charge. Thank you
- All other kerbside waste collection, (black bins, brown bins, blue bins, food caddies and green bins), are paid through wider taxation at the moment in Corby I don't see any valid reason to change this system and exclude green bins. Doing so might discourage some residents, from having a green garden which are environmentally friendly to insect, wildlife and the planet.
- Whilst we are happy to pay a small subscription fee (would be good if it were lower) there will be many households that are unable to afford to pay and therefore end up throwing waste into the black bin or burning it as an alternative. If the council wishes to reduce its waste footprint it must make it easy for everyone to do the right thing. If the council wishes for people to compost waste in gardens ideally not everyone would have the space or knowledge to this. It would be

important to provide education and free compost bins to allow you to understand how to make good compost (the majority of people's waste would be grass cuttings which alone don't make great compost). Would need to be a mix of initiatives I think to maximise waste reduction.

- More people have gardens than don't...!!! By making those with gardens (some of which like us, have no choice as we are in Council run properties and have to already pay a service charge for gardeners who haven't seen for 2 years!!) pay extra, particularly during such bad financial times, it will undoubtedly lead to unkempt gardens, the towns beginning to look neglected and possibly lead to even more fly-tipping. Not to mention "bin-wars"... we already have problems with our neighbours putting their weekly refuse overflow in our bins when we put them out for emptying. If we have had to pay extra for a brown bin we don't want them filling it for free!!
- Do not change the collection method of garden waste. This will encourage bad behaviours and we already pay a substantial amount of council tax so this should include ALL bin collections regardless of what type of waste it is. Stop trying to rob people of their hard earned money just because this council is a shambles and bankrupt.
- If you start charging people will put it in the ordinary bin and it will end up in land full unnecessarily or get fly tipped. Not everyone can afford an extra £55 a year
- I would think we pay for a lot of things we don't use, maybe because of age or other circumstances, we don't get a choice on those. Paying to collect it WILL increase roadside dumping of garden waste as a lot of people's incomes are stretched to the limit anyway.
- This cost should be borne by all residents, we cannot separate and be selective on services we wish to have. Or cannot afford
- We have a fairly large garden, band F council tax, my wife and I are mid-[age] Currently have 2 green waste bins, and also make occasional use of the recycling centres in Kettering and Wellingborough for green waste. Due to the relatively high level of council tax that we pay any extra charge would be very unwelcome
- If you no garden then you shouldn't have to pay
- With the restriction on journeys to the tip and fly tipping is on the increase which is costly it's time that the council got its act together. Unlimited visits to the tip and fortnightly collections of garden waste all year at no cost we already pay for services without community tax.
- The concept is similar to anything covered by Council Tax - we don't ask to take out elements we don't use e.g. schools. I'd rather opt out of black bins than garden waste - but then given my black bin is under used, I can just put my garden waste in there so no need to pay extra
- It's why I pay council tax. I don't have children but still have to pay for other people's children. People will flytip otherwise.
- If you give residents the option not to pay I believe this would encourage those who choose this option to fly tip and put their garden waste in the bins of those who do pay. We all pay taxes for various services provided by the council but not everyone uses all of those services. Should people who don't have children pay less because they don't use children's services? This would have to apply to all services provided and would be unmanageable.
- We already pay for it in council tax
- If we are going down the "only pay if you use it route" for council services then I don't want to pay for anything I don't use, like schools, anything for Children, etc. You can see how ridiculous this then gets! Furthermore, a garden waste subscription will just lead to more fly-tipping, which affects those of us in rural settings more than towns, and will cost the council anyway! Environmentally it makes no sense as there will be increased traffic to the tip, as well as the bin lorry passing the door as well! A duplication of emission generating travel. It is also likely that people will use their black bins, which will increase landfill waste.

There is nothing good about this scheme at all. People who pay will also not want people who don't to use their bins when they put them out.

- When I lived in Wellingborough I payed less council tax where garden waste was collected at no extra cost. In Irthlingborough I pay more council tax then expected to to pay extra for garden waste

Yes there a cost involved for collecting the garden waste but processing is a lot less than the recycling, and can be sold back as compost with minimal involvement braking even or making a small profit.

If garden waste collection was no extra cost to all there would probably be able to produce more compost for sale and be less fly tipping around the country.

Personally I use the recycling centers around 4-5 times a year for garden waste because they don't cost me an extra £55 a year just my time and petrol much cheaper

- Most people produce lots of garden waste, when this is taken away by the council free of charge (or via taxes) it prevents waste being dumped elsewhere, unnecessarily burned (causing pollution which is not good for people with breathing issues) and also encourages people to dispose of it correctly.

Should the service be taken away (or charged for as an additional subscription fee), the green areas around peoples houses will become a dumping ground for garden waste, because it is cheaper and easier than any alternative. The household waste centres are always extremely busy and not always convenient for all residents

- A large percentage of council tax goes towards the education system in the county yet many, many of us do not have children and do not make use of the education system. If you are going to charge by use, then you will have to charge only those who use the schools for their running costs. So many retired people and those who do not have children are having to pay the school running costs. Is this fair???

Many people currently abuse the waste collection services, presenting more than one black, brown and green bin for collection every week. It is time this disparity was investigated and addressed. Each week I see many households with 2 black bins out, 2 even 3 brown bins out for collection.

This is a more urgent issue than bringing the services into alignment.

- I already pay my council tax why should there be another charge to have my bin emptied. Council tax is supposed to cover waste removal
- Don't need more division in services. It's a single council, it should have single policies!
- If it is not made easy for collection it will be dumped on road side . This way keeps our villages and towns clean and tidy.
- It's important that people with gardens be encouraged to tend them, both for aesthetic reasons and to improve the environment.

I have always composted my suitable garden and domestic waste, reducing the amount the waste to be taken from my house overall, however I still need to periodically dispose of a hedge trimmings and other garden waste.

For the Council to make a separate charge for this service, is discriminating against those who contribute to improving our environment

Fly Tipping is disgusting and already a serious problem both in the countryside and in our urban areas and this levy will inevitably result in an increase in this antisocial practice.

It is not rocket science for the Council to understand, that to impose such a levy will be resisted by most Council Tax payers, but above all, it discriminates against those on low incomes and those who have no means of transporting waste to the recycling centres.

- I guess the scheme is mainly used in urban areas so why do rural areas need to pay. I realise this goes against equality, but residents could take green waste to the local recycling centre.

Additionally only the smallest gardens eg courtyards etc would not have space for a compost bin. But lets face it - compost bin or garden waste bin - which takes up the most space?

- If made a subscription charge it will just encourage burning waste and fly tipping
- Shouldn't have to pay for for the service this will cause more fly tipping and we pay enough council tax as it is!!!
- Didn't really agree with either option. Whichever one I chose I have to pay one way or another. This service should be free and come within our cost of the Council Tax.
- Unless there were to be a real terms discount to overall council tax to account for this, such that those households who use the service would not notice an increase in their bill, then this may be palatable. An additional charge over and above the current council tax burden, for a service already provided, would be unacceptable especially given erosion of council services already means that I pay for the upkeep of a public space that in other areas is adopted by the council. I suggest that if the budget doesn't allow for an increase in current services, that the current arrangements by area continue in a grandfathered fashion. Alternatively, a return to weekly black bin collections may be acceptable to account for the increased garden load in general waste.

Charging will undoubtedly lead to a sharp increase in fly tipping, both of garden waste and general waste as people turn to their black bin to dispose of garden waste.

The aesthetics of the county would also likely suffer, as people do not tend to their green spaces due to the lack of waste disposal.

- Already see so much garden waste `Flytipped` daily, both in the towns and the countryside. Walking around the outskirts of Wellingborough daily. I already see `Black or Green` bins filled with garden waste, which will increase if a charges are introduced. This waste to e collected, by a specialist team or contractors at an even higher cost, to both the council and Taxpayer!
- I already pay for garden waste.
By putting an extra charge you will have more waste dumped every where.
What then about 2 person households who only put any bin out every other time ? Are they going to get reduced council tax . I don't think so.
- I think it all evens out in the end. Someone who doesn't have Garden waste may have two black bins and as far as I know they don't get charged extra for that.
- Actually the option is not there.
We pay our council tax and it is included in that.
Our garden waste you remove from us every 2 weeks you make compost out of and sell it off.
So why should I have to contribute money to you for making money out of my waste. In fact I may charge you for using my garden waste as compost.
- Many people in towns may only have a small garden so would not subscribe for a small amount of waste, so this is likely to end up in their black bin. Also, if the cost is spread across all residents, it would encourage more people with gardens to use the service, and it would be proportionally cheaper for everyone.
- This is already included in with my council tax why should I then pay extra on top
- As far as I'm aware it's been this way for years so why suddenly change it so some of us have to pay extra just to have a garden
- We pay enough tax already in this area (Mawsley) and this service has always been included and should continue to be. I'm disappointed we dont have a kitchen waste/composting collection to considering other areas do and how much we pay.
- We currently pay enough in council taxation, without gaining sufficient value. The waste of resources over the last 10 years has been staggering. Kettering is a dead town that few wish to go into, and cosmetic changes will make little difference. The council has permitted unlimited housing development simply to increase revenue, when infrastructure cannot cope. Road

maintenance conditions are dire. Which genius in the council allowed major road works on the Islam road, Station Road, and Cranford road at the same time, now compounded by works by Anglia water on Powell lane! Traffic chaos. This proposal around garden waste is simply a cynical way to increase local taxation, and nothing to do with "harmonisation" of services.

- I have very little garden waste would be the equivalent of maybe 2 bins a year and to pay £55 for this would be outrageous.
- I presently cut the grass outside the front of our Bungalow to help the Council
I would not continue if I had to also pay for collection.
Charging would only create more flytipping and add to the already situation
- Our household produces very little waste and we compost what we can. We have no children and make little demands in local authority for the council charges levied. However, green waste collection is useful to us and I would like it to continue, without extra charges.
- If Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough managed to offer the service then why was East Northants unable to do so?
- Paid through council tax.
- Council tax is high enough, charges for everything are increasing. If you start to charge for this service you create increased pressure on some households, also risking more fly tipping.
- We pay council tax for bin collection we shouldnt be charged for garden waste collection as its ridiculous, i pay 170 council tax and then if i want garden waste another 50 im a single mother working with [redacted] children one on the way, and i cant afford to be paying the extra charges but i have a garden which i need to cut regularly
- Everyone in my street has a garden, some people use more than their green bin for this waste and it ends up in the black bin
- We pay and have paid for many years for garden waste to be collected through our council tax, and that's the way it should stay.
- People without children pay for education
People without cars subsidise free car parking to help local businesses and town centre viability
BCW (a council with a very strong fiscal position pre Unitary) operated a successful garden waste collection system without charge for many years.
- The cost should be included within existing council tax, the same as other refuse collection services.
- I thought that my council tax included the collection of all the waste. I know that the cost of living keeps rising and so does the council tax. Garden waste should still be included in the cost of it. I strongly disagree to another extra charge for waste collection.
- I pay a lot of council tax and have no intention of paying any more for garden waste collections and I recently bought a large fire pit for burning wood but if you start trying to charge for private garden waste collections I will happily start to burn my garden waste in my garden wheter you like it or not. (after 6pm as a consideration to my neighbours) My name is [redacted] and I am the owner of no.[redacted]
And if every other neighbour with a garden adopts my method of disposing of their garden waste - good news and bad news. good news...it will save the council money....bad news the waste collectors will need to find new jobs.
- My garden is my responsibility, and if paying a yearly subscription means I can get the waste collected 12 months of the year, I am happy to do so, if I see a pro rata drop in the council tax. It seems unfair that those without gardens have to pay towards those who do, but I fear that if a subscription charge is introduced, it will mean those who don't particularly care about their gardens, and only cut the grass etc because it is collected "for free" (ie: they don't see the tax as a payment) will let them to go ruin, thus defeating the object of having a garden and encroaching on their neighbours who do keep their gardens tidy.

I would hope that housing association tenants would be required to maintain their gardens, otherwise we will see a degeneration of garden upkeep.

- If all premises have access to bins then the potential of fly tipping will be avoided
- Recycling etc should take priority, our planet is more important than money. Sack a few middle managers and put the money where its needed
- There are plenty of services that the council provide that I don't use, yet still pay for through council tax. If we are moving to a "only pay for what you use" model, then I'd gladly look forward to reduced council tax bill. However, I doubt that is the direction the council will take this so I don't see why I should have to pay extra for the services that I actually do use just because some people don't use them.
- We are already paying for the service in our council tax, I do not feel that it is right to remove services that are already paid for unless the main rate for everyone is first lowered, however, this is still a terrible idea, with the current cost of living crisis there are many people that are already struggling and this will not be prioritised in lower income families which will in turn lead to further tipping or the waste being put through the black bin or just left festering in gardens which will lead to rats. Please reconsider this, I don't believe the existing arrangements should be changed, we should be encouraging households to reduce the landfill black bin waste, maybe incentives rather than charges will drive a more sustainable existence
- That's very difficult to answer! Other councils take garden waste without charge..maybe that's incorporated in the council tax?
- Waste is part of council tax. Those in properties with gardens are generally higher council tax bands, so already pay more towards the services used. I already use the local waste centre in addition to the kerbside collection BUT this adds extra to pressure on roads etc. Doing away with kerbside collections is also likely to lead to increased fly tipping, already an issue in Northamptonshire!
- I find that my need for this service is intermittent. I compost as much as I can but not always possible. I believe that if this service is not available more will be fly tipped and that is already a huge problem
- We all pay Council tax and I see that We all pay for services that some of them I don't use and we cannot pick and choose just the elements that we use. So I think that it should be collected free of Charge.
- Forcing people to pay another fee to dispose of waste will just increase the incidence of fly tipping, or garden waste being put in the general waste bins.
- I think charging would lead to more litter and fly tipping.
- I would assume most people who do not have a garden are in accommodation that doesn't require council tax payments so this would not unfairly discriminate. I also think that the amount of fly tipping occurring due to paid waste collections is a detrimental cost on the tax cost versus paying a little more to prevent it.
- It would mean that I can have garden waste collected throughout the year.
- I already pay taxes for services I do not use. I put my garden waste bin out 3 times a year and compost and recycle the other times. I work and contribute to high level of taxes already for seemingly small benefit for my household personally.
I am trying to be responsible for wildlife and bee population and not just paving over green areas to avoid paying for another service I do not have the funds for.
- It's no different to other taxable services such as education and health - you pay for them whether you use them or not
- My garden,front and rear,is either slabbed or stoned.So it would be unfair for me to pay for a service I don't use.

- I think we should pay a charge for collection but not 55pounds 25 pounds would be more reasonable that way the people who don't have a garden won't have to pay a tax. And as you have pointed out it will help the environment by only collecting the said bins
- This question is biased towards NNC as no option for service to remain as.
- I am happy to pay, however I would be really angry if the collection was not all year round. March to November is not long enough and does not cover the times when I am cutting back and pruning. I have two heaps of waste garden clippings that I have to end up burning as the collection time each year is too short. If you want to charge then MAKE IT ALL YEAR ROUND please.
- Do not charge residents of Corby extra we are already paying an increased rate for LESS services and with the cost of living increasing exponentially, this extra cost is NOT affordable or needed.
- There was little choice and I had to pick one. Option 1 would only be viable if it was reflected in a council tax reduction to all to compensate all parties. This way those using it would not be penalised for doing so.
Option 2 was selected for the above reason. The majority of Northamptonshire is rural so those not using the service would be minimal.
- I think the garden waste should stay as it is were we pay through everyone paying in their council tax, i think it is unfair to add costs plus people will just place garden waste in black bins, I personally will not pay extra i would return my garden waste bins. Council tax is high and with prices for everything else going up can't afford to pay extra for a service.
- It is beneficial to the environment hence beneficial to all.
- I'm disabled so I'm unable to take my garden waste to the tip. If people receive benefits this should be free or just the disabled
- Only a few households have need or want garden waste collected. It makes sense to only charge those households and not every tax payer. It is also more environmentally friendly and frees up staff to work on other projects.
- All households will generate green waste, either from the garden or from food preparation. The volume of waste will proportional to the size of house / garden and therefore commonly proportional to the council tax band.
Insufficient waste is locally composted, therefore this needs to be encouraged to minimise waste.
Management of gardens also needs to be encouraged to reduce environmental and wildlife impacts, including discouraging plastic grass etc.
- cost implications currently put some people off using the current service. If it has been provided for free in corby and kettering then it should be included in capacity of current services for whole council area.
- The environment is important to all. Recycling and composting is the only way we should be moving to. This would be a backwards step.
- Garden waste collection should be FREE but you did not have a provision for this option
- It may sound unfair, " Why should I pay for something I don't use?". But even if it is not direct we all do use this service. Because if this service was to be charged for, people would not pay and then dump the waste, then that becomes everyone's issue. we see this already when people can't put the rubbish in the tip, they dump their waste on other peoples property. I pay for Schools, but I have have never used them as I don't have kids.
Garden waste could be used by the council to generate funds by selling it. If some one gets rid of their top turf this could be re-used. We are already over taxed .
- Some households do not use their garden waste bin all year round so it would be unfair to charge other households if they do not use the service. Also, some households use their garden

waste bin more than others so those people should be charged extra as they're using the service more than those who don't use it as frequently. By charging all households who use this service the same, some households would be losing out on money when they don't use it as frequently.

- I don't use the service often enough that I would like to pay an annual fee. It would be good if you could make an effort to explain to people how much better it is to compost. I would however happily pay a reduced amount for my bin to be emptied once a month.
- Charging for this service will result in more random dumping in our country lanes
- Shouldn't be charged
- I'm a taxpayer who is disabled and live in my own and can't drive due to an illness I have so will struggle to get rid of waste
- This should be covered under council tax
- Currently the waste collection is paid for in our annual fee. This should continue
- I think the Council needs to be very careful here, suggesting that some without gardens pay for those who do have gardens. I do not use many of the Council services which I pay for, will the Council be having a further consultation for those too so that I can pay less?
- There are lots of other services people currently pay for but do not use.
- I'm a pensioner & I can't afford to pay for grass cuttings / bushes etc to be taken away x I'd have to just let it all go wild & be very unsightly which isn't good
- I don't think there should be a subscription. There must be revenue claimed by the council when garden waste is sold on for compost. So I can't tick either of above.
- Bit misleading with the option's
If you expect me to pay extra for garden waste you can pick my bin up or I must be able to charge storage
The council tax is far too expensive now as we get nothing in return
Bin collection every other week that's it
- I don't believe anyone should pay for it as we pay enough in council tax which apparently covers the emptying of bins! If I have to pay to have my green bin emptied which I only get done once every 2 months anyway I'd rather not have the bin
- I think if you start to charge in these challenging times, the instances of fly tipping will go through the roof.
Maybe if the council managed their finances better they could provide a good and consistent service.
- I think that you should harmonise to the borough council of Wellingborough policy of no charge and not collect during winter months .
You do not give the option of no charge
- It is part of the council's job it has been paid for in our council tax ,don't treat us as a cash cow for bad management again
- We already pay our council tax and it should be included in that
- I think that it should stay as it is at min we pay enough council tax and has always been free
- Will the council stop trying to tax citizens twice for services!
This is a scam
- My council tax has already went up so I don't see why everyone should pay more. Absolutely ridiculously multiple choice there
- I don't think you should be charging at all !!
It's disgraceful
- Because I use the garden waste bin only between March and September for grass cuttings and the bin only goes out probably once a month to every 6 weeks in that period. To pay £55 for less

than 10 collections across the year is a false economy for me and I would just opt out and find other ways to dispose of the waste such as the household waste centre.

- I think it should be free to all not for some towns and not others we pay enough council tax Do this like Wellingborough only through summer months
- We already pay for collection, it is called our council tax. There are many things that my taxes pay for, but I do not use. Splitting things out is dangerous. This is due to the mismanagement for so many years and the tory stupidity of not keeping step with the increase in demand. Splitting this out will cost more in back office fees, lead to fly tipping and disince tivise people from actually recycling.
- Everyone should contribute. Some people don't fill there brown and black bins and others are jam packed, yet we pay the same
- This will promote better recycling and avoid garden waste ending up in general waste bins
- My reasoning is
We do not use the roads as much as mothers on school run , people going to work earning a living.
We do not use the schools .
We do everything we can to help the environment.
Donate to charities.
We are not a burden on the NHS and with 25p increase in our pensions we are saving to buy two [Redacted] Coffees. Which will take more than 4 mths.
With all the other increases in utilities, council tax, fuel and cost of living we are finding it more difficult to feed ourselves.
- Charging extra will result in fly tipping. It's a false economy and common sense not to charge. This is why there is so much fly tipping of waste such as white goods etc.
- The council tax I pay includes all bin collections already so I dont agree with any further payment.
- I personally am worried I couldn't afford to pay for my collection, and it would be difficult to dispose of myself
- If you are planning on starting a subscription service, you should reduce taxes as Brown bin collection is already paid for via tax.
- I do not have children but I still have to pay towards the services that benefit them and their families. I'm not given a discount or excluded from paying towards their services so why should those families be excluded from paying towards something I would benefit from?
- On the basis that the majority of households have a garden, a universal service covering the whole of Northamptonshire makes sense.
- If we can do without kerbside collections between November and March when we most need them due to clearance, cutting back and pruning I guess we can do without them for the rest of the year.
- We already pay for this service through council tax (which increases way above inflation rates for wages!) The council should continue to provide this service, preferably all year round, but not increase the charges. Household and garden waste recycling can and should become an income generation tool for the council. Household waste can be cleanly burnt in processing plants to then provide clean energy with no environmental impact. This was proposed previously by a waste processing company but turned down by the council!
- I don't believe garden waste should be singled out as an increase to disposal costs. If the council wants to charge extra for a long standing all included service I think the approach is wrong to suggest it should be paid by the individual or that people who don't want to garden shouldn't have to pay for those who do. It's a bit like suggesting that if you've never required the

service of the fire brigade that you can opt out of paying for it. Stop trying to penalise people from every which way you can find!!

- It should be free for all, as we pay far too much money already.
- Collection of garden waste should be a basic service provision by the local council
- Garden waste bin is not used that often I use mine during March - September once a month maximum, I do not agree with the council charging for this. I pay more council tax then ever and yet the services I receive are slowly disappearing
- Money already tight and payment increase I would consider a hidden tax disguised by fancy wording and misdirection.
- Otherwise there will be more fly tipping and more compostable material in black bins
- I think it should stay the way it is at the moment I don't agree with either of the above
- Council Tax in Wellingborough is rising proportionately more than elsewhere in the county as it was one of the cheapest in the country and is being raised to be in harmony with the other districts and boroughs across the North of the County. With many households coming under increasing financial pressure due to fuel cost, food price increases and general inflation this is another additional cost this is not a good time to implement this. We are currently paying for the service out of our Council Tax, if you can guarantee that my council tax will decrease by the same amount you wish to charge for this service I may be of a different view, but at the moment it's like we are being milked for everything you can get out of us.
Your pricing is flawed. The least you are willing to charge according to the options given is £40-£45, whether it be for a full year or 8 months. West Northants are charging £42 a year with a two week break over Christmas and New Year, so why are you offering an option that excludes four months of the year? Surely if you're not collecting for a quarter of the year you could afford to reduce your price accordingly.
- I don't really agree with either statements. The council waste is composted and used by the council and sold to local landscapers so it should be cost efficient if it was done well. Council Services are lax when it is other peoples money you are spending.
- As I don't have a garden waste bin I don't see any reason why I should pay for a service I don't & can't use
- If additional costs are added for brown bin collections, it will result in far more fly tipping and this will also result in council costs.
- Would not be happy to pay extra for this service.
- I only have a small garden and dispose of my garden waste either on my allotment, I object to pay for something I wouldn't use
- Should remain free to households we don't get much else for our council tax.
- Not really easy choice as I don't believe an extra charge on top of council tax should be added this should be part of council automatic services. If people have a garden and choose to pay others will opt out and will dump stuff or burn stuff so price will go up for those that do use the service as less users.
- It's no different to rubbish. Households should be encouraged to have gardens and maintain them (they'll concrete and Astro otherwise)
- I do not agree with either, my garden waste has been collected the same way my other waste is collected. I have not had to pay for this service as I already pay my council tax and this includes the cost of my bins being emptied. Why all of a sudden since we have joined unitary council we are now being asked to pay for this?
- If it was done through wider taxation, it might encourage more people to use it. Rather than disposing it in other ways. Already pay enough through council tax
- We have not had to pay for this service and find it unfair that we would have to pay for this now to council changes

- I don't think we should have to pay at all.
- We have a larger garden than most in our area. It seems unfair to people who have either no garden or small gardens with very little shrubbery.
- Don't think anyone should pay extra for garden waste this will result in people dumping it everywhere
- I very rarely use the service but would like it to be there as an option to get rid of garden waste - I can't put lawnmower clippings in my car and eventually the black bins would be used if the grey bin wasn't an option.
- I believe a subscription would not be a priority for many people so they would dispose of garden waste in other ways (black bin, fly tipping) which would have a more significant cost for the wider public. It would also not be in keeping with the council's aim to be carbon neutral. I also question why the residents of Corby, Kettering, Wellingborough should receive a reduced service because of East Northants previous financial issues.
- I don't believe we should pay extra for garden collection. If some part of northants have been providing it free of charge then I don't see why the rest of can't do the same. Our council tax continues to increase year on year and this should be factored into refuse collections
- It is not economically viable for only users of the service to pay as the collection vehicle would still have to drive down an entire street, regardless of how many residents used the service. Also the fly tipping problem could be exacerbated if residents needed the service, couldn't afford the extra charge and had no ethics regarding littering.
- I would personally be prepared to pay for the service but feel that a policy of only paying for what you use should not only apply to one service but apply across the range of services offered by the council.

If you pay only for the services that you personally use then presumably Wellingborough would have to start paying for car parking.

Why should everyone pay for the installation and emptying of the dog bins?

I personally never use any of the parks but would not wish to deny children facilities.

I am also concerned that having to pay will inevitably result in more dumping of rubbish.

- We pay enough taxes that collection of our garden waste should remain at no extra charge
 - I actually don't care which approach the council takes as long as it is the same for the whole area; it is not fair that I continue to have to pay to have my garden waste collected while the other three districts get it free of charge. West Northamptonshire Council have already sorted this out, so why hasn't North Northamptonshire? It just looks like that no one wants to make a difficult decision.
 - The hidden cost of fly tipping or disposal into land fill would be more expensive in the long run. It would also encourage flytipping in our lovely country sides giving rise to vermin and fires.
 - I feel it is a fairer way. However I don't agree with a standard subscription as there are many weeks during the collection period when I don't put my garden waste bin out at all as I compost and therefore I don't see why I should pay for a full year subscription
 - People with bigger properties already pay a higher rate of council tax so this should be reflected in services received.
- Also if you have to pay people will dispose of garden waste in other ways ie in the general bin or fly tipping which is already a big problem in the area.
- I disagree with both statements. I currently feel the Council Tax cost is one of the highest and as such this should cover the costs of waste disposal (including garden waste) already. Applying an additional subscription charge specifically for garden waste or increasing Council Tax even further should not even be an option.

The removal of any services currently undertaken by the council I would expect a significant reduction in my council tax bill.

- This has been the way for years. Tax should cover a wide range of services and there are time some people won't use certain services covered
- This is a service that most residents need because of garden and household waste. It would encourage more recycling if out of general taxation giving an incentive to people not to put compostable waste in the ordinary waste bin.
- Because neither of these answers I agree with we pay enough council tax which is supposed to cover this it will only mean more fly tipping and this will cost the council more
- Council tax is already high and families are struggling.
- I only use a small black bin and green recycle carefully and only once a month yet I pay for a full year collection. Surely easiest to spread the cost across everyone.
- The service in Wellingborough has worked well for many years, if there is a charge for the brown bin collection I will but the garden waste in the black bin, as I used to before we had the brown bin.
- We already suffer from a lot of fly tipping along the lane running from finedon to Harrowden, not helped by the charges at the tip to dispose of waste. To now add a charge for garden waste collections in a town that is full of older houses with large gardens will only add to the issue of flytipping incurring more costs on the council to clear up. With the increased costs of energy already about to severely impact the area which is deemed as a low income area, residents cannot afford to pay extra charges and have to make a choice between, heat, feeding children and now being able to dispose of garden waste.
- We pay enough council tax and with bills already rising this could end up with fly tipping garden waste if they had to pay for it if they wanted it removed
- People will fly tip garden waste rather than pay a subscription. This will cost the tax payer more to clean up abs could also harm animals (for example if they eat fly-tipped cut grass)
- Do only criminals and victims pay for the police? Council tax is for the public good, and helping EVERYONE approach zero waste is a public good!
- There are many services provided by the council which so cannot use but I still pay for them through council tax.
- House hold should not be made to pay all bills are going up this would just put people more in poverty
- Not everyone has a garden, not everyone wants to use the service. There are other options such as the local tip if they do not want to pay.
- I would be supportive a free service between March and November, I don't live in Wellingborough but this seem like a good idea.
- IT NEEDS TO BE FAIR FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD
- This should not even be considered being charged for taking away garden waste we pay enough council tax and it will be going up again in April!!! Thats the idea of paying it in the first place!!!
- We subscribe to the Council garden waste service, but did not do so in our previous house because we had a smaller garden and took garden waste to the tip.
I do not think people in flats with no garden should be subsidising people with gardens.
- IF YOU USE IT PAY FOR IT
- There are people I know who just put everything in their black bin regardless of what it is and the council needs to to the best it can to incurenge people to reduce the amount they put in their black bin.
- Only households who do not use the service should not have to pay for the service.
Every household within the North Northamptonshire area who use the Garden Waste Service should be treated the same and as such either everyone should pay or none at all!

- As a pensioner and short of cash especially with rising household costs, at the moment we pay extortionate rates and this should cover the collection..
- Police, fire and ambulance are covered by all household contribution, and most of us NEVER use their services. Charging certain households for the garden waste collection will result in fly tipping and that affects EVERYONE.
- If this guarantees that the bins will be emptied when they say they are going to be then no issue paying.
Need to guarantee good service though
- Everyone already pays for the service through their taxes, you have the front to increase prices but attempt to remove services after a small consultation with the sole aim at dividing opinions to force through what is probably already planned
- Should be included in council tax
- We pay council tax and charging for green bins is just another charge that's added to the council tax so in effect we will be paying twice. Once in our council tax for bin collections and another for green bin collections separately. It is unfair to be squeezed like this from a council that went bankrupt you spent our council tax in the past and making us pay for that incompetence
- We already pay council tax which includes the cost of waste collection, we should not have to pay any more
- We already pay a higher council tax band because our house has a garden and is more valuable. The garden waste scheme should be funded by this higher council tax band. We receive no other additional or enhanced services for having a larger/more valuable home and it is unfair to charge us more council tax but then penalise us because our house is more valuable due to having a garden.
- Current council tax covers refuse collection. Any further separate payments to remove refuse will only lead to more fly tipping. Garden waste is not generated to the same volume as household waste or recycling so doesn't require collecting at the same frequency. Therefore paying separately for a service that is only used a few times a year does not seem good value for money
- People will definitely keep things tidier everywhere if their garden waste is collected for free. They simply won't do it if they have to pay.
Or we will see more and more of it dropped off on the side of the road.
Which we see a little bit anyway as I think every two weeks is a push.
We have a rather large garden and struggle with the bin only being collected every two weeks.
In the summer months we fill it in one go and then it sits fermenting for two weeks.
When we put our bins out, if they aren't completely full we will always tidy/sweep up the road out the front and put that in.
Can't see people doing that if they have to pay.
- Service should be available to all irrespective of income
- Only option available should be a service included as part of council tax no extra subscription for this service!
- Unfair to charge properties without gardens
- Even if it was decided that only those who use it pay the council tax for everyone else would not be reduced. We all pay for all services. E.g. it is not only parents of small children who pay for schooling in their taxes.
- As a single person household I have little household waste, only using weekly collections maybe once a month. However during summer months I use garden waste collection every second week. So to charge me for garden waste collection would be unfair and encourage people to fly tip garden waste to avoid paying a charge.

- This is the general idea of tax, in the same way schools and police aren't optional subscription services.
- If people have to pay then they will just cram their garden waste into the black bin or fly tip it. We have a large garden so would have no option but to pay the charge
- We have had our garden waste collected as part of our council tax for many years before that we put it in the black bin. You are not going to reduce our council tax by the amount we have to pay so why should we pay more. We do not get value for money from our council tax as it is
- As with other services it should be paid for through the Council Tax!
- I believe that if you start changing for garden waste collection then the amount of fly tipping would increase greatly.
- It's not fair to tax someone who does not use the service. If it would reduce the bill for them that would be great.
- We have always paid it through our council tax here for kerbside pickup between March and November which is easier and more efficient. I think if there was a subscription service you would find more fly tipping than there currently is.
- I don't agree with the 2 above questions
- Many residents pay for MANY services via council tax which they do not use. Fire Brigade, Police, not everyone recycles etc etc... Garden waste collection should be "free" (paid under the existing Waste Collection charge) to those whom wish to use the service, if only to encourage less green waste going to landfill.
- We already pay in our tax to council. I strongly believe you are robbing us with a second tax
- Compromise. Universal collection, March to November.
- Residents who have kerbside collections and do not want to pay for it will fly tip their garden waste
- In the garden waste bin more than just garden waste goes in it... everyone should recycle sensibly and therefore this bin should be used by all households
- We have enough to pay without paying this ridiculous charge
- Council tax is already high enough, with the cost of living becoming untenable for some people there shouldn't be any extra charges in order to maintain garden waste
- I feel the service should be free and not an additional cost at all.
- To make up for the disparity in 2021-22 and likely in 2022-23 that NNC has failed to address in a timely way, leaving residents of former ENC area financially disadvantaged. There is a lack of parity and equity in the service provided - an issue that the Local Government Ombudsman should be investigating.
- I rely on my garden waste collections and would benefit from an all year around collection. I am disabled and not able to take my waste to my local recycling centre.
- It is only fair that those using the service have to pay. It is an option for residents who wish to use the service. Those who don't have any garden waste shouldn't have to pay. I rarely use my bin from September to March (just for cut flowers) so would like a reduced service and therefore a reduction in the subscription fee to reflect this.
Fab service I have to add :-)
- I would be happy to pay if everyone with a garden pays. Otherwise some will tend to put it in the black bin. Those with no garden wouldn't pay. However, I don't have children so don't use those services. But not everyone uses every service, so I imagine it evens out.
- People who live in flats have no need for the service..
It's should be targeted to those across the whole of Northamptonshire who would use it... At a sensible price..
East Northants is supplementing those who don't have to pay.. And it isn't fair..

Discrimination by postcode!

- I don't use services but I am still taxed for those services. If this is going to be the case, maybe we should only be taxed for the services we use...that would be a headache for the council.
- Council tax considers garden size in its valuation therefore those with gardens already pay more
- The collection should be for all during March- October and therefore not require a higher taxation
- Don't think people should pay if don't use the service but also no option to state we already actually pay enough on council tax so either its covered by that extortionate cost and shouldn't cost more but then those who don't have gardens should then pay slightly less. So could chose either option really if the council tax wasn't such a rip off as nothing gets done around Northamptonshire by the looks considering the amount paid!
- Dwellings without gardens tend to be flats apartments which is reflected i. Their band/charge structure. The council will also be involved in maintaining outside spaces in a lot of cases
- If garden waste collection was included in my council tax bill, I wouldn't take as many trips to the recycling centre. The trucks go for those who pay anyway so it will actually reduce emissions if more people would also use the free service, instead of taking it to tips so they didn't need to pay.
- I pay council tax towards other services provided that I do not use can I have a reduction on those or will you be asking people who use those services to pay extra?
- As long as the fee is sensible I have no issue paying for collection
- It has always been free - I don't see why I should pay extra to have my waste recycled.
- I dont agree with either option it should stay the same as what I get now (included in council tax)
- If you charge individually to you will likely see in an increase in fly tipping and people adding garden waste to general waste bins. Both are likely to lead to increased costs to the council.
- Because we pay through a Council tax bending . The higher the counng cx il tax means usually garden with the waste to go with it
- I agree with wellingborough scheme of part of the year. But I do think everyone should pay towards it because a vast majority of residents will use the service at some point whilst living here whether that's in their current house, a new house, someone else's house. People who don't pay may take advantage of the people who do pay by topping up their bins without their knowledge. Also we will see an increase in waste being dumped down the surrounding country roads.
- I currently pay for my garden waste collection so it will be what I'm accustomed to doing. Think people who don't have gardens may not take kindly to being asked to pay for something they don't use?
- Unfair to charge those who don't use the service, for example if they have no garden, but equally unfair to provide this free to some areas whereas others have to pay.
- I don't currently pay for a garden waste bin as I believe it shouldn't incur an extra charge for residents that need it.
- Already on alternate weeks for collection so don't understand how it costs anymore. There is already extensive fly tipping around Desborough, Arthingworth, Harrington etc . By charging more you will only be encouraging more.
You currently can't police the fly tipping and overall costs to remove said waste would be more.
- We live in Wellingborough and the bins aren't emptied during Winter, so why should we pay the same as others whose bins are emptied more often.....
- We already pay to have this waste taken away. If you wish to change this service then you should take the cost of this off of the people who do not use it. Don't try and make it out to be a saving for anyone as its just another way to get more money not pay less.

- It needs to be fair for everyone. Even people with disabilities, age, everything. I myself rely on my professional gardener, but still need my garden bin emptied from March to September... With the cost of living no one needs extra money taken from them when already paying council tax.
- Many residents pay for MANY services via council tax which they do not use. Fire Brigade, Police, not everyone recycles etc etc... Garden waste collection should be "free" (paid under the existing Waste Collection charge) to those whom wish to use the service, if only to encourage less green waste going to landfill.
- Council tax charges cover lots of different things. Different people use different parts of it, some all of it. It would cost more money to sort out who uses what etc and if you do it for the bins then surely you have to do it for everything?
- I do not mind paying a fee to have my garden bin emptied fortnightly but why should everyone pay on their council tax for garden bin collections when they won't use it (living in a flat or no garden)
I do mind that not everyone in Northamptonshire is paying for their garden bin collection if they use the bin.
I have lived here for 6 years so I have paid out just over £300 which I find very unfair when other householders get it free.
So yes I agree harmonise the garden bin users to all pay or all don't pay.
- I pay £150 a month + for [redacted] all, the least you could provide is bin collection.
- I have not answered above question as I understand we already pay with our council tax
- There should not be a charge for this as it should be part of the council tax. Extra on top of this affects so many old age pensioners and the poorer residents. Our pockets are only so deep
- It's part of the Council tax we pay. Would we get a reduction if we didn't use the service ?
- There are many Council services that I contribute, via Council Tax payments, that I do not use. If I don't have a child or a car should my Council Tax be reduced? I don't use the library. Why should the fact I have a garden mean I have to pay extra. The Council Tax payments are for the whole community, therefore the whole community should contribute for Council services.
- I already pay for this service through my council tax. If you are making it an additional charge you need to reduce council tax (not absorb the saving) and refund me for the last four years. Stop taking more and more money from residents who are struggling financially. Examples like this show how little you care.
- It should be a free to all service across the county
- Paying a separate charge for green bin collections will only INCREASE fly tipping and or garden waste going in the black bin / landfill, regardless of what others say. We already pay enough in council tax. Over £2k a year for us personally.
- I pay for schools that i don't use. same principle applies.
- The questions above are unfairly restrictive and make it seem as though it is unreasonable to suggest that those who do not use the service should pay the fee. The council tax we pay for funds a wide range of services that all residents have the opportunity to benefit from. There are many services that my household pays tax to fund that we do not use because we do not have a need for it. The proposal of implementing an additional fee for an already included service is ridiculous. Please confirm what services will be added in place of garden waste if that will only be provided for an additional fee. Or does this mean that residents who don't require garden recycling will have a £55 decrease on their council bill? In which case should we not all have the opportunity to opt out of and receive a discount for services that we will not use?
- Garden waste should be collected by the council as it always has been. This will help with people keep their garden areas maintained and also stop potential fly tipping. I have just moved to house with a large garden and my bin will be fully used. I have already ended up 2 council

bands higher so cannot afford to pay for this service on top of the increased costs incurred already.

- The principal behind council tax is the provision of services even if you do not use them. There are some services I don't use but pay for. If we have to pay for garden waste collection will we be able to opt in and out of services we don't use?
- I don't use lots of services does that mean I don't have to pay for them? care homes council houses, disability centres, play parks ? I don't use any services in Kettering or Wellingborough so why do I have to pay for them? Maybe you guys need to learn about how tax works geez. This will just increase fly tipping or people mixing the waste into there black bin so even less recycling or burning the waste .if you don't have a car (low income) your only way is to pay further whilst living costs go through the roof.
Will you be improving the recycling centres so people can use these for longer periods? You know the people like me and my wife who work during the week but if we go the recycling centre at a weekend get turned away regularly due to it being too busy ?
- To avoid fly tipping and people just putting it in their black bins in bin bags which will happen if you implement additional charges. In the area that I live we pay higher council tax rates than the equivalent houses in other parts of the town so it should be provided free along with black and brown bins - you don't charge extra for a family next to us putting 3 times as many bins out than us so garden waste shouldn't be charged for
- Because I won't pay. I won't use the service if we have to pay
- It affects everyone in one way or another
- Would the portion of my council tax which is used to pay for garden waste collection be removed from future council tax demands. I doubt it therefore not only would i continue to pay this charge I would be asked to pay again. This is before we even think about the impact on fly tipping of garden waste.
- Some people may not be able to afford to pay and may then fly tip. There are lots of services the council provide that are not used by everyone.
- The cost of collecting my garden waste is more than offset by my council tax band, compared to those living in flats without a garden. We compost as much as possible and use the local recycling centre with exceptional loads of garden waste, so feel a further charge is unjustified.
- People may use black bins if they are charged and it may even encourage fly tipping. Also everyting is getting more expensive nowadays lets not add more expense
- Lots of people will not be able to afford to pay extra for there garden waste. This will lead to more fly tipping. Which will cost the council more in the long run.
- We shouldn't have to be charged for removal of garden waste. It should come out of normal council tax as it always has. When the change was made it was found that The area that is north northants had been paying more council tax than anyone else anyway so now why penalise us for something that has always been included as part of our council services.
- I feel we pay enough tax now without extra costs which people can't afford all its doing is encouraging people to flytip, have more fires or extra pollution of going to tip and people having no garden waste le having paved gravel artificial grass no plants shrubs etc which is bad for the environment and wildlife.
- The government wishes to stop dumping in the countryside etc. and also to encourage recycling in order to reduce carbon emissions.
Therefore more recycling centers are needed and garden waste collection should be free.
- I pay enough tax each month! I pay nearly 1500 a month in tax/NI/council tax.
Stop taking people hard earned cash!!
- No fee should ne charged it's an absolute joke. You are already hiking Tax and claiming more and more and now you want to charge on garden waste? If you charge then a lot of residents

will just dump it somewhere on council grounds then and you will be making a lot more work for yourselves. Scrap this stupid idea. I won't be paying for it that's for sure. Some will be putting it in black/blue bin

- The vast majority of users have garden waste, from bunches of flowers and other indoor plants, to lawn mowings and hedge clippings. A universal service would minimise this waste being placed in black bins, other people's green bins or fly tipping.
- It seems fair that only people who use the service should pay but this should be the same for the whole county
- It is fundamentally wrong to discriminate against those who use the service by introducing an additional charge. Furthermore a charge may encourage inappropriate behaviour such as fly tipping and bonfires, neither of which benefit the environment.
- Collections are already paid for through wide taxation, council tax. This should remain as is.
- I feel that it is important to separate garden waste charging for this will ultimately lead to people putting their waste in general waste and thus more waste to landfill.
I personally do not have grass so do not generate much garden waste so would not pay for a garden waste bin.
- I think it's all or nothing we all pay or nobody pays when we are in the same council umbrella. This should have been sorted before the amalgamation. If free then only collect March to November like Wellingborough. By charging some and not others this encourages fly tipping.
- I do not agree with either if people have to subscribe and they can't afford it they will put the waste in their black bin we are all trying to do our best for the planet by recycling garden waste collected by the council we can all do our part this is covered in the rateable value of each property what happens for those whose council tax is paid (benefits) where do they find the additional cost it will also cause more fly tipping and general dumping of waste which has increased since covid and more lost jobs Kettering Corby etc are not particularly affluent areas this needs to be taken into consideration
- I am unhappy that many areas now in the same council do not have the same access to free garden waste collection. I pay the council for my waste collection, but my friends in Wellingborough and Kettering get theirs free. Surely you can understand how I feel this is unfair. I would be equally as happy if all people from all areas paid for their garden waste collection. I realise this has to be paid for somehow, but it seems only fair if ALL who use the service contribute in the same way, and different areas under the same council are not treated differently for essentially the same service.
- If you're using a service then a contribution is inevitable, if you're not then you shouldn't have to pay.
- This is the fairest and most efficient option. It will encourage residents to recycle and help reduce fly tipping.
- Everyone should be encouraged to use the green bin to help the environment, and we do not pay currently so don't think we should have to start now
- We fill up our grey bin every two weeks due to having pets
- I believe that all garden waste should be paid for with our council tax, which is already incredibly high.
- The only fair option other than agreeing for not paying for a collection like we do now.
- If just shared equally the cost won't be as much, our council tax is high enough now.
- We all pay a contribution to all areas, in our council tax, whether we use the service or not. This should be no different. My household contributes to services that we do not use.
- The (previous Borough) Council has already "excused itself" of its responsibility to look after the common green areas (despite having been given Government money to do so, but used it for other purposes) so to ask us to pay for garden waste to be collected for a fee is an insult. Right

now the Council isn't even bothering to collect green bins on alternate weeks. The dustbin men have no regard to where they leave one's bins after emptying them. No wonder Christmas hand-outs from residents is a thing of the past.

- We have 2 green waste bins and use them all year around. It seems unfair for people without gardens to be paying through taxes for something I need
- With a small garden we would only use the service, possibly three/four times a year whilst others might use the service every week/fortnight.
- It should come out of the council tax. Not everyone can afford to pay the extra subscription & may not have transport to get the waste to tip.
- Most houses have a garden so should share the cost
Rushden has been paying for a long time for this service but yet Wellingborough and other surrounding areas are still free
- I pay for lots of services that I don't use, we've never had any children but we pay for schools and children's services. If you are going to say only the people who use it should pay then I'm sure I should have the option of opting out of paying for everything that we don't use.
- I strongly suspect there will be and have seen examples of increase in fly tipping where policy such as this has been brought in. We already see a lot of fly tipping.
- If people have to pay more for it then I would think people are more likely to dump their garden waste anywhere they please.
- If you levied a charge to people they simply wouldn't pay it and just put all their garden waste in the black bin. This would end up costing the council more money to dispose of it.
- There may be occasions when some residents do need to use it. I do not believe in an annual charge, it should be part of our council tax.
- Collected Garden waste can be composted and recycled, rather than filling landfill sites
- The Council Tax paid is based on the valuation band of your property, thus those with a higher band, likely to reflect a larger property or garden will be paying more for their council services including refuse collection, irrespective of the number of people in the household. Thus, those with properties in band B / C or above are likely to have a garden of some size and use the kerbside garden waste collection service on a fortnightly basis
- I do believe in poorer areas charging may increase fly tipping. Or dumping on the kerb to wait till the council clean it up.
- Recently, council tax has risen, as has every single other bill. At some point, bills will become unachievable and rather than deciding based on my personal requirement for garden waste to be collected by the council, I make my decision based upon the fact that everything is increasing in cost or becoming chargeable and not everyone will have that luxury of being able to pay. Also, areas will become more rundown eventually, because people won't want to pay for removal of garden waste so therefore will not bother clearing the garden waste!
- We don't use our garden waste but we still pay the same council tax as people around us that use it so in my eyes we should be on a reduced rate. We pay more than the house next to us due to being a bigger house but more people live in their house than ours. Why should we pay more council tax for less service?
- It is currently provided to some residents free of charge therefore it should be possible to be offered free of charge for all residents who wish to use it without an increase in taxation.
- If we begin to charge for a service that currently has none, then I believe that those affected will use other methods of disposing, either in black bin bags (general waste), or an increase in illegal fly tipping!!
- I use my garden bin all year round. I believe by doing this I'm not clogging up the recycling centres or holding up traffic whilst waiting to get into the recycling centre. It's got to be better for

the environment that we're all not on the roads especially at the weekends using them. If I didn't have a garden bin I would put it into my general bin and I don't think we should do that. It would help with fly tipping as well.

- Council tax is a universal charge, so every council tax payer all ready pays for services they may not use, eg libraries, leisure centres. Can I opt out of paying for these as I don't use them, no so why should I have to pay extra for a service I do use?
- The vast majority of the population in the NNC have had brown bin collection fee of charge as part of our ever increasing Council taxation. Whilst I am aware that East Northants residents have had to pay for their brown bin collection this may well have been due to lower Council taxation.

It would be crazy to charge people because it will stop residents from using the brown bin services and lead to immediate domestic bonfire increase and contribute seriously to GLOBAL WARMING!

As an ex Chair and current Parish Councillor of Wollaston, I strongly object and deprecate the NNC' suggested policy of requiring a new levy on brown bin collection.

- Other services are provided by all regardless of usage.
- I DO NOT BELIEVE ANYONE SHOULD PAY EXTRA TO HAVE GARDEN WASTE REMOVED
- It has always been collected. We have always paid our council tax so why should we be asked to pay extra .
- There are more dwellings with gardens than those without. I am not sure how you can manage a situation where only a portion of those with garden are willing to pay for the service when in reality all those with gardens would need to have their waste collected to prevent them dumping. I would like suggest that a dwelling with a garden has the cost added to their rates.
- Everyone pays council tax so everyone has a legal right to have their rubbish collected without extra charges being added. If you are going to charge for bin collecting then drop council tax rates and open the tip 7 days a week.
- This system has worked well for many years so why alter it?
- It is unfair to charge everyone for a service that they may not use
- WHY all of a sudden those with gardens are being penalized, after all you want us to "go green" When people purchased their houses we were encouraged to grow veg. and flowers in our gardens, now we are being penalized. Not every body has the means to transport garden waste to tip (do we use the bus to take our waste away).
- We in Desborough have had the largest council tax rise and this seems to be another way to up the tax collected in our area, why not stop the service in November to March across all areas as the bins are hardly full during this time. Maybe schedule a collection mid Jan for the trees with a online one off collection charge of £2.50 per tree. If you start charging more for this service the fly tipping will rise and costs you more to clean up! Weigh it up and make the smart choice!
- Suspend this service between Oct & march as not many use this service!!
- Residents with no garden , or no garden waste , or use a commercial gardener , or compost all their garden waste, should NOT have to PAY for a service they do not use and should NOT have a Garden WASTE BIN
- I already pay a tax that has paid for the garden waste collection, so don't see why I should pay again.
- Very hard to distinguish of what council tax pays for. Presumably if charged separately for garden waste, council tax will go down.
- Firstly if a charge is levied it will lead to an increase in fly tipping.
Secondly waste collection has always been paid for via local taxation with the cost spread across all household and should continue to be so. We do not charge only those who have children for their education costs or only those who use social services the cost of the service.

Local roads are maintained for the benefit of all whether you own a car or not. The council run tips are free for all to use but you must have access to suitable transport to be able to use them. On a personal note whilst I use the garden waste collection service regularly I put out my black bin only 3 or 4 times a year so subsidise the black bin collection service for those who use it every fortnight. The same principle applies.

- This should be factored in to the cost of the council tax we already pay
- I pay now through ENDC and I will continue to pay if necessary. Needs to a fair price though.
- I think it should be part of my council tax bill
- As with many people, we do not use many of the services that are covered under the Council Tax - a precept is added to our Council Tax Bill to cover [Redacted] Parish Council who are responsible for the street lighting, cutting the verges etc.

The roads are not maintained and are in a shocking condition in places.

Police and Fire aside, our tax basically covers our bin collections. As such, the garden waste should be covered alongside the household waste.

- The UK's economic downturn is based off two factors. Brexit and a decrease of spending by the public.

Providing free garden waste collections through wider taxation should provide the benefits of Keynesian economic theory.

Less direct costs to the public will increase the odds of individuals spending more on their income, increasing overall economic activity.

With the green bins collects becoming free, it will increase the odds of availability to those who may not of chosen to pay a subscription.

There are at least 2 garden centres in the Burton-Finedon-Irthlingborough area, there is a real opportunity for people to make keynseian purchases, which also relate to the garden bins themselves.

- **BECAUSE THAT IS A FAIR AND EQUITABLE WAY TO DELIVER SERVICES**
- All Council responsibility services should be paid for by. All residents through annual tax. Not all residents use all services so this tends to balance out.
- For 12 years Corby Council managed to collect our green waste at no extra charge to any resident in the borough - A move 3.5 miles down the road into East Northants and we have to pay; still, what with all the money wasted on recent court cases against the former East Northants council the outcome is almost inevitable I suppose!
- Surely those that do not need to use the service are either 'huge' properties with the space to dispose of their own garden waste via bonfires etc or flats/terrace house with NO gardens.. so their council tax should reflect that..not everybody has the ability to take garden waste to the tip.
- Concern that people don't want to pay extra if they have an option. May result in fly tipping large amounts of green waste
- Our current council tax covers this and always has done, just another excuse to add tax on us, if we pay by subscription will there be a discount on what is currently covered by council tax
- Garden waste collection is already paid in council tax, does not require "wider taxation" - that question is a complete swizz
- Feel that those without gardens should not pay for a service they do not use.
- I cannot afford to pay extra. We already pay for this in our council tax
- I already pay over £3000 rates per year. Isn't this enough for a single household.
- We pay for it already in our council tax
- Why have we got to pay more?

You already take more than enough to provide the services you provide, we shouldn't be paying for the incompetencies and fraudulent behaviour of the previous county council

- To continue with the service previously provided by Kettering Borough Council.

It is unfair to start charging particularly for older or more vulnerable residents whose only pleasure maybe to enjoy their gardens and looking after them

This was so obvious during the recent pandemic how gardens became peoples sanctuary.

- There's lot of other council services I don't use but still have to pay for so if the council only want to charge me for things I use then fine let's get that itemised bill sorted
- No reason to change the way it is, i.e. collect a brown bin which is already paid for through council tax. If you want to charge me for garden waste collection it I will not pay and everything will go in the black bin.
- Clearly if people do not have a garden, or if they have a garden but self-compost they should not pay for this service. It is unfair to increase all council tax charges.
However, given the discrepancy of the Kettering area NOT being charged individually in the past, this was clearly unfair from the outset for Kettering residents OR was it profiteering by the East Northants Council to charge separately for this?
- IT NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL TAX LIKE IT CURRENTLY IS IN KETTERING . AT NO EXTRA COST AT ALL
- I pay enough in council tax as it is, absolutely disgraceful charging to take away garden waste
- The collections should be available to all at no charge to encourage everyone to keep their own areas clear, not just back gardens but patches of greenery near the property.
There are quite a few older people who use the garden waste collections frequently but may struggle if the council were to now start charging them for this service.
- I haven't answered the last question simply because, we don't get the bin collected on the day at the moment. So why should we pay.
- I agree with change however when all cost are now increasing you are adding to already stretched households budgets, so this would generate more fly tipping. I thought these charges were included within the council tax payment!
- Introduction of a charge, especially when many households are finding finances stretched, will lead to garden waste being disposed of in general refuse bins and, potentially, being fly tipped. Retaining a free at point of use service avoids these issues.
- My garden waste bin only goes out for emptying once, sometimes twice a year.
- If it is subscription only, there will be increased green waste going in black bins for landfill - not in line with current climate challenges/objectives.
In addition, flytipping of green waste will skyrocket, leading to waste being blown about by winds, leading to increased clear up challenges for the council.
- The kerbside collection should be part of the normal waste collection process. Why are we paying the council tax? This should all be part of that.
- This service should not be charged separately for this is called council tax
- Every resident has the opportunity to use the service as and when required so they should pay
- All local authority taxes should be the same across the area for all services or you will get into the realms of, "we haven't any street lights why should we pay " etc.
- If you start splitting out services, you then start all sorts of other questions for example about whether people without children should pay for education or whether people without cars should pay for road upkeep etc. Easier for everyone to pay the same to cover all services, keeps things simple.
- It's worked fine for the last 10 plus years. A collection all through the year as gardens grow all year, grass during the summer and hedges and bushes pruned and cut back during the rest of the year. We were told the council composted the green waste and used it around the area on their gardens saving money buying in compost.
- Why should you pay for a service you do not use
- Obviously those that do not use the service should have a reduction in their rates

- The same could be said of other aspects of the council tax formulation: some aspects are used by some; others not.
I see no reason why garden waste should be excepted for that reason.
- There are plenty of council services that residents don't use, but still pay for via taxation. To change the garden waste removal service to one that is only paid for by residents who use it sets a precedent that I don't believe is helpful to the local community. I haven't called the police this year - can I have the policing portion of my council tax back for that?
- The cost of administrating a scheme will potentially any gains, so better to remain free
- Not all households have the ability to have composting facilities
- If its not collected, it will end up in the black bin or fly tipped, either way this is more expensive than the current collected service.
- We should pay it through our council tax like we have been over the years and not a private company all you're doing is making more money I have in private companies giving you cash in your pocket it is disgusting that you were even thinking about it there will be people that will not to garden waste to get your self together and stop trying to make profit of private companies
- I don't agree with paying any subscription charges for garden waste as I already pay far too much council tax as it is.
- Because not collecting green waste will mean more in the BLACK BIN and into landfill.
More trips to the local waste tip and smelly back bins.
- It should be part of the council tax that we already pay, so NO to paying twice.
People who do not have gardens should have a slight reduction to their council tax
- It's so important that this kind of waste collection is included as lots of people will go "oh I don't need that, I won't pay the extra money" and then when they inevitably do need the service they'll burn the waste in their garden or fly-tip it, thinking it isn't fly-tipping because it's greenery
- We have had green garden bin for years now ,we already pay enough taxes for services and all we see is services cut in corby . We have lost so much since we joined services especially and all bills go up ,for what ???
I agree flats etc don't use green bins but that is because council maintain the garden and flower beds etc .where as every other household have to do their own . So they actually get paid gardeners to do job for them .
If people don't have bins they will fly tip we have already seen this happen with other restrictions and cost brought in by council it will only get worse .
- If you start charging to use a garden waste bin most people will put their waste in the black bins. Just because a small part of the county pays now is not an excuse to charge the majority who don't.
- We already y pay enough council tax.
- I feel it would be difficult to differentiate who is eligible by virtue of having paid separately for a garden waste collection, and would probably take as long as being prepared to collect from every household if the bin had been put out.
- it should be part of the council tax , that we already pay for.
paying once is enough
- Dont agree with either option, we already pay enough rates
- It should be under the council tax payment. If we have to pay for our garden waste even if we didn't ask for a garden then we should have a reduction in council tax
- The above statements are poorly worded. The first infers that I agree that garden waste collection should be paid for by those who use it. I'm strongly against any bespoke levy being imposed for garden waste collection. The second infers that wider taxation would be imposed on all residents for garden waste collection. I am strongly against any further expansion of the current taxation system for garden waste collection.

- A subscription would mean that residents with smaller gardens, who would only use the service a few times a year, would not get value for whatever charges were decided on. I only use the service for large prunings and try to compost the rest at home.
- Council Tax covers many different services, some of which I and my family have never benefited from, however we still contribute to them via council tax. If every service was only funded by the people that use/need it there would be very few services viable to provide. Councils are there to provide services to the whole community paid for by the whole community it should not 'cherry pick' who can benefit from a service on the basis they can afford to pay more in tax than others. This new council has already benefited from a substantial increase in council tax in 2021 to supposedly harmonize the community. It would seem that harmonizing is the new way of saying PAY MORE.
- People will put it in the black bin if charged.
I don't use the police, or any other service provided by the council tax other than having my bins emptied but I still pay it, why should garden waste be any different?
- unless we only charge parents for schools, the idea of only charging those who use it is not the correct way to go and opens a dangerous precedent
- I think everyone should get it as part of the money we pay in council tax, why should I pay the same council tax as someone who lives 5 minutes away from me but then I also need to pay extra for a green bin when the other person doesn't need to pay anything else. It's discrimination against where you live
- I believe that many people will not pay for the collection service as they have been used to garden waste being collected free of charge up to now. I would be happy to pay a reasonable annual charge for the collection of our garden waste but I fear many people would simply use their black bin to dispose of it instead of paying for the dedicated collection service. For this reason I believe everyone should pay a small amount towards the service.
- Because a lot of people (I am not one of them) who cannot afford to pay for a roadside collection and will either fly tip or put it in other bins. You are arguing that everyone who needs road side collections will be signed up and therefore the truck will only have to drive to these addresses, but you could opt in or out of this service which will create the same savings. I do not think everyone will opt in and will go to the dump to get rid of their garden waste and I think it is more environmentally friendly for one truck to go around and pick all of it up than everyone driving to the dump and back. Plus the service at the dump has deteriorated in recent years and the local dump is not open every day so this involves driving to another town - even less environmentally friendly. If you want to encourage composting give free composting bins and get a website up and running so that people can request the pick up which will route being driven around if there is nothing to collect.
- It's an absolute disgrace that you are charging for this service I already pay council tax for the collection of my rubbish and now you want more
Is this to cover your pension pots and vet paid salaries
Disgraceful
- I feel that we are already paying for this service with our council tax. If you charge individuals for collecting Garden waste others that don't pay for it will dispose of it in the paying tenants bins.
- Garden waste is an important collection, where would it go into land fill.
Anyway there are other vegetable, fruit and egg shells etc all year round.
Fly tipping would become a nuisance.
- I think the price of council tax should cover all council jobs, including ALL waste removal. The price should not increase for doing your job

- We already pay enough council tax. Instead of you charging why not review all the money you currently waste. It's a complete joke. Having looked at Corby on a daily basis you tend to focus there then other areas. All the greenways grasses are cut on a regular basis if not excessively
- I agree that people should be charged for a service they do not use. However each property in North Northants should be reviewed. If it has a garden which produces waste then they should not be charged and this should be reflected in their council tax bill.
- The wording of these questions is leading and is the thin end of the wedge regarding services. "I'm happy to pay for services that I receive but not for those that I don't" so how does that work at a societal level????
I claim for nothing and don't receive any supplementary services... am I due a massive rebate??
Do you want me to list what I don't get that others do??
- This cost should included within the council tax charge
- I don't see why I should pay any more than anybody else when already pay an extortionate amount of council tax what should be included we pay enough already.
- I have a large garden with a perimeter hedge as do most properties in [Redacted] area. Maintenance during the summer months can be difficult with the current 2 weekly cycle not being enough. Having to pay an additional charge seems unfair & may lead to the beautiful greenery in the area being removed.
- I pay £3000 per year in council tax which has increased in recent years and it it so wrong for the council to charge extra for the garden bin, all they are doing is shifting the problem to fly tipping.
- We already pay for the service through council tax, I don't agree with the council finding another way to charge for a service we already pay for and have done for years!
I still maintain we could learn a lot from [Redacted], big dumpsters in the street, everyone uses them and then you only need one lorry and one driver! It's quicker, more convenient, provides more space for rubbish/garden waste and is emptied regularly.
- We can all Use a kerbside refuse collection and this stops some people leaving waste where it doesn't belong.
- I pay for services the council provides, eg children's services, that I don't use so brown bin collection should be paid for by all - unless I only have to pay for the services I use?
- Will my council tax go down if the subscription comes into play? I doubt it so it's not a case of saving money for people who don't use it it's just a way to get extra money on top of what the council already charge!
- People in flats etc shouldn't have to pay
- I don't have children in school but I pay for schools. I don't take the bus but pay for public transport. Council services should be included in the tax and be available to all. It is not free, we are paying a huge amount of money for council services and should expect a service in return. My council tax bill is nearly £3400 a year and the only service I actually use is getting my bin emptied.
- To avoid fly tipping of garden waste
- I am a Carer for my husband who has Dementia; I am unable to leave him to take garden waste to the local Recycling Centre.
Our Council Tax has gone up whilst our refuse collection service has vastly reduced by the change to a paid garden waste collection.
On limited funds we can't afford to pay the additional charge so this is, in effect, a discriminatory process.
- I don't believe a subscription should be charged, we pay a considerable amount of council tax anyway and a service such as this should already be covered by the crippling amount we already pay

- A free collection service is best maintained between March and November, with an additional one off collection after Christmas (for all those trees).
A paid service still requires the lorries to come down each street, collecting waste from those few that have subscribed. Therefore the cost to the council remain pretty much the same. The limited amount raised from running a subscription service would have to be offset by the large increase in general waste. Residents will no doubt dump their garden waste into the black bin to save money.
There is also an ethical question of increasing the amount of landfill with what is a material that can be reused. Surely you can compost the garden waste and sell the product to offset the cost of collection.
- I live in Wellingborough and I am happy with the service that I get regarding the disposal of garden waste. I agree that it should be the same across the 4 areas. I think that it should stay the same and only be available between March and November.
- There will be services available that are never 100% used by everyone all of the time. People are struggling financially at every turn at the moment. They do not need the joy a garden can bring causing upset too! Conservation areas have kept hedges etc. Are they now to be penalised!
- Charge just like North Northamptonshire Council it should be no different!!!
- I think that kerbside garden waste collections should be included in the Council Tax charge in the same way that other services are such as Libraries, which not everyone uses but they are there should you wish to avail of the service.
- Garden waste collections should be paid for through the council taxation, there are many services paid for by the council tax that a lot of people do not use, by making the garden waste collection separate from the council taxation will open the door for other services only available to those who pay, or council tax payers may want to choose what services they pay for, affecting the council revenue.
- it is a service we already pay for.. just another way of getting more money for doing less, we pay enough for council tax as it is and get very little in return but bigger bills.
- You have worded the question to get the answers I think you want! Stating as 'wider taxation'. People already contribute to services that they don't use, e.g education, social services etc - so why should this be any different.
I believe you have phrased the question in such a way that people without a garden would reply as ' only those who use it should pay for it' .
- My garden waste is very rarely collected on the allotted day. I have lost count of the number of times I have contacted Wellingborough Norse on this. Lorry issues, staffing issues are not my problem. I pay more than enough in Council Tax as it is. Given the exponential rise in fuel, gas, electricity, cost of living (just to survive), I am strongly opposed to any additional charges, it is my view that this will lead to an increase in fly tipping as there are many people who simply cannot afford ANY additional costs. We already have to pay for adult social services within our council tax when many do not use the service. We also pay for policing and visible evidence of this within Earls Barton is sadly very lacking. All waste collection, including garden waste should be covered under existing council tax payments. Don't force people to pay any more as they simply cannot afford it and more would be spent in sorting out the inevitable increases in fly tipping of garden waste! By all means make a charge for the households putting out more than one garden waste bin but please leave the rest of us alone as this charge will tip many over the edge and inevitably lead to an increase in mental health issues!
- It should be free we have been paying for years and elsewhere it is free even it up!!
- I have no garden waste bin as I only have a small garden. I take all my garden waste to the local recycling centre. I don't see why I should have to pay for something extra that I do not use.

- This device has always been included as standard in Corby - you will find that many will not pay for garden waste collection when it has previously been free. It will likely result in people not disposing of their garden waste correctly.
I would have thought that the council can also recover at least some of the costs by processing, or selling on the garden waste as alternative products.
- If paid for only by those who use the service it is only logical to pay for the other bins by the amount of waste in them. My black bin has very little in it so surely I should pay less than those who fill it.
- It seems that people who have gardens are being penalised here, what happened to promoting the local eco system. Larger families with children in social housing would probably find it difficult to pay additional charges for this, this would lead I am sure to increase in fly tipping.
- Free to all at the point of collection.
March to November collections are OK
- Most constituents already have a service paid for through wider taxation so reducing the up-front cost to East Northants seems the fairest way to go.
- This is what we all do just now
And our bills are already increased
- Match service with demand and pay for that service.
- I would like to see the service maintained. It is fine for me as it is
- I don't agree with either statement. No one should have to pay for green waste to be collected. Charging will discourage people from using it, which will not be good for the environment
- Lots of people don't have garden waste - why should they pay for those that do?
- Flytipping of garden waste would increase if the service was withdrawn. People should not have to pay separately for disposal of garden waste. It should be part of the service paid for through Council tax.
NNC would not be acting in a responsible manner to withdraw this service from the majority of residents in North Northants.
It is wrong to apply the principle that those without gardens should not have to pay for a service they don't use. Applying this principle in other services, for example Education, would be unworkable.
- If we wish to move towards a system of households only paying for what they use, I'd be DELIGHTED to accept a very significant discount to my council tax, as a childfree household who don't use most of your other services either; I currently feel like my money goes into a black hole (it's certainly not spent on the roads), so please do make it proportionate to what we use! Yeah, I thought that wasn't on offer...
So, back in the real world, it's just plain unfair to start charging for a service we've had for free for as long as I've lived here (12 years). I appreciate the comments that home composting is more efficient, but even if I was to begin that, my garden isn't large enough for a large enough compost bin to cover all the waste I get from my garden, so there'd still be a lot left over. And your information also notes that putting garden waste in the black bin is even worse... well, guess what most of us will start doing if the alternative is to pay even more, in these times of crazy increases to living costs? It's simply not an option for most of us.
If you profess to care about the environment, then continuing with the free collections is the only valid option, otherwise you will see an increase in flytipping, home incineration, and garden waste in the black bins; it's a very obvious consequence to removing a service we've had for so long.
If you want home composting, then offer us free compost bins, or even discounted ones (do bear in mind they're only £30 on [Redacted] - a bulk buy should be able to get that somewhat lower per bin, and offering them free will get a much higher takeup than any charge would); I don't

really have space in my current garden but I hope to move soon and would use one then; giving me a free one might even encourage me to make some space right now.

But it's basic human psychology that taking services away from us will not result in a positive reaction; use the carrot instead of the stick if you want a change in behaviour.

- I am happy to pay for this service, but I am very concerned about the level of fly tipping around the village and would want this to be focussed on.
If people don't pay for garden collection would this lead to increased flytipping?
- By putting a barrier to recycling, any new additional charges to get rid of garden waste will ultimately create an increase of material going to landfill, being burned on bonfires or may result in fly tipping.
- If you only charge those who use the service you're simply penalising those who garden over those who don't, or are willing to fly tip. You don't charge people more, the more they visit a GP. If services are based on use, it should apply to all services, schools, healthcare, police, fire. If you don't use them, no need to pay.
- Tax and rate payers should be treated the same
- Haven't answered to either option as questions are biased to house holds having to pay additional costs for local services . There is no option to disagree with what's been proposed.
- If I am going to be made to pay for garden waste collection, then I would expect a comparative reduction in my council tax to compensate. Since I highly doubt this would be the case, the best way in my opinion is for the council to continue providing the service to those who pay to use it (i.e. all of us through our council tax!)
- If you make people pay extra for garden waste there will always be ones that can't afford it and that can lead to fly tipping, also I feel that composting at home encourages rats. If everyone started composting at home we will have a big vermin problem.
- i am on a very limited budget which is why i have never paid for the service if you make it free you will add it to my council tax bill and i will pay regardless , those who want it should pay those who dont (like me) should not have to pay extra
- This should come out of our rates which are far too high anyway.
- Current taxes cover the collection of green waste except for those having to pay £55, which in effect is paying twice for the privilege of having their waste collected. If the decision is made to apply a separate charge to all who wish their green waste be collected, will there be a similar reduction in the taxes currently paid into the council coffers?
- Because you never when you might need to use the service and it's unavailable to you if you haven't paid for the year
- I believe that by making this service paid for through taxation many more households would be willing to use it and keep their gardens tidier. Right now the cost is prohibitive for some, and they have no other way of getting rid of garden waste.
- I believe we pay enough already in council tax that green waste should be collected within these cost
- I pay a proportion of my council tax for services I don't use, so others can. How is this any different? If you don't provide this universally and make it pay as you go effectively, does it stop here or start a precedent that lets you move onto the next service to charge the few people using it, until people opt out of fire coverage and burn to death? Ultimately this feels like an attempt at raising revenue outside taxation and I'd wager those who opt out aren't going to see a reduction in council tax for not having it? Is it a massive burden to run all the trucks and pay all the people collecting it? If you were transparent with the figures to show what the individual cost vs tax cost were against what it costs you to run then maybe we'd see where the value was and who it might benefit. I doubt this will happen though.

- There are many council wide services paid for by everyone that only a handful use. This should be no different. There will most likely be an increase in flytipping if the kerbside bins are removed.
Also if this service was taken away would it mean a reduction to our existing council tax bill. Probably not.
- We all pay enough council tax for services that some use more than others so it is unfair to ask people with gardens to pay more when they probably already do because their property is bigger than a flat without a garden. It will create a problem with garden waste being dumped as not everyone will be willing to pay the additional charge
- We already pay for waste collections through taxation, I do not agree we should pay more for green waste
- Seems the fair way to administer the service
- I am in favour of a Wellingborough type scheme where garden waste is collected for seasonal periods.
The effect of withdrawing the free service will cause an increase in fly tipping and affect older residents the most.
You have worded the questionnaire in a way that makes it appear unfair on poor EN residents. Harmonise the scheme so that the EN residents don't have to pay and this in the long term will help the environment.
- If residents are required to pay there will be an increase in fly tipping waste
- The reason why I answered the above question the way I have is because when I lived in Gloucester we had the choice of paying the Council for taking our Garden Rubbish away. I paid , but Joe Bloggs up the road didn't pay and he would bring his rubbish and dump it in my bin under cover of darkness. At that time too the Council were adamant that the lid had to shut or the bin would not be emptied . Quite often so much of other people's rubbish was put in my bin , the lid wouldn't fasten so it wasn't emptied and I was left having to get rid of this . I mentioned this to the dustbin men and they decided to pick my bin up from inside my gate and then the dumping stopped . I can see the same thing happening here if I choose to pay (,which incidentally I think is fair) so that's why I voted the way I did .
- Going by your analogy of households paying for services that they use, and is almost unfair to ask payment from households who don't use a service, would mean that all households would have a choice to pay or decline payment for, libraries, police and fire, social care/services, tips, and any other council services, based on the facts that they never use them
- Because I pay for the service, why would I pay twice?
- Should be paid for by money realised from recycling, no extra cost
- I have literally just paid my yearly subscription of 55 and to find others in my devolved county do not pay for the same service.....I do not think racing to the bottom and everyone pays for a service regardless of use is fair. I believe this year all East Northants subscribers should be refunded and a wider consultation that provides fairer results is considered!
- Most use it. Even if it is sporadic.
- It is unfair for those who do not have a garden and therefore do not need/use a garden waste bin to have to pay as part of their council tax
- I pay taxes for services I do not use and others do, if we start paying for only what we use, there are many services we should pay subscriptions for. I do however agree that garden waste should only be collected through spring and summer months.
- As with everything some people use some council services others do not and do not get a reduction for not using them. This should be the same with regards to garden waste.
- I appreciate that not all households have gardens and therefore do not generate garden waste, therefore the fairest way would be a REASONABLE subscription charge.

However, I find it grossly unfair that other areas within Northamptonshire have had a Garden Waste Collection Service free of charge for many years.

Pensioners, like my Mother who is [age] yrs old, has been paying for this service for years and when her bin is emptied the bin is often left far from the end of her drive. With limited mobility, she often struggles to wheel the bin back along the uneven, unmaintained pavements and keep her balance.

- WE ALREADY PAY FOR THIS THROUGH OUR COUNCIL TAX. GREEDY COUNCILLORS WANTING A BONUS OR HAVING TO COVER THE £4000000 PAY OUT YOU HAD TO MAKE TO THE PUB LANDLORD YOU [expletive] OVER SHOULDNT BE PASSED ON TO US.

- I currently pay a subscription to the (former) ENC garden waste collection, and I am happy to continue to do so. I compost as much as I can at home, but it is useful to have a garden waste collection service for non-compostable material.

I do not see why households who do not use the service should in effect have to pay, and as Council budgets are stretched I think consideration should be given to charging for any service where this is permissible.

- I didn't have the option to choose that it should be provided as a service like refuse collection already funded through council tax
- There are lots of services I don't use but still pay for through tax - I don't see why waste collection should be any different. Surely we should all pay for everything or only pay for what we use for everything?

It also encourages environmental practices and stops people putting green waste elsewhere where they don't have to pay!

- Garden waste should be collected between say April-October, if this service occurs an extra charge in corby I feel that there will be more fly tipping
- Council Taxes are extremely high for Cotby residents even when not adopted.

Bin collections is all we get since 2000. That is bad enough.

Try saving on Council frivolities and building posh Head office buildings ...

Bin collections is part of Council Taxes... Maybe stagger dates for Winter once a month and Summer 3 weekly... instead of fortnightly.. Next you will be stopping food Bin waste.. Thought we were supposed to be going Green in our County????

- People won't bother up keeping their property
This service has always been paid for in rates / council tax. I'm sure It will result in more road side dumping.
You're just forcing another payment onto residents who are struggling already. Will everyone be charged or will those in recite of benefits get it free
Why not provide roadside skips for people to use if the problem is cost of vehicles. ?
Dii oh sent natter if 1 house or 30 houses in a road use bins. Transport costs are still the same
- Why should people with no garden, say in a flat pay extra for people who do have a garden?
- If we have to pay separately for garden waste collection there will be many who will opt out and their waste may well be disposed of in a less than ideal manner.
- garden waste should not be a separate charge to anyone, thats part of our council tax charges.
- More people would use the service if there was no charge, which would in turn reduce the queues at recycling centres
- For the environment
- We use our grey bin every week because we clean our rabbit hutch out
- It's not fair that people like myself pay the annual subscription but other households don't or they put their garden waste in other peoples bins or don't dispose of it properly.
- Whilst there should be a degree of parity between residents within North Northants County Council, it is not acceptable that there should be a diminution of the services that were provided

by our previous councils. It was the reckless administration of Northamptonshire County Council which caused the situation we now find ourselves in. As residents, we were promised that the new council structure would not cause any adverse effects, so as a resident of the old Kettering Borough Council we should not see a change in the services provided by our local authority.

I do think that waste collections which have previously been free should stay that way. There are lots of things paid for by wider taxation that are not utilised by all residents. Some people don't use parks as they are unable to access them, some don't have cars but there is still part of the council tax that goes to the highways, the list is endless, so for you to include that as a reason for charging for collections is underhand. As elected officials do what you were elected to do and keep your promises. Looking at the next page of the survey, it seems that you have made up your mind already. Why did you not not make these statements upfront? Just be honest and do what you intend to do rather than treating people like idiots and misleading them in to thinking they actually have a voice. It is a sad indictment that once elected, our officials dismiss the opinions of those who voted for them. This is a small issue but a big principle.

- In the text preceding this survey, it mentions about collection lorries being needed along all roads if a universal garden waste scheme were to be implemented, however I don't see how this is any different from the food waste collection. In my previous location (Huntingdonshire) the food waste and garden waste were collected as one by the same lorry.
- May lead to more people fly tripping garden waste which costs money to the council to remove.
- Garden waste should be free for all houses
- I would happily share the cost with my neighbour BUT definitely think it should be linked to size of garden/quantity of garden waste
- With local taxation being based on rateable value then most likely more tax paid by those with larger gardens which makes it a fairer system rather than a fixed fee for all properties.
- Council tax is high enough already; garden waste should not be charged above the current rate.
- By making everyone pay (the amount should be minimal) this will encourage people to use the 'free' service, This in turn will help prevent fly tipping of garden waste and will help the environment by turning the waste into compost. This, of course, could then be sold to the public thereby reducing the amount needed to run the scheme.
- Because of people have to contribute voluntarily, they won't ! And we will find ourselves in the situation where garden waste is strewn over the streets along with all manner of other rubbish which is currently being dumped everywhere
- People won't pay and will fly tip there waste or use peoples bins who are paying without agreement.
Enough fly tipping already in our area
- I am happy to pay the subscription fee I currently pay for the garden collection, however 1x bin is often not enough for the amount generated, I often take more to the local recycling centre in multiple journeys as one fortnightly bin is not enough at the peak gardening times in spring and autumn That said there are a number of weeks in the summer and winter when I don't utilise the service either due to taking it to the tip already or not generating any garden waste
- If people had to pay extra to have garden waste collected it would lead to extra fly tipping and people disguising garden waste and putting it in their black and green bins.
I think we all pay enough as it is to have our rubbish collected.
- Everyone should have a garden waste bin so as to reduce the number of people who have bonfires to burn garden waste. This move would be beneficial to our air quality and the environment in general.
- There are lots of services we pay for with general taxation, but not everybody uses all the services.

- The only reason we take our garden waste to recycling tip is because we can't afford to pay out more a year on a brown bin and feel it should be included as part of your council tax which we pay a huge amount for anyway already. I think this should be free as the other bins are as this would encourage people not to fly tip or try and sneak it inside their black bin.
- It makes sense for people who use it to pay for it but you also need to help educate those who don't want to use the service on how to deal with waste at home. If you're talking about composting at home then you need to provide the education and equipment for people to do so. Currently you have to pay about £20 for a compost bin from the council..the council should be giving these away freely if they want to encourage home composting.
- Even if they do not personally use the service it doesn't mean the place they live doesn't use the service. Flats, apartments and houses without gardens still can still have plant based waste.
- The premise that you should only pay for the services you use is flawed. The majority of people do not use the majority of the services Its not pick and mix.
This is just a way of increasing tax and I suspect would affect the older and less well off more for logistical reasons.
- Depends if your going to lower council tax by the same amount for people that don't use the bins
- 1) Moving to paid services will always lead to those who do not wish to pay finding other ways to dispose of waste, creating a higher risk of flytipping, safety concerns in residential areas and improper storage of waste encouraging vermin.
2) Moving to a paid service poses the potential for vulnerable and elderly clients to fall foul of fraud and scam activities as opportunists will seek to exploit the rule changes for financial gain and will inevitably target those most likely to misunderstand the situation.
3) The collection of garden waste at present in existing routes are carried out separately to all other collections, meaning that the move to a paid service could potentially see a cut in the number of routes being undertaken. Whilst this would be cost-effective for the council in that the service is both being charged for and less service is being provided, this will have an impact on labour levels required and poses a threat to the workforce already in place who deliver this service, with concern being that some staff member may face cuts to their hours and therefore a depletion in their incomes at a time when we are already aware of the excruciating rise in the cost of living.
- I do not use the garden waste collection every week
- Isn't that the basis for taxation? We all pay and we all benefit? Although frankly what we pay already should be enough to cover this service!
- It's a service open to all and it's up to the individual whether they use it
- I think this will save people fly tipping if it is through our taxes
- To be honest i don't believe anyone should have to pay for their garden waste to be collected but you didnt give that option. We pay enough out in taxes to be able to have this service free to all
- This is the first home I have paid for garden waste collection and would rather it was paid for out of my council tax.
- If it is taken out of the annual council tax bill as this area has always been managed, it's a lower cost for all residents.
The benefit is to all residents when there is reduced fly tipping/over grown gardens in the local areas
- If additional charges are made people will add to household and recycling bins, kerb dumping etc.
Also our council taxes have risen enough as it is and maybe you should look at collecting the debts arisen by Corby instead of writing them off.
- Residents who don't use the service for whatever reason shouldn't have to pay. Seems the fairest option.

- I believe that question is deliberately devious and we pay our council tax for exactly these services.
- Waste garden cooler inns should already be included as part of your council tax like in Corby and Kettering and should be all year round as stopping in November is just a ridiculous as most leaves don't start to stop until after the brown bin collection has stopped. This means they are left which contributes to drains becoming blocked and then flooding during the winter months.
- Every other council I have lived in offers this as part of the standard collection - having to set up a separate service yourself will encourage wrong behaviours particularly as we look to recycle more
- Would make it fairer for everyone
- The Elderly need a collection. The collections ensure tidy gardens. Taking pride in the garden requires a collection. I hope the service will not be withdrawn but made available to all. Even flats, houses with no gardens have window boxes and indoor plants.
The council may want to save money, this should not be done by withdrawing services... roads are a prime example.
- It is not fair to charge people who do not use a service, it is technically stealing... if they do pay for this... pay before the date through a service... £5 or something, like the waste collection of 10 items... not an extra charge monthly, I use my green bin 4 times a year, paying a nominal fee for this would be better for me and my family... everything is increasing as it is, so have a heart!!
- I don't have a garden!
- Fairness. I was unaware that different areas have had different contracts. I expect to pay to have my garden waste taken away, but so should everyone else.
- I feel it is unfair to charge those who do not create garden waste, ie. Flat dwellers.
- Unlike "normal" refuse collection, garden waste is not a universal service as some people do not have gardens or have very little "green" waste to dispose of. Therefore I feel that I should pay for the additional service provided by the council.
- Service is there for all to use. It's just like if someone doesn't need to put their bin out the lorry still has to come
- Requirements for collection change seasonally/weekly depending on lawn mowing/garden maintenance jobs. Some may require the service very infrequently, others all year round & their situations may change. Collection should be a service available as and when required.
- Garden waste service has already been paid by everyone through council tax. To introduce a new levy would result in more fly tipping which in itself will be detrimental to the environment and wildlife. Garden waste is currently suspended during the winter months which I'm happy with.
- I do not think anyone should pay to have garden waste emptied. We pay enough to the council in our council tax. Before we know it we will be asked to pay for all refuse pick up. Asking for payment could result in more fly tipping. Not everyone can afford to pay extra just to keep their garden tidy.
- I compost some stuff at home. Some of it I don't have room for
- I think paying this should be free of charge or just be paid who use this Service.
I have artificial grass in my garden and couple flowers in pots and do not have anything I have to dispose by this Service and don't see any sense why should I pay for something I don't use.
The Council Tax is anyway so expensive and every year is getting more expensive and not sure is good idea to put up another charge.
The North Northamptonshire Council should review everything in this bill and reduce whatever is No need to pay.
- If you don't have a garden you won't use the service
- Because you already overcharge us for council tax without stripping back what we actually get for these extortionate amounts.

Particularly in Corby

- Because a lot of resident our their garden waste in bin bags in the landfill bin.
- Because it is unfair if people don't have a garden to have to pay for others
- Thought this is included in our council tax as older member of the community what do we actually get for our council tax these days . Not a lot . We are gone owners who work full time you already made us pay for our cars to be parked outside our homes where a lot of our town doesn't have these Schaefer's and now you discussing paying for my garden waste to be collected when lots of other residents have already cost council extra funds by dumping rubbish in park areas you want to actively encourage more of the same with garden waste .. absolutely ludicrous.
- There will be an element of the council tax that that I pay monthly that no doubt goes towards paying for services delivered by the Council that my household doesn't make use but benefits others. Therefore to be equitable to all kerbside garden waste collection in the future should be paid for through wider taxation, so all households contribute to its cost even if they do not use the service.
- We already pay towards this in our council tax
- To pay for it as a one of payment will mean more flytipping.
People less likely to maintain gardens.
- I think it is unfair that some areas have this service free of charge and some areas you have to pay for this service. With the council tax going up and you don't see any benefits of why the council tax is rising then this should be looked at also. This fee should be included as part of the council that you don't have to pay extra for. I lived in [Redacted] before and this was not an additional cost. So I think the amount should be scrapped and it should be a service free of charge!
- If you terminate the free collection between March/November it is certain to lead to increased fly tipping. Please do not end this service.
- I live in a conservation area so I can't cut down the trees and stop the leaves falling each year
- Ideally it should be free for everyone whether they use it or not. However, I see the reasoning behind the possible subscription service but if implemented, it should not be used as a cash cow - a low/reasonable monthly sum for unlimited garden waste.
I am recently widowed & have enough to contend with, with all the rising prices.
- It is a service that falls in line with other waste and should be included in the rates
In my opinion, it also reduces fly tipping which has a larger cost on the council and therefore, rate payers.
- I think it could be paid for by everyone. I do not have any children but I still have to pay for there school. So therefore why should i have to pay to get rid of my garden rubbish and everyone that doesn't use won't have to pay, but I'm am still expected to pay for the schools .
- I don't agree with paying for further charges to this service when I understand it is something which I already pay for .
- If you are planning to harmonise the service you should make it free for everybody!
- Garden waste collection should be free for all
- We all pay already through council tax
- I have had to pay to use the service even though it may only be during the short summer months and it's not fair that others do not have to pay in other towns under the same Council.
- Corby council tax is relatively high anyway why should we pay more to have our garden waste collected when it's included anyway. To then increase it for us to pay for something that is currently free is daylight robbery. It's ridiculous. If our council tax was to reduce and meet other areas then ok. We pay high council tax but the roads are still terrible rubbish still everywhere I think the top people need to stop lining their pockets with tax payers money!!

- In principal would favour option 2 pay through taxation but concerned this may have greater total costs [money & environment] through bins provided but not used. Also concerned about bins being left on pavement reducing access, especially for pushchair/ wheelchair users. Bins left on pavement all week already a problem on my road with only 2 bins [East Northants]
- Due to if it was removed, there would be a lot more dumping around our lovely area
- I can foresee two problems if you charge separately for garden waste collection.....
 1. There will be more fly tipping
 2. People will put garden waste in their black bin so there will be more going to landfill. Recycling should be encouraged.
- Garden waste should be payed for by people who sign up for it .
- Not everyone has garden waste or has so little it does not need to be collected every week/fortnight. What should happen is that only those that need the service should be provided with it and at a reasonable level of cost. What is grossly unfair is that for year's East Northants residents have been paying for collection of garden waste and we now find out that most of the county have not had to pay. I am sure that East Northants residents have not been paying a lower rate of council tax to compensate for this. It would be nice to think that East Northants subscribers would be offered a reduced level of payment for a period of time to compensate for all the free years the rest of the county has had. I would also add that even paying for the service, there have been occasions where our garden waste bin has been missed, so you therefore need to ensure this doesn't continue when all the county pay for the service or you will find a backlash from those who are newly having to pay.
- Neither as we pay enough through the rates.
- We should all be able to use the service like our black and green recycling bins.
- In Kettering Borough we are already paying for this service as part of our council tax. There are other services which I contribute too such as buses or education that I don't use but are happy to support.
- All food and garden waste can contribute to compost or biofuel, for which local councils have assistance and rebates, so it should all be included together.
If Kettering and Corby can provide grey bins, then the whole county should be the same. I don't use the schools, or the hospitals, and I pay a lot for my tax, NI and vehicle use. I think collecting some grass and a few old plants should be covered in my monthly contributions! (Which is due to increase next month, and no details of the apparent £150 gov rebate!!)
- Council tax covers lots of things we might not as individuals use, such as schools if you have no children, libraries if you don't read books. That is our choice, as is if we use a garden bin or not. If you start charging extra, then some people will dump their rubbish elsewhere or put their stuff into someone else's bin. Also a lorry might still have to drive down a road even if there is only one bin so it won't save on fuel or pollution.
- I pay for the upkeep of services I don't use such as schools but don't have children of school age and my my partner has never had offspring.
- I worry that households will refuse to pay the charge and more garden waste will be fly tipped on farmland or green spaces.
- We already pay a ridiculous amount of council tax. With larger houses paying more when they have the same number of people as a smaller house. Therefore it should be included in this overpriced monthly fee!
- The problem with this is that if individuals pay for their garden waste collection it would be nice to think that everyone else would see a £55 annual decrease in their Council Tax bills, but having worked in local government I think this highly unlikely. The difference in cost between a waste freighter going to all properties (where often the bin is out) and selective properties must be negligible. Has anyone looked at this. Either way householders won't win, or will lose out.

- I was torn between being selfish, or fair, and plumped for fair. It isn't fair for people living in homes without gardens to pay for collection of garden waste. Paying may encourage composting, or the sharing of green bins. It might also encourage more fly tipping, which I am definitely against. With regard to the cost, I presume a whole year service is being paid for either way; you still need to employ the man power and have the appropriate vehicles.
- We all subscribe to Council services some of which we do not use but do not expect those that do use them to pay extra - since the Council no longer provides library service in many areas many people are paying for libraries in the larger towns that they do not or cannot use - but we do not expect others to pay for this service. Surely the premise should be that we all contribute equally for the greater good?
Also because there is no way of proving that by some some paying a small subscription the Council Tax levy would genuinely reduce overall. I would really need to see some evidence of the overall benefit to the population
- If you change the way it's done now it will leave to a increase in fly tipping and you may have to increase the hours the waste site are open as this will lead to an increase use at the sites
- I agree that those who do not have a garden should not pay. I live in Wellingborough and we have a part collection late spring, summer and autumn. I would be happy to pay up to £25 for twice monthly collect.
- Some properties do not have gardens.
- Happy to pay a certain amount but I am in old East Northants and pay a high amount. I would hope cost would come down if all who use the service had to contribute. Seems more fair
- I already pay council tax and have to pay every year for upkeep in little stanion so I am not paying more
- Because it's a charge we already pay for through Council Tax. Many other things are paid for through Council Tax that I don't use/Access but we don't split those out. It feels like it's a way to make income from households. I worry about people flytipping garden waste of it isn't collected how it is now.
- It is unfair to ask residents to now pay for this, is this not what our council tax is all about?
The council compost garden waste and reuse it around the towns and other areas so why would we pay them to take it and use it?
Also if we have to pay for this each year Does this mean we will get a council tax reduction???
- It goes without question! It's an extra service so should be charged for,
It will be a far simpler solution for everyone.
I would imagine that it costs the Council lots of money to deliver a garden bin to everyone and many don't have a garden or don't even use it.
If you want fish and chips you pay for them !!!!!!!!
- I have used the garden waste service for several years and it works well. I do not agree that some residents should get a free garden waste service.
- I feel it should be included in our general council tax. I agree not everyone uses this service, but then again not everyone uses other services eg car parks, social care, etc, so it should be included in the normal council tax and not paid separately.
- I don't agree with either of the above options. It should be part of our coouncil tax payment and should be a service from March-october
- I dont agree that we should pay for it at all. I only put my garden bin out about 3 times a year.
- because I pay council for all amenities, if I had to pay for garden waste to be collected I would put it in the black bin
- I think.it should be you pay for what you use, if you dont use garden waste service then you shouldn't have to pay

- As soon as you start charging extra for it fly tipping is going to increase which always seems to be a problem round here. Then we're all going to end up paying more to sort the fly tipping out
- Single occupied house, not extra money to pay for something my councils tax already pays for
- Kerbside waste should be collected by the council and financed through the council tax
- Seems the fairest way to do it
- The cost should be shared across all houses which reduce the costs making it viable for those households with low incomes and the most vulnerable within our communities who would be more likely to be at risk of fire or injury from fire if they chose to set fire to garden waste. It is proven that those who areas that are charged have higher rates of garden fires thus increasing the likelihood of fire and injury
- There are lots of people that dispose of waste unethically so they don't have to pay, this would put a stop to that.
- I think those who u the service should pay then we have to watch for those who do not want to pay and start more fly tipping ?
- If you haven't got a garden you don't need the service.
However for those that do everyone in Northants should pay the same and it should probably be included in the council tax and not be collected as a separate payment.
Since we have amalgamated some areas pay and some get it for free which is grossly unfair.
Or the tip in Rushden should open 7 days a week as it previously did to cut down on the queues.
You are just encouraging us to use the black bin or fly tip.
- We all pay Council Tax which rises every year. This has always covered this collection. We should not be asked to pay more for something we already pay for
- I honestly do not see why this could not continue as free as the remaining rubbish collections remain fortnightly and the rubbish will be disposed of correctly and fee when people are charged additionally this encourages fly tipping. Either way this would have no impact on my household as we do not used the green garden rubbish.
- It seems unfair to make those without a garden pay for this collection. As long as the charge is applied to the property and not the individual this will ensure when people to to or home somewhere with a garden they will pay or stop to pay.
If looking to apply a charge for this service consideration should be given to charging per area of garden. I probably only put my green bin out every other month during the summer and think those that use it more should pay more.
- Even though I have a garden I have very little garden waste however I am opposite [Redacted] Park and all the leaves from the trees in the park blow into my garden. In addition to the brown bin collections this autumn and spring we have taken nearly 20 bags of leaves to the tip. I do not have one tree in my garden. I am clearing up leaves from council land so do not think I should have to pay for this to be collected. \it is bad enough the hours I and my neighbours spend clearing up the leaves. The footpaths are never cleared by the council we as residents make sure the footpaths are safe and clear from leaves.
- It would be fair however I do not think we should pay extra as our council tax is high enough. I spend two or three days personally litter picking which is a never ending job and if charges are brought in for garden waste there will be even more fly tipping. Not everyone has a car to transport garden waste to the tip.
- It is not safe or practical to queue at the tip for garden waste disposal.
It is not fair that some pay and others do not.
Build up of garden waste in private gardens where residents cannot afford to pay for a bin or are unable to transport it themselves.
The council will be able to provide much more cheap compost from what they collect to raise funds and donate to wilding projects or country parks etc.

- Seeing as we all pay a huge amount of money which increases beyond our earnings increase each year I strongly feel it should be continued to be paid for as part of the current council tax and no extra charges made
- Why is there any difference between black, brown, green or food bin collections??? Do we charge different for those who have more waste? Those who over fill their bins? Those who do not recycle food waste?
- Either apply. Garden waste collection has been part of our council taxation for many years. It should remain part. There is no real reason to just hike the price is there?
- Every one has garden waste.
- Quite simply there are many who do not have gardens therefore why should they have to pay for the people that do???
- At present we pay for bin collection in our council tax. There should be no additional charge for this.
Our bins are collected between March and November and this works well for us.
Have you considered changing other areas to match these months?
Also I would perhaps give households the option to either opt in or out of services with no additional charges. This would allow you to plan routes for households that use this service whilst missing out on households that don't.
- There are many council services that people do not use, nevertheless they pay for them via council tax.
What makes garden waste so different that it should be a separately charged item?
- Neither question is suitable. We pay so much for a very poor service as it is. The majority of homeowners have a garden, but certainly in Corby would not be able to afford this. Why can you not turn it into compost, that we could buy? I dare say we will end paying for it as the council are purely money driven and lazy.
- Most users for these bins literally only use them to dispose of grass cuttings. Seems crazy to make people pay for the most ecological friendly way to dispose of this green waste because thousands of people driving to the local tip will bit help the roads or the environment
- As the only council that didn't offer a collection of garden waste unless you paid extra was East Northamptonshire Council.
I believe that there would be a considerable amount of people who would have strong reactions to you taking that away when we are all having are purse strings tightened.
All residents of North Northamptonshire should have the same facilities.
- Household and garden waste has always been collected by the local council and should continue, if we have to drive an 8 mile round trip to dispose of garden waste, that is not good for us or the environment.
After processing the green waste, it is then sold by the council for profit.
- Should be included in council tax ,as most households have some garden waste ,and it makes sure service is used correctly, people who don't wish to pay extra will just put it in black bin therefore it won't get composted.
- I have a garden but my house is rented. This charge on top of increasing rent, council tax and other bills would make it unaffordable to rent. This would create more poverty and demand for council houses, and fly tipping. Will council tax not rise then if we pay ourselves for this service. I am guessing not.
- If not could lead to more fly tipping in the area as many would not pay extra for collection.
- Inclusivity - taxes always cover items that people might not use eg. Library, road sweeping but it is for common good and in case needed. Smaller households can pay much less or nothing through effective use of banding system.

- Councils charge for it already so I don't see why I should have to pay again. The council can't be skint with all the new houses they're approving. It should never have changed in the first place, and it won't be a true representation of the actual cost either, council are only out for themselves. If they spent the money they had properly this wouldn't be an issue, instead of keeping most of it then wasting it come March time so it looks like they need more money. 🙄
- In my view, if all people pay it is a fair service applied to all. If not it seems then no different if charges are made based on how full even your black bin might be. Surley by removing this service and requiring a charge is effectively removing the service this would then encourage more fly tipping which is a lot more expensive to clear.
- It's all part of the council tax that we all pay, irrespective of the services we may or may not use, they are provided for everyone
- I don't want to answer, because it is already paid for via council tax so I do not want a tax increase or to pay a subscription I cannot afford
- You already charge enough council tax to cover your errors and we never see any changes for money paid. If you are going to charge for the bins you will be paying out more money for flytipping clear up and not everyone can drive or own a vehicle.
- Garden bin collection should be free if not it encourages fly tipping and we pay more than enough of taxes ect after such a bad two years we all had low income /loss of jobs ect then they just want more money for what most house holds just don't have
- Emptying of the bins is already included in my ever increasing council tax , infact that's all I can see I get from it. An extra payment for a service that I already pay for and only runs from March to October , I think its absolutely disgusting. With the already high increase in prices for petrol, food, gas and electricity , where would the council suggest I would get the extra money from to pay for it ? It would encourage more people to fly tip which would also mean the council would be paying out more to remove the dumped waste . I'm sure the council will vote in favour of a separate charge for having garden waste removed but let's not forget whose fault it is the council got into so much debt , was dissolved and a fancy new council reinvented .
- These days were all taught about recycling. And if you charge for brown bins. Then people will stop using them and but there garden waste in there black bins. Which will just fill the landfill sites more. Or people will be putting it in other people's bins that still pay for the service. There in enough increase in bills and fuel. Without adding brown bins to it.
- I think that if people have to pay for this service there will be more fly tipping of green waste also if its charged for how will the collector know who has subscribed and who hasn't I would be gappy for collection to be from March to November
- Recycling garden waste should
Be free like general waste. People who do not pay for the service just end up putting it in land fill which is a waste.
- Kettering Borough Council provided an excellent waste collection service for many years. The service was far better than those provided by many other local authorities and should not change. Garden waste collection was paid for through wider taxation and I see no reason why that should change. North Northamptonshire Council should not been seen as one that reduces its services and any changes are likely to incur extra management costs that could be avoided by retaining the current system. In addition, if you start charging people for the service you are likely to create more fly tipping and the council is likely to suffer more costs by the subsequent need to clear that up. The current arrangement works well; leave well alone.
- It will not be good for the environment if residents have to drive to a recycling centre to dispose of garden waste. There are already long waits at the recycling centre which only opens 5 days per week. Some residents may be tempted to dump their waste illegally
- Will bring more money to the council to allow more funding for the north Northamptonshire area.

- I think , garden waste should and always be collected by the local council , free of charge, the council tax is high enough with out having to pay extra for a service that is already included. People are being stretched to their financial limits as it is , and I think if a charge were to come in , there will be more fly tipping and dumping garden waste around our village. I strongly disagree with any extra charge .
- There are other services that households do not use although the council provide them so they are all 'subsidised' by the non-users. To levy a subscription would mean that many people could not afford it and some unscrupulous people would not use it because they have to pay. This is likely to INCREASE the scourge of fly-tipping. Far better to offer a free service and ensure that the garden waste is utilised for horticulture and agriculture. The compost should also be sold back to the public to offset the cost of collection or you could negotiate a deal with a compost provider who should BUY the raw material from you.
- Sounds like an extra fund raising exercise
- It's the same as the bus services and grass cutting services etc where an amount is added to all council tax bills regardless of whether you use the bus or have a council property which the council maintain - we all Pay for these services so collecting green waste is no different
- Surely this should be covered by our council tax we certainly pay enough already
If it doesn't get collected you will find more of it being disposed of illegally on the sides of road
- We compost it takes little effort and is easy to do. Expecting the council to take responsibility for more household waste is crazy. It's great for the garden doing composting
- Garden waste shouldn't be paid for through more tax or by individual households it should be free
- At the moment we and others pay for council services we don't use.
- It's not an essential service so should be paid for by who wants.
- Very few people use all the services that council tax pays for. There are plenty I don't use. They are not pay per use so garden waste collection shouldn't be either. In addition, all the leaves that fall in my garden in autumn, about 10 bins worth, are from trees and hedgerows alongside my garden, but not from my garden. It's bad enough having to clear them up weekly let alone have the prospect of paying for them to be taken away.
- Only fair to pay if you use the service, but should be reduced and the same across the council area
- Because then the cost is spread out evenly. I don't use playgrounds and yet part of my council tax has paid for these. There are other examples of things that I pay for in my tax and never use but I accept that it spreads out the cost.
- I am happy to pay.
- If you do not provide a garden waste collection service, garden waste will simply be put into black bins.
- My opinion is everyone should pay towards it as it is only fair .
- Many other facilities provided by the local authority are paid for by general taxation and this should be no different, unless a pay as you go system operates for everything currently provided. This service encourages responsible disposal rather than resorting to landfill
- This service could cause issues if cancelled altogether and lead to increased fly tipping, or, like on recycling bin days my neighbours would Just sneak stuff into my bin overnight so I couldn't add to it in the morning. Also more likely garden waste would just end up in the black bin!
- If waste is not collected it will be fly tipped. This outcome is the worst for everyone.
- Collection of garden waste ensures it will be recycled appropriately, and the entire neighbourhood benefits from regular affordable collection of all household and garden waste.

Bonfires and heaps of rotting vegetation are not desirable particularly in towns and more densely populated areas, but many of those residents may be unable to afford a subscription for a garden waste bin, which would be higher than a slight rise in the universally applied charge for waste disposal.

I moved from East Northamptonshire to Kettering 5 years ago. I did pay a subscription for a garden waste bin, as I could afford it and it was convenient. However many households didn't, hence the bonfires, and garden waste removed to countryside verges and the like.

- Every person generates some 'brown' waste be in from indoor plants or pots that they may grow herbs in etc. Therefore everyone should have a brown bin , there is nothing wrong with the current system .
- It is already paid for in our tax bill, don't charge us twice
- If you charge for garden waste collections people will put it in general waste increasing costs to the council.
- Happy to pay for garden waste, biggest worry is if I put out garden waste while paying extra for the service, other people will put their waste into our bin, no way of stopping them
- I do not believe that we should pay extra for the garden waste collection. This should be part of the council tax already paid. It shouldn't be just a fee for people with gardens as there are many services that are funded through council tax that I would never use but still contribute to them.
- I see too much fly tipped garden waste. If everyone had a green bin as standard there would've a significant reduction.

As owners of houses we rent out we pay for three green bins at present as we don't want our tenants to potentially add to the fly tipping.

- Only people using the service should pay, if that is what is decided. Unfair to charge those that don't use it. Flat dwellers to start with would be charged unfairly for a service they have no chance of ever using.
- I do not agree with the 2 statements as we already pay for this service if you start charging you will increase fly tipping if you think this does not happen just look or better walk round with your eyes open.
- If garden waste incurs a separate charge it will very likely encourage fly tipping
- I use the garden waste service it's value for money and means all year round I can keep garden tidy
- No excuses then for fly tipping of garden waste (except for unauthorised gardeners & tree specialists...!!)
- Why pay for something you do not use. I have a very small garden, I fill my green bin possibly twice a year. £55 for 2 collections is ridiculous
- Council tax bandings take into account the value of a property. The more expensive the properties, the more you pay more in council tax. The reasoning behind this is to take into account that the larger more expensive properties are likely to use more of the services provided by the council. such as green waste collection. Therefore the current tax system is taking into account that those most likely to use the service are already paying more than those that are unlikely to use it.
- Only fair that those who don't have a garden or wish to use the service shouldn't subsidise those that do.
- Why am I expected to pay for a service, when it is free for the majority of other residents.
- Before North Northants Council took over it was separate and this should have been taken into account before hand.

When People buy/ rent a house they make a choice to whether they have a garden which comes with costs or have to dispose of the waste themselves.

As a housing association tenant, you don't get a choice over whether u have a small/ large garden or even a garden at all. Generally those who live in housing association are at the lower end of the financial income scale. Some people don't even drive, so they wouldn't even be able to dispose of the garden waste.

I know prices are increasing everywhere fuel, energy, food. But those who are on lower wages or universal credit or other benefits, cant possibly afford £50 approx fee on top of everything else.

I have a relatively big garden surrounded with hedges which was overgrown when I moved in and there is no way I would of been able to get this to reasonable standard by taking this to the recycling centre. The recycling centre is also limited to x amount of trips per year so can't see this working.

I believe not many people would pay the fee if they are of a low income, their could be an increase in fly tipping which would probably end up costing the council more as fly tipping is an issue already.

An option could be means tested, dependant on financial income and welfare benefits. I truly think this could be the way forward. As I believe it makes it fair amongst the most.

- If everyone contributed through council tax for example and everyone was given a bin more people would use the service and relieve the congestion at the local tip
- Council tax costs enough already without extra charges. I feel I already try hard to reduce waste and recycle and the black and green bins are usually not even collected on the correct days usually a day or 2 late. I'm not happy with thus now, let alone of there's an extra charge.
- It will lead to further fly tipping and dumping around the local area which is already a problem. It will also probably lead to more garden waste being burned which is horrible if neighbours do that.
- it seems we all have to pay for some sort of service by way of tax of sorts even if we don't directly use it so why should this be different
- If you take away kerb collection you will undoubtedly increase fly tipping.

The amount I now pay covers all my collections I would not be happy to pay the same for a lesser service.

I assume my tax will decrease if any part f the service is taken away?

- I have not answered either. My garden waste is generally full in the winter months from leaves off trees outside my house. NOT MY TREES!!!
- I already pay for my garden waste collection by way of council tax. I am disgusted that you are imposing extra charges because unless you're planning to reduce my council tax also
- All have the option to take waste to recycling centre (transport and ability permitting)
Recycling centres should be open each day to improve accessibility
- We pay more than enough for council tax without paying any more
- This is the sensible option from an environmental perspective especially as you've closed the closest tip and limit visits with a trailer this encouraging more, longer car journeys per household. It would also encourage more bonfires which are terrible for local air quality. Finally, households already contribute through taxation so it is bizarre that you are trying to single out isolated services and imply through the question that they're not already being paid for
- At least a 1/3 of my garden waste is leaves from neighbouring houses trees and overgrowth from neighbours gardens, they would not pay for this service if they had to as they barely maintain their own gardens so a taxed contribution for them would make it fairer
- It avoids flytipping of waste. What does our council tax go on? Certainly not the potholes!!
- As I live in rushden and found out the other areas have been free , I feel that everyone who wants a green waste bin should pay but feel the fees need yo be reduce luke to £45 a year .

- There are plenty of other council services that residents may not use but have to contribute towards running so why should exceptions be made for this service? By forcing people to pay, you will increase the chance of residents putting it in the black bin and increasing your landfill quota, or fly tipping. Surely we should be encouraging recycling of plant matter
- I already pay a significant amount of council tax and feel strongly that this is a service that should be covered by that tax.
- I don't mind paying a subscription charge for my garden waste, i compost what I can at home, my neighbour and I would share a bin for what we are unable to home compost.
- If it's a service I've been receiving and paying for, it should continue. I pay my ever growing bills. Why are things being cut if we are paying more?
All that will happen is people will use the wrong bins to dispose. My garden is enormous. I need a bin. Gardens are good well being and the environment. It shouldn't become yet another thing that is too hard to enjoy in life
- Its unfair to only charge one area and provide free to others, its also unfair to tax everyone as many wont have a garden, its individual choice to have garden waste collected and as such an additional charge for all who use the additional service is fair.
- The cost should be for every area in the county not just one. Rushden have to pay for the service others get for free.
- I pay for services I do not use that other people do as part of my council tax.
I can't opt out of those.
Swings and roundabouts.
- At present we pay for other services that I personally do not use but have to contribute towards. This is a service that I would use maybe once or twice a year but all residents should be treated equally this would also prevent dumping of waste from those who are unable to drive to the local recycling centre and dump their grass cutting etc in open spaces to rot.
- Unfair to expect people who dont use the service to pay for it
- We currently pay for this service via our council tax.
To achieve an equatable outcome perhaps the middle option, not given above, would be that green bins are only collected between certain months at no extra charge, as is currently the system in Wellingborough.
Charging will inevitably lead to fly tipping, the cost of clearing this would be more than any income/savings.
- I have a small garden and have my garden waste bin collected maybe twice a year. A full subscription charge for that service is not affordable especially considering the current rise in cost of living.
- All households benefit from green waste collection as there is less fly tipping and less journeys to the recycling centres.
Not all residents use all services, yet we all pay for all of them so it is as fair as it can be in the end
- In my opinion, it is another excuse to make people pay for a service that they already pay for in their ever increasing council tax. People will simply put garden rubbish in their black bin so that it goes to landfill or some will dump it.
- I believe all northants should be treated fairly and equally. If all residents pay a smaller amount and have a collection it would reduce the queues at the recycling centres and hopefully fly tipping.
- Because the people of this county pay enough as it is. As for services provided. Please explain what you actually do?? Apart from rip the people off. The roads are a absolute death trap.

- If the council decides to charge for garden waste collection, there will be a lot more fly tipping and will cost the council more in the long run. People are struggling now with energy prices and will get rid of their garden waste one way or the other. If this does happen where does it end.
- If I have to pay an additional charge for garden waste removal in future I will expect to pay less council tax than I currently do with this service included.
- Refuse to answer this as it is a win win for this NNCC. It should remain a service provided for residence as part of the council tax.

I note that you are aiming for harmonisation in line with the old East Northants County Council. The middle route so far as I'm concerned is the one that Wellingborough had. A free collection during the most used months.

- I do think it should be paid along with all waste collections. In with the council tax bill as surely that's one of the reasons it's a service the council supply's.
- I feel I pay enough in Council Tax to have my Green Garden Waste emptied.
- We already pay for this service through council tax
- I don't agree you should have to pay extra on top of your council tax! Otherwise people will just put it into the black bin and not buy a grey bin. The whole waste management will be going backwards.
- The waste collection isn't free at all. rather it is paid for as part of the council tax. Just like all other services. Just because you don't use it doesn't mean you don't pay for it. For example I pay full council tax and have never needed to use the services of social services, yet I contribute that departments running costs as a part of the council tax regardless of whether I or my family need it or not.
- I don't have the money on my Council Salary to pay all these extra charges. I will be going to the food bank soon.
- Happy to pay for the year as collected all year round apart from 2 weeks at Christmas. There are people without gardens and not fair to make them pay for something they don't use.
- Introducing a charge for waste disposal risks having some residents dumping their refuse illegally (in country lanes, for example) or dumping it inappropriately (eg, hiding it in the black bin). This results in the local council then bearing the cost of clearing up dumped refuse and separating it when it is put in the wrong bin. Also, it is by no means unknown for some people to sneakily put their refuse in other people's bins.
It would be fairer to give a small discount to people who live in accommodation without gardens, eg, flats.
- It would be unfair that persons with no requirement of the service subsidise those who require it.
- It then gives the option to use the service
- In principle agree with same approach for the whole of the borough however strongly feel that as a resident of Corby who have managed to run the council well and fund this important service we are now at risk of being penalised due to other councils poor management and now we are one impacted
- We don't get to unsubscribe to other elements of taxation. I have to pay for services I don't use. We even the cost out among everyone - that's fair.
- Because that is how democratic public services work!
- I don't really agree with either but out of these options I think everyone should pay to reduce that chance of fly tipping
- It should be free for all households, we pay enough in council tax already, so these services we are already paying for. If its charged for separately more people will be fly tipping it in hedges.
- There is already a massive issue with rubbish being dumped, if you start charging for garden waste collection this will just increase. Also we are already taxed/charged for everything with prices increasing year on year, yet we are not receiving any benefit from these extra charges!

Not trying to be too cynical is this not just a way for you to get enough money in to pay off the court case in East Northants against a Councillor???

- If you start making people pay extra because they have more garden waste than others then you also have to make larger families pay more than small/single households for waste collection too - it becomes too complicated.

If the council collects all the garden waste it can be effectively composted and then sold to create extra revenue and be beneficial to the environment.

- I currently pay a private contractor £80.00 per year to remove my garden waste. From memory, I do this because the Council service was withdrawn at one stage. The private contractor is reliable.

I strongly object to subsidising others for a free service through my Council Tax. A paid for service by those who use it is preferable to me, although no doubt it would lead to an increase in fly-tipping.

- I don't use many of the services that the council offers but don't expect others to pay for those that they use..

The services are available to everyone with no extra charges.

I would take my garden waste to the refuse tip rather than another extra charge to be found every month

- There is various services provided by the council which are not used by every taxpayer but there is no additional cost for these For example not every resident uses library services but we all contribute.

A fair and equal society all contributed equally for all services whether they choose to use them or not.

- We pay enough council tax, and prices go up every year, while services are reduced. This is just another stealth tax to fill the councils coffers after years of negligence and bad practice that will encourage fly tipping and put more people who are struggling financially into debt. The cost of living is going through the roof, and the council wants more.

- Because i cant afford anymore bills. If i had to pay i would have to bag up and take to the tip
- People should be being encouraged to enjoy their gardens. They provide important habitats for wildlife, they are proven to improve physical and mental health etc. Introducing an additional charge for disposing of garden waste may discourage people from gardening, disproportionately affect poorer households who may have more to gain from having access to green space. It will also encourage irresponsible people to fly tip their garden waste and may result in some people concreting over their gardens which has a number of negative environmental impacts.

Furthermore, as a resident who is very conscious of their environmental impact, I generate almost no general waste but I don't seem to have the option to opt out of this service. I also compost a lot of my garden waste already but there is some green waste that cannot be composted at home. I do understand the need to cut back on unnecessary journeys for the collection vehicles- maybe a way to do this would be for people to opt in when they have garden waste that needs collecting?

- It's just like everything else trying to charge yet again more for a service that's already provided that's why I pay taxes and council tax for police nhs ambulance and the council ... I already pay council tax for this service but you want us to pay again just like everything else , we had to join northnorthants as they got in debt, Corby are already paying for the county's debt of yet more incompetent leaders , the roads are terrible here along with much disrepair and now you want to see garden waste everywhere...

Garden waste will be the new fly tippers £ 55 extra ontop of £145 ct plus the utility's risenon of which is inline with wages this country and county saddens me greatly

- As both my husband and I are pensioners, I think we pay enough in rates to have our garden waste collected free of charge. Also a lot of elderly people do not have cars to take garden waste to the tip, and cannot afford to pay £55 per year to have it collected.
- We all pay for services that we don't use. If you follow the logic that we only pay for what we use then chaos will ensue. This is a legitimate part of our local council tax and absolutely should not be in addition to what we already pay.
Lastly you'll end up with even more fly tipping if you make this ill advised change.
- We feel everyone should contribute
As pensioners we are on a limited income and also acknowledge everyone is facing changing times eg fuel, heating costs
- Stopping these services will only lead to an increase in fly tipping which is already a significant issue
- I havnt answered as we should not be paying
- I think rather than a subscription charge, a single fee for taking the waste is more appropriate. Many will be put off by a subscription. We use the service only a couple of months of the year, not regularly
- If the council do not pay for our garden waste collection, there is very little else that we pay our council tax for that directly benefits us which leads to dissension.
Furthermore lack of garden waste disposal or having to pay for it will lead to more fly tipping. Many houses in this area are small and like ours do not have room to compost. We would be forced to take the rubbish to the tip which as mentioned is less environmentally friendly.
Although I don't think we should pay for a subscription service, I would be willing to log online when our green bin needs emptying to help reduce emissions
- We already pay for it to be collected in the council tax we already pay, this is just another way for another tax on the people, how are pensioners expected to pay a increased charge aswell as other bills going up
- Because there was no box to say collection by kerbside but without added cost to the tax payer
- Neither of the above, shouldn't haven't to pay a subscription charge and shouldn't be charged extra through taxation
- 5 miles away in Wellingborough this service is free whilst higham and Rushden have to pay - that disparity is wrong and difficult to understand especially as our council tax is going up year on year
- It seems unfair that households without a garden have to pay for garden waste removal for those fortunate enough to have outside space.
- Environmental impact - those who don't pay often use the black bin, particularly those with smaller outdoor spaces. Equal payment would prevent unnecessary landfill.
- If a charge is on with council tax so all pay some, than it would be better than only charging some at a higher rate, Not all people can take it to tip, Pensioners , Disabled, those with out transport. £55 extra a year is a lot to some people. That would be over £2 each time bin is emptied mine is not always full .
- I don't agree with an separate charge for garden waste collection. I believe Charges will lead to fly tipping, which has already been an issue in our area. Also does not appear to be a positive change when no sooner do we change to a unitary authority, than services start getting cut or additional payments requested!
- Its unfair to charge those who dont have the need for a service
- I am stunned to find we pay for our garden waste to be collected by the council, yet 8 miles up the road, Corby get the service free. This is not right and not fair! This has got to change. I either want a rebate or charge the residents for this service. Don't mind which way is decided, as long all residents are singing from the same sheet. Inclusive is a big word these days so why I we not

included ? And living in Oundle; we pay higher council charges, no this is totally wrong and the council needs to get this matter sorted asap.

- I assume if there was wider taxation then the people who wouldn't use are expected to fly tup even more and get a reduction in council tax
A ridiculous idea from a council who rather than trying to cost cut themselves just want to raise more taxes. You should be ashamed and cut taxes to get the local economy going rather than money grabbing
- We don't use the library/schools/buses etc but still contribute to them through the wider taxation system we have used for years.
- I feel that it is unfair for certain countys to have to pay for this service while others are receiving it free... most of us have garden waste and im sure you dont want people putting in normal waste and recycling waste. We all pay council tax but barely receive anything for it!
- There are a number of services that are not equally used that we all pay for through taxation. I'd ask why a brown bin should be any different.
- The extremely difficult time for people in terms of bills should not be increased by this as the annual council tax should be enough to cover this!
- At some point, every household will require a green bin emptied, so I feel the amount it would cost spread amongst all households would be kept low.
If a charge were to be brought in, then dumping of green waste will be rife leading to unsightly, and potentially dangerous quantities of waste littering the streets, back allys and anywhere people think they can get away with it.
- Waste disposal is meant to be included in our yearly council tax bill so don't understand why it's an extra now.
Don't agree anyone should be paying.
- Could not answer either as disagree with both . Rather a trick question which seems unreasonable to gain the answer of increased charges in both selections
- You should encourage green recycling, if there is a charge people will be less inclined to recycle and waste will go in any bin
- I believe there has been a higher rate of fly tipping of garden waste due to people not wanting to pay for the service. I think the service should run March to November for all of northamptonshire and there should not be an additional subscription charge.
- good value for the 26 collections a year and avoids needing to put garden waste in the car and q at the recycling centre.
- I think people who would use the waste collection service should pay for it through a subscription charge. This raises the question what am I paying my council tax for. If a subscription charge is to be levied; then there should be a corresponding deduction in my council tax.
Secondly I can see the first option being difficult to enforce.
- If you choose to go down the route of only charging those who use the service, where do you draw the line? Should people who rarely use the parks and open spaces pay less council tax? Should people who require additional services for special needs or disability pay more taxes? If people live in an area with a higher crime rate, will they be charged more because the police spend more resources, time and budget there?
If people eat and drink less than others and generate less black bin waste, will they see a discount?
Charging for garden waste will result in more fly-tipping and more people putting garden waste into their black bins.
- We all pay the same for other rubbish so why not this!
- I probably put my green bin out once a year as I have a very small bit of grass in my back garden so I would not pay 55 pounds to have it emptied

- I don't think we should be charged for garden waste collection as we pay enough council tax to cover the collection
If charges come into operation people will choose not to pay and either fly tip their garden waste or put it into the black bins
- It's pick and choose from the council to which area pays and which doesn't..... make it fair... council tax has increased so much so it should be included with the rise in cost already applied
- Whether you have a garden or not is immaterial as people with Gardens will be generally paying more council tax so why shouldn't that include garden waste.
- Collection should be free every 2 weeks from months March to November. This would cut down emissions as opposed to a free all year.
- people who live in flats etc and don't use the service, normally have the surrounding green space maintained by the council
- To prevent additional spend on fly tipping of waste
- being a pensioner, one cannot afford any more expenses
- Everyone should be offered this service just like the other bins
- I think a universal service ensures that everyone has access to the same service and will prevent people disposing of waste in irresponsible ways to save money. There will be consequences which end up increasing the costs to other services in the council as rates of flytipping are likely to increase. The council also owns 8,000 ish homes across Corby and Kettering and these are lower income households who may forgo the charge in favour of paying other bills. If tenants cannot dispose of garden waste they may allow their gardens to become overgrown which will increase neighbour complaints and be another hidden cost to the council. Properties without gardens are likely to be in lower council tax bands and pay less for services already which provides an element of fairness in a universal scheme. Single people already get discount and low earners can claim support with council tax costs.
- I think bin collection should include collection of the brown bin for garden waste, but neither of the options above actually fit. I am growing tired of everything going up in cost and now with this proposal of adding a subscription charge on top of the already high council tax rates is too far. If a charge is added people will just start putting the waste in the black bin, plus we already have to pay for the brown bin in the first place.
If the brown bins were to go then it would be really helpful if the council provided a pick up service that could collect garden waste from the property. In the recent winds my garden was demolished and so I had a lot of garden waste and couldn't get it all in my car to get to the local centre, plus as a teacher I don't have the time to sit there and chop it all up etc. I contacted the council, willing so pay a small charge, for someone to collect the waste for me and it was a flat no.
I find that the council are quick to take the money and demand payments but I don't know what I gain from paying it really as I don't feel the local authority really cares about the community or takes time to make living conditions easier for anyone, which includes waste disposal.
- I believe we already pay enough council tax as it is and shouldn't have to pay an additional fee for this service. There was not an option for that above. I think March _ nov collection is sufficient.
- I don't want to pay for a service that I don't use. I don't generate any garden waste.
- I feel it is unfair that some people pay when others don't. If it was added to council tax it would be a fairer solution to all
- There should be no reason to charge for this service now when it has previously been paid for by my taxes.

- I live in Burton Latimer, where I already pay a precept, I cut the verge as it's rare for the council to chew it up. Maybe spending less on new vans 71 plate saying North Northants Council etc would save money
- The whole POINT of global taxes is so it keeps the individual cost down and in effect subsidises those that can least pay.
Selective taxing just penalised the poorest members of the community and is deeply offensive to me as a community member.
- To single out garden waste collection for potential separate charging, is inconsistent with the charging mechanism for all other North Northamptonshire services currently covered by the Council Tax.
- I actually think it should be free as part of our current council tax - as it is for the rest of Northamptonshire!
- We have a garden and we create garden waste. I do not see why people who do not have gardens or do not create garden waste should have higher taxation so that we can have our garden waste collected for free.
- We are seeing less and less for our council taxes, charging will be yet another back door taxation.
- There are services that I contribute to that I don't use. So it's no different in this case.
- Neither of the above apply, as a Kettering resident of over 50 years and paying the appropriate council rates, free collection of garden waste should be maintained as it always has been. This has only come about by the previous NCC being unable to manage affairs and bringing the County to a very poor financial state which all county residents now have to pay for.
- At this present time and what the world is going through it would be so much better for this to be free and also help against some people fly tipping as that costs a huge amount from the council and it be greener for the environment
- We pay a lot of council tax each year and do not feel the benefits other than having my rubbish emptied each week.
- I would suggest this be collected for free with other bin collections through later spring through to mid autumn not everyone who has a garden can afford the extra £55 or has a car to dispose of themselves. Not everyone has big enough garden to compost themselves what with other prices rising this is yet another thing that can put strain on a struggling family
- It's all included in our council tax. Why should we pay extra to dispose of this. The councils have given people front garden so that it took space away from their upkeep.
- I don't agree with having to pay for garden waste collection
- Reduce flytipping and green waste in landfill
- The reason we pay council tax is for this exact service
- I'm concerned that there be many who won't pay who will dump garden waste so it will end up costing everyone anyway
- Garden waste should be free for all.
- If you want to charge them charge for all services in the same way. Only those who get or need the relevant service should pay. My garden is a big benefit to the environment - should I charge NNCC for it?
- I believe in paying taxes across the board e.g. for education, child and adult services, health and other central government taxes, even though I have retired early and don't have children and have not used benefit services. If we go down the route of charging for individual services such as garden waste collection then that may be the start of England and UK becoming like [Redacted]. I know from family living overseas in various countries how differently this affects families depending on their income.

- Should be paid for by those who wish to use it but at a subsidised rate
- No one should be paying extra for this service. Not everyone can afford to pay for an additional cost, not everyone has room for a compost bin or has a car to take it to the tip.
- Tidy gardens make for a pleasant neighbourhood plus be charging extra (which is what you'll do rather than reduce the cost for households without gardens) will encourage fly tipping.
- It would mean more people would probably use it
- Why do we pay rates?
- It should be included in my council tax rates!
- I agree that it should be the same for every household, and the cost should be nothing for all of us as it has been in my area for years. We don't always need our garden waste bins emptied, so you will be charging us for collections we don't need on a regular basis.
- Selective charging for "special services" (say, pest control) is reasonable
Charging for "every week" general services is not.
Taking that principle further would prompt me to say that I should not pay towards education, as I have no children in education, or the construction of cycle paths, as I am unable to ride a bike.
- The old east Northamptonshire area is the only area that has paid for the collections, with all other surrounding areas having it 'free', so it won't make any difference to keep it free for EVERYONE now. The council compost and sell it on, so still making a clear profit
- I think every area should be looked at to see which areas have low green waste collection and allocate accordingly. For example if corby has low levels of green bin usage put a survey out to residents asking who uses and way out the cost against that. If you just implement a charge for everyone regardless your fly tipping will go through the roof, as if already is
- The garden waste fee should be included in what we already pay for council tax especially as the company that collects it can then compost it and pass on at a cost
- If the garden waste is for all residents it would solve the problem of garden waste being dumped by the side of the road. And it would i feel be by far a much more fairer way to solve the problem. I have just had my £55 bill i do not mind paying it but do mind it is only us who live in East Northants pay for it, This is the second time i have paid it since North Northants was formed, and the other non payers have gotten of scott free again. Please let common sense happen and we all pay as it should be.
- Don't see how 15 miles down the road they don't pay for their collection, but we are forced to pay £50+ a year to have ours collected
- Everyone pays their council tax and not everyone uses the fire brigade. Or the police so should test also be paid only if required.
- I eat a lot of vegetables and I need a bin for the peelings as well as for my garden waste. There is no separate food collection.
I would not object to restricting the number of months.
Now is not the time to introduce another bill.
- It should part of the service provided by the council. I currently pay the subscription to the east Northamptonshire for this service.
As a resident, council tax payer this service should be provided free of charge and should not have the extra cost of my garden waste to be collected. All residents should be treated the same.
- You should only pay for a service if you use it in my opinion
- It's not fair on those people who don't have a garden to pay extra for a service that they don't use. This way people have the choice of paying for a bin or disposing of their own garden waste.

- I have a very large hedges and lots of them and it's not very fair if I have to pay more just to rid off garden waste. Very disappointed that the council want to get more money from people that can't afford it.
Don't think subscription would work either for everyone.
I only used that option as there wasn't a option to opt out to show my views
- Surely people are taxed for exactly this kind of service? If we get charged we are then paying taxes plus extra charges. People pay taxes for things they do not use all the time and whilst if you do not have a garden then I can understand why some people may object. Both me and my partner are disabled and cannot get out so would not be able to get to a recycling centre to dispose of our garden waste, the person who does it does not drive so they cannot either. The better option is not to have it all year round, cutting the cost by half at least, or if you are going to charge (which is most likely) then at least have concessions for the elderly and disabled.
- Charging people to remove any item that can be recycled or reused should be free, Charging people for a garden waste service will only encourage fly tipping,
- If we do not pay for collection through taxation and the brown bin service, we will pay for it through taxation and collection of fly tipping. It's more sanitary and less stressful to do the former than the latter.
- Use the [Redacted] Borough model. Collect every other week when recycling No collection from December through to February. No charge
Disappointed that you do not give the Wellingborough option in your survey.
- All waste collection should be covered by council tax. My tax has gone up again today with nothing to show for it!
- At the time of uncertainty, high inflation, job losses, and increases on everything like fuel /gas / electricity increase on national insurance, food, general living costs This couldn't come at the worst time. I don't agree council should be charging as I think with increase to council tax as well I personally had more going out then what's coming in.
I really think council could of been handled better previously
- All households within north Northants should be under the same non-chargeable collection service.
- It's already covered within council tax
- Same as normal recycling not everyone does it even though you have access to it
- We all pay for things that aren't relevant to us. That is taxation.
- It should be within the council tax charge. We already pay enough and it is going up again and you want to add another charge. No on.
- If you want people to help the environment the council should provide services which help everyone to do this. Recycling of kitchen veg and garden waste is really important and you have to enable this for anyone who wants to whenever they want. This is a collective goal and so should be a collective service.
- Would expect a reduction in council tax if charges apply.
- All households should have a garden waste service to stop the waste being put in black bins or dumped.
- We pay enough for services through our council tax and I believe this should be included as part of our free collection service.
- I think people would burn their waste if it was not collected.
- Making a charge risks increasing fly tipping and would increase the number of car journeys to the local tips. It would also be unfair on those with gardens who live further from their nearest tip are physically incapable of taking their garden waste to a tip or who do not have the use of a car.
- Increase in fly tipping or leaving gardens to get in to disrepair for households who out out of collection and don't get an alternative option organised.

- I think it's very unfair that 8 minutes down the Road in Geddington they don't pay for the garden waste bin. I have a large piece of land at the front of my house which is council owned so I mow this and put it in my bin which I pay for !!! The council does mow the lawn probably 3 times a year !!!
- We currently pay to have our garden waste collected. We know of people who don't, so use their black bin for the garden waste instead, which isn't helping the environment at all.
- You would still have to drive the collection trucks around the streets and if you provided good bins then everyone would use the service and this will save on the environment. I would say most people use the garden waste at some time and it would also stop people dumping at roadside etc
- We already pay for bin collection via council tax
- My understanding is that Some areas have free garden waste collection service e.g. Wellingborough, yet I pay for it in Rushden. I fundamentally disagree that some areas pay for the service while others do not. A consistent approach should be pursued whether charged for or not.
- I have always taken free garden waste collection for granted and baulked at the idea of paying for it, but on principle it's wrong for people without gardens to subsidise a service they cannot use through taxation (just as it is wrong for residents in Kettering and Corby to subsidise 'free' car parking in Wellingborough and East Northants, while having to pay to park in their own towns).
- I don't agree with either of those statements. If Wellingborough and surrounding areas already have it free why should add an extra tax for it
- If people have to pay for collection they might start dumping it in the countryside making a terrible mess to avoid paying. It's also the start of a slippery slope where all these services will get charged for individually, ending up costing residents far too much money. Water used to be part of the rates and was taken out and look at the cost of it now!!
- If individuals had to pay, waste would be fly tipped. Those who did not pay could also dump their waste in other people's bins. Everybody had some kind of waste material.
- Our council tax was said to cover for bin collections and with this going up in April it's fair every household should be paying the same. We should not be paying any extra charge for bin collection!
- Does the £150+ a month I pay for council tax not currently cover this service. They just grab the garden waste with the blue bin. Get an absolute grip.
- I pay for schools and education even though I don't use them, probably other services too. The bills should be shared equally. How would you manage to charge residents only for what services they use?
- A 50:50 approach might be more appropriate. Offering a monthly collection to all households included with wider taxation, with the option to "top-up" to a two weekly collection.
- I pay for all sorts of things I don't use through my taxes, that's the point. We do what's best for the broader community collectively. Garden waste collections reduce fly-tipping and keep it out of general waste which is better for all communities. The problem with how our taxes are spent is not in services like this that have some clear value.
- Because everybody has to pay for other services they don't necessarily use so why should garden waste be any different. If you want to charge for it then we should be able to tailor the whole of our council tax to what services we wish to pay for and use.
- Not all houses have gardens. For this reason, I think that the service would be fairest paid for by those who use it.
As long as the charge is reasonable. I would like to see year round garden waste collections.
- If we only pay for the services we want/use then not all services would be provided.

There is no parity between the local areas so I am willing to pay a small charge but if the amount exceeds the current £55 charge then it may as well be chargeable to all green waste services. At the same time if you want to discourage emissions then charge for green waste at HWRC.

- We already pay for garden waste collection through our council tax payments, why are you asking us to pay twice?
- It isn't fair for those with no gardens to have to contribute
- We pay hiked up Council tax due to the size of our property, so we should have year round collection of our garden waste.

The one bin rule is also ridiculous. It should be based on the size of your property and the council tax you pay.

- I maintain the council owned grass verges outside my house and would strongly object to being charged for disposing of the grass, weeds, etc.

With the ever rising cost of living I think this would be a very unfair charge to implement on top of the already high council tax charges

- We already pay for this service through taxes. We shouldn't have to pay even higher taxes or a subscription for something we are already dishing out money for! So you guys want to gauge homeowners and renters a yearly subscription for garden refuse collection at a time where wages are stagnant, the cost of living has gone up, petrol prices are almost £2 a litre, gas and electric increased by 50% with a further 25% increase in October. People are struggling, now more than ever and you guys want to shake them down further. You'd be taking food off the table for those already at the poverty line. Sickening.
- If you have a garden, you have the option of composting. I see no need for others to pay tax on an "elective" service.
- Not all householders have gardens. We are more than happy to pay for this service if it means the current money is used to improve other services.
- It's only fair that everyone contributes after all I don't have children but I'm expected to contribute towards other people's
- I don't agree with either it should be free for all towns why should some pay and some don't not fair
- Council tax has gone up considerably for the forthcoming year. Peoples wages have not and other towns in Northamptonshire do not pay for garden waste collections.
- There are Extremely few properties that don't benefit from outside space, those with larger gardens already pay much higher council tax rates which should be sufficient to cover the cost of heightened use of a service, those properties also provide higher funding for communal outdoor areas which are more likely to be used by households without large outdoor space of their own. It is unfair to charge for garden waste collection on top of higher rates.
- If there is a subscription charge a lot of people will just put green waste into black bin to avoid fees. As a result landfills will get bigger as we won't be recycling as much.
- ALL Refuse collection should be included in the already extortionate council tax which each household is charged. It should not be an additional expense.

We already get very little in the way of actual services from our council tax payments as it is.

- More people would use the service so would be less dumping of garden waste
- Everyone would have the opportunity to have it collected. I think it should be a service provided for everyone. Why do we pay an extra subscription? Why does this not come under the council tax bill? If all paid something extra on the tax bill would the cost not even out to all and the service be provided to all. The fleet travels all routes anyway to collect?

Also I think maybe it could be less confusing to the team collecting the garden waste.

I wonder if anyone puts out a bin that has not paid its due to be collected??

Also anyone on lower incomes I believe applies for the help needed and can get a

reduction on their bill ie: one person in household for instance. Or maybe Pensioners should get this service for free?

This would reduce waiting times at the recycling centers.

- its paid through council tax. should be free for all.
- Everyone paying a little towards it means that those that are less fortunate can still access the service.
- I believe that all residents across the county should pay the same. It is unfair that residents in East Northants currently pay whilst the rest of the district receive this service for free. Similarly, it seems unfair that residents who don't have a garden or who do not require the service should pay for this service, so it seems only right that service users pay.
- Garden waste should be collected every 2 weeks from April to September and every 4 weeks from October to March without any extra charge as the Council tax is expensive enough already.
- Because those who refuse to subscribe to a garden waste collection service will simply use other means, such as local recycling centres which will result in huge vehicle emissions increases whilst waiting in the well documented long queues, or place heavier burdens on the black bin service which will result in bin lorries filling up quicker, meaning more trips on landfill sites, again with extra emissions. Please councillors, use common sense when deciding, my reasons above are simply common sense.
- We are lucky enough to have a garden so we should not have to ask residents who don't have one to pay for our services.
- This will avoid fly tipping as if people are offered a choice, many won't pay
- Because generally that's how council services work. Why should this be different?
- I think the kerbside charge should be reflective of the amount of council tax your postcode is being charged. My postcode is in a higher banding than Wellingborough and I think the amount we pay should reflect what services we are provided with by our council.

I strongly oppose paying for the collection of my garden waste when I already pay almost £300 per month in council tax. I thought this covered recycling and waste charges?

- People use different bits of the council services.
I hope not to need the police, I don't use schools, I don't use services for the elderly...
But that does not mean they should not be there for those who do need them.

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I note you do not give option to continue as we are ie not paying anything which would be my preference.

- I am paying for this service whilst it seems others don't have to yet I still have to pay full council tax
- The Council tax should pay for it. Don't give the Police so much, we get sod all service from them.
- We already pay for this service, and now you are thinking of charging us again??!!
This will just encourage more fly tipping or people putting their garden waste in their black bin. In turn will just cost more in the long run, clearing laybys etc.
This is absolute nonsense!
- Some people have more household waste but we don't charge for extra bins do we? So why charge for those who have garden waste.
- Nobody should have to pay extra you robbing bunch. You bleed us dry through council tax which nobody sees any benefit from. Pot holes in roads, town centres in disrepair. Stop bleeding the hard working person dry so you can have another holiday. COLLECTING THE BINS IS THE BEAR MINIMUM AND NOW YOU WANT TO CHARGE EXTRA FOR THAT?

- We have had this service and paid in our rates ! You start charging again there will be more fly tipping ! If you do charge are we able to take van , trailer more times than the 6 we are currently allowed
- Because we all pay taxes and should have our garden waste collected at no extra charge in todays climate
It encourages people to have a astro turf which is very bad for the environment
- It seems a fairer option that only those using the service pay for it. In the West of the county (where we moved from) everyone contributed as it was part of the local tax.
- We already pay high council tax for all waste collections. Years ago it all went in one bin. The council introduced separate bins and separate collections and now want to start charging for a garden waste collection. We will effectively be charged twice for the service. Not all people have the space or know how for composting. And it will just mean people put it in their black bins instead and it won't get recycled
- All other services are included in the council tax regardless of who uses which service so this shouldn't be any different. If it is charged for I believe it will increase fly tipping which is much more costly to the council.
- Why pay ,we already pay enough !
- Neither option applies.
The council complains about the cost of fly tipping. Instead, put the money towards garden waste collection and open up the waste sites to all, for free.
- Given the recent increase in bills I think there is likely to be an increase in fly tipping should an additional charge be applied to households. Alternatively more vehicles will use the council recycling centres and thus encourage more short journeys which have an impact on the environment
- No futher taxation should be added, surely this would be a environmentally friendly initiative.
- It is fairer to people with no garden.
- Because everyone is given the same service then regardless of colour bins. Some people have several bins but those people don't have to pay any extra for them to be collected each time and others may only put there bin out monthly as they could live alone, people circumstances can change make it affordable to everyone. Would be better to reduce collection to monthly for garden waste
- Everyone is being squeezed so hard at present. We don't need another tax
- We only put our bin out when it is full not every time it is due to be collected so we should not pay a separate subscription and if you do bring this in you will let certain people off of paying so it won't be fair. Keep it as it is.
- There are many services covered by council tax that i dont use. This is one that i do. I have health concerns so in many cases its not as simple as taking it away myself especially with the limits at the tips on numbers of visits as i often have to do things little and often
- My garden waste has never ever even been filled and isn't used for 6 months of the year.
- Why pay if you don't have a garden but then again why should any of us pay
- I believe it should be free for collection as I pay ridiculous amounts in council tax and surely that covers the cost for collection of waste. I pay for the summer months when I use it the most and dispose of it in the winter at local recycling centres or burn it in the winter
- Recycling should be treated seriously and should be paid for like all of the other services. Alternatively, all services could be selectively paid for.
- I live in East Northamptonshire. Why should I pay the same Council Tax as Kettering, Corby and Wellingborough and NOT have access to the same services.
Is it even legal for North Northamptonshire to discriminate between different areas in this way without setting a differential precept for that area?

- We currently pay for this service which we are happy to continue doing however I've selected paid through taxation as I have on many occasions found that other homes around our area either do not want to pay for the service yet expect to use other residents Bins (or use others bins without permission) or put their garden waste in their black bin to save paying for the garden waste service
- Shocking and outrageous that you want to even more money from hard working tax paying people. The cost of living is spiralling out of control. I pay too much money to live in Corby already two management companies, higher inflated council tax because you think no one has noticed.
Corrupt and In affective conservative who have no clue about the real world.
You should not be considering any extra costs to public . Chancers, made worse because you think we are all stupid.
- Neither of those answers are acceptable. I don't believe those with gardens should pay extra but I also believe that those without gardens should have to pay a fee either.
- This survey does not give a lot of options for people to leave their opinions or feedback. Sounds like the decision has already been made and this is been put out to make appearances. I don't think there should be an additional charge when this should be included with our council tax payments.
No option to do monthly instalments over the course of the year. Most residents in housing associations will not have the funds to pay up front cost. This will leave more fly ripping and garden waste going into block bins as it did before brown bins were introduced. The worst possible time to introduce a new charge.
- It is unfair to expect certain areas of North Northants to pay, yet others don't. It is the Council's responsibility to collect and dispose of household waste, which includes gardens. We are taxed enough as it is, so the Council should maybe try to find all the money that the previous authorities have wasted.
- I think people should not be charged extra for a garden waste. This should be included in the bin collection like use to be. Council tax have gone up , fuel, food , energy prices etc . It's very unfair to ask people to pay extra on top of that.
- I don't see the reason for the charge. With the completely unaffordable rate that council tax on a whole is costing, why do you feel you need to add the extra charge in. I will now have to find another £55 per year on top of whatever % my council tax will go up year on year.
You are all disgusting!!!!
People are close to becoming homeless, what will you do about that then??????
- Deters people from burning their waste if it isn't collected which can be a nuisance to neighbours
- It would encourage those households with a garden to dispose of their garden waste in the best way possible.
- Garden waste during the spring and summer months accounts for the majority of waste produced! Queues at the Recycling centre get to dangerous levels in Rushden that it needs to shut! Having an even and fair scheme to help recycle garden waste would be the best approach!
You want us to recycle? Give us the tools to do so
- Why should people pay for it if they don't use the service, or in fact pay for something that is already included in the council tax
- I don't agree that other towns get the service for free with their council tax but a selected few towns from the same council have to pay yearly charges
- I feel the garden waste is a valuable service, it cuts down on my journeys to local recycling centre since losing the one in Newton Road.

I use service more in late spring until the beginning of Autumn. I would be happy if the service was available from April to October and would pay . I don't think it's fair some service users pay for either 6 months or annual fee, whilst other enjoy this service for free. Make it fairer all round

- Your missing another answer, it should also say
No additional cost to anyone and everyone receive it at no additional cost. You can sell on the waste, create your own compost & let everyone be happy
- We should not have our tax increases for a service we have already had and is included within our taxes already
- Garden waste has always been free for collection, I can't understand what's different now.
- This consultation is probably just a box ticking exercise which you already have a conclusion decided upon. It is beyond outrageous that you are asking households to fork out yet more money on top of our already bloated council tax bill (not even sure why we have to pay these ridiculous council tax bills as we get very little in return for these disgusting inflated charges) I absolutely reject the absurd proposal that householders should be forced to pay yet more money to have garden waste collected. This service is currently included within existing council tax bills. If we then are being asked to pay a separate fee for something we are already paying for then why are we being forced to pay huge council tax bills as well as your "subscription" charge. There should be no increase to council tax bills or any attempt to squeeze yet more money out of households for a service they are already paying eye watering amounts for. Just because other areas in Northants have been allowed to get away with charging extra doesn't mean it should be allowed to happen here.
- If you do not use the service you should have a reduction in your council tax, not an increase if we want to use it we are already paying for it!
- It's unreasonable for those who don't have garden waste, to pay. I'm happy to pay the £55 in Higham ... but it certainly should be the same throughout NN.
- All properties with gardens should have a garden bin/collection free of charge if you want to encourage recycling of garden waste otherwise it will just end up in the black bin.
- Too much flytipping in this area as it is. Im [age] yrs old and disabled so it's difficult to find extra money to pay the extra taxes. More people will burn their garden rubbish (they already do on our road) which further pollutes the area and makes for unpleasant summer and autumn evenings, having to keep windows and doors closed. We have never had this extra tax burden before and just because we became part of a larger council it is not our fault we did not ask for this. It is wrong to burden us with this tax.
- This should be a free service to all/ included in the current council tax fees. This will compensate the ever rising council tax and avoid residents having to pay for disposal themselves, especially during the summer months.
- This is quite tough! I think that given 3/4 of north Northants council residents never paid a subscription charge they won't see any difference in what we pay in council tax now etc. I don't see the council reducing everyone's charge if you go down the subscription route. Personally I don't produce enough garden waste so I might benefit from others paying a subscription. Thinking of the big picture though I feel maybe for now adopt the free collection for part of the year somehow sits in the middle. But I am also concerned that lorries are travelling to places that they needn't and therefore we are wasting money /time using petrol/roads/emissions etc. Another worry I would have, if you charge a subscription I think many households would opt out but would put their garden waste in the black bins which you mention is not good for the environment.
- I have to pay for council services that I don't use, so why should I pay extra for one that I do
- The suggestion that people should pay for the services they use could only come from a rich Tory living in a bubble. I pay for schools and libraries and much more that I do not use and that's

a good thing. Well it would be if council tax wasn't so blatantly loaded in favour of those fortunate to own very expensive houses.

Why are politicians and councillors so keen to level down than up all the time? It's not about people in Kettering paying too little. It's about people elsewhere paying too much.

Be careful that if you do start to charge people extra for gardening waste then there will be unintended consequences. I think I'll start to burn my garden waste. Other people will fly tip.

- Charging residents will ultimately end with more fly tipping that is bad enough now. I have two large gardens and I cannot compost the large amounts of grass, weeds and hedge cuttings so therefore use both compost and brown bin. An extra charge is unfair just because I have large garden. If charge I would black bag it and put into black bin.

- As with any service it will affect more than others.

It's a slippery slope to cut any service that is currently active.

Do I say I should not pay national insurance as I go private for healthcare. Do I get cheaper council tax as I dispose of my own rubbish or don't visit the library ect ect.

It's a dangerous move to pay for services unless we do it for all services

If the service had to be cut I would rather it move to monthly say Nov to July. Then in the heavy growing and dying back period of July to Oct to be fortnightly

- Well if we have to pay for it householder who use the service should .
- Neither of these options are options that I agree with. We already pay our council tax (which is my second highest bill) to have things like this completed by the council. IF this service is taken out of what we pay for, what do we get instead in its place? How is it ok for you to ramp up the costs of something that is doing this planet good & not offer a suitable alternative? Some people can barely afford to live now, what if their only thing they can do is look after their garden (e.g Elderly)? What happens when you take that away because they can't pay their subscription to have their garden waste removed? You can't keep tearing things away from the residents of Northamptonshire and not expect there to be consequences.
- I strongly feel it's fair or right for NNC to add an additional charge onto those in Corby or Kettering like those in East Northants. The cost of living is increasing, CT increases year on year but the service doesn't change.

If cost efficiencies need to be made I think a possible solution may be not to collect Nov - Feb. If necessary, collection could be organised for this period via a booking service at an additional cost like large household waste.

Not collecting for that quarter reduces emissions and will reduce costs - this should then subsidise those who have to pay the £55 p/a for garden waste to be collected.

- We are all 'in charge' with the Environment. So to help our Planet we all need to recycle, if this is going in for so long (the garden waste collected) why to change it now. We need to start recycling not stop paying
- I don't agree with either the above don't we all pay enough as it is.. surely bins being emptied is just common sense.
- This is a service that most of us in NNC area are used to and happy with. At this time with so many general living costs going up and more people living on the bread line adding an extra cost would be detrimental to many many households. By adding on the extra cost it will have detrimental effects on the area, such as more fly tipping or gardens not being maintained causing other issues such as rats and in turn possibly diseases.
- Having to pay for garden waste collection will result in less gardens being maintained as green spaces for our wildlife (there will be concrete slabs everywhere!)
You will also find that your black bins will be filled by garden waste (in plastic bags)
- Soon as you put a charge on it. Many will stop using the bins and more illegal dumping will happen

- I live in a village. Fly tipping is bad enough now but removing this service will only result in even more dumping. For some people, the countryside is seen as somewhere to get rid of unwanted items.
- People should be encouraged to compost at home, kerb side collections are unnecessary and cause extra pollution
- There should be no discrimination, all of society should have the means to keep a clear garden without worrying about the financial situation. Discrimination in this way is visible and can be humiliating
- I don't agree with either way. Why should we pay to have it removed why can't we be refunded for not using it?

What incentive will you put in place to get more to compost at home?

I do think there will be more traffic around waste disposal as people want their houses clean and tidy they don't want an unsightly compost bin or two taking space in the garden

Could there be a pay as you go system in place where you could say pay a month subscription to have your green waste collected? As we don't always need to use the bin but I think it has less impact compared to sitting in a queue with a lot of other cars waiting to tip at the local sites

- Prevent fly tipping - everyone would benefit from this.
It's not residents' fault that the councils have reorganised, so we should not see an increase in taxation for a service already provided
You should not have different standards within postcodes in your jurisdiction
- I think we pay enough for the service we have and that if anything East Northants should enjoy the same.
Stop drafting questions to suit your agenda.

- The green waste in our garden is mostly composted at home but in peak garden weeks it exceeds the volume we can process at home and so we use the garden recycling service. Having to pay for this service is an erosion of the council's duties as I believe it is part of our council tax. I would be surprised if the residents who pay additional fees for garden waste collection have lower council tax as a result.
Not providing this service or charging additional funds will lead to an increase in rodents where additional people compost at home and or fly tipping.
This provision should be part of the council's offer and paid for by all through council tax.
- If people want to use the service then they can by subscribing it should not be down to everyone to pay this especially with the rising costs of everything else
- Being in a higher banding I think we already contribute enough
- It's already paid for within the current breakdown.
- I don't believe anyone should pay to have their garden waste taken. The cost of living is rapidly increasing and not everyone can avoid to pay. Without a service charge there is less fly tipping etc.

I find it very cheeky that people are being asked to pay. Council tax is expensive as it is! So it should include garden waste.

- I currently pay for my garden waste collection. The delivery of this service is poor with missed collections occurring regularly. If this were a commercial service I would have changed suppliers and am unlikely to renew my subscription unless performance improves. In addition, my understanding is that garden waste is converted into useful compost that the council can make use of or sell on, thus making a profit at my expense.
- We pay our tax and this should cover what we have in our bins, to start charging extra if you have a garden is unfair as all of council tenants aren't given a choice when being housed because if they refuse a property they get dropped down on the housing list, disabled people

have limited resources and sitting on there garden could be a safe haven for many who can't get out so to have to pay more would maybe not be an option

- I think making this s subscription only service will encourage even more flytipping than we already see and more garden bonfires as many people will see it as a cost they can avoid .
- I haven't answered because the 2 questions are not offering a stay as we are solution. If you wish to charge extra for garden users, what other services do garden users pay towards, but not use. Please send me a full list of ALL services covered by our taxes.
- Don't agree with either
- With the rising cost of everything I wouldn't be able to afford garden collection as well
- Unless we saw our council tax reduce to balance the proposed new fee, I would oppose this as we already pay a large amount of council tax and costs are increasing for all aspects of living so we simply cannot afford a new charge. If there is a charge people will start to dump waste. I would be happy with fewer green bin collections or a seasonal calendar for these.
- If you charge people. For waste it will end up being fly tipped or just put in the the black bin. People have been put under extreme financial pressure and adding another bill is ridiculous and irresponsible.
- Council tax payers like myself see very little service for the tax we pay. Waste collection is perhaps the most visible of services we pay for. What do you actually do with our money??
- It is not fair that some areas don't pay for collection. Personally I am going to find the inflation, rise in fuel costs a struggle. Other people will be the same and I fear it could lead to people dumping their waste inappropriately. The queues at the recycling centre are already long particularly in the summer, if people decide not to pay for a bin the queues could get worse.
- Some services are not used by everyone eg. library service or sports facilities.
- If you have a garden then you should pay. If you don't have a garden then you shouldn't pay for a service u don't receive. Also some people choose to compost their waste so won't need it
- We pay enough for council tax in this includes garden waste, you will increase the amount of fly tipping as all bills are going up people can't afford to pay extra for garden waste,
- By choosing to subscribe only those with garden waste pay - however it does seem appropriate to harmonise with all areas of NNC.
- It's a difficult question. On one hand why should everyone pay when not everyone uses it. On the other why should we pay when it was free before. If a charge is made some households will stop using the facility because they can't afford it on top of the massive increase in fuel, gas and electric and so on. What they will do instead is dump it into the black bins for normal household waste, which is bad for the environment and so on.
- Firstly I have to pay for a load of things I don't use through the council tax charges so will you give me credits? Secondly garden waste has always been included so you are being sneaky by implying it's been a free service. Thirdly there are months in the winter when I do not use this service. The whole thing is a farce to extract more money. If you spent less money on ridiculous things like paving the town centre and projects that are pointless and managed the council better you wouldn't even need to be trying to pull the wool over our eyes.
- I feel it should be covered by all households and not split as I am sure there is a lot of things we do not use but are still charged for, for example we compost, recycle and make a real effort not to purchase non recyclable items so our black bin is very rarely full and does not always need to be emptied are

We going to get a Discount for this, no because that would silly as a county we have all these services and we are lucky we do not all apply to everyone but as a community we all split the cost.

- I don't agree with either. Maybe you need to come up with a scheme where households that require collection register but collection is free of charge.
- You've asked the people to decide if they want to pay for a bin, they say no but then you ask which way do you think is best to pay. You've already decided, it's about the money. You've decided to charge for a service that should already be covered by the council tax when everything is going up in price but yet wages aren't. NNC clearly does not care about its constituents
- I only have a small garden,so I would put my garden waste in my black bin,or take it to the tip
- I do not agree with any of the above statements. Bin collection has always been part of the huge council tax bill so why should there be any further costs. Our bins are collected between March and November and this is quite adequate and I would like to think that this will continue
- These questions are aimed at just people that don't use the service I don't think there fair questions. I believe people that don't use it shouldn't have to pay but I don't feel that someone that uses it should have to pay. Not everyone can self compost either I think maybe a limited service like Wellingborough would be fine with me March - November as not many people use the green waste in winter months.
- Its a massive step back in terms of being more eco friendly. Alot of families will not pay for this service.
- If some did not pay out of principal they would put there garden waste in paid bins of other people.
They would have more frequent visits to the tip, using more petrol not good for the environment. The risk of more flytipping would increase.
- Having just moved from Rothwell where green waste is free, I find it highly unacceptable that different parts of Northamptonshire have different rules. We have seen another rise in our council tax, with all other household bills rising, but certain postcode areas are left even more out of pocket paying for green waste collection.
- People hate paying extra for garden waste bins so many put their garden waste in the general waste bins which, as you say, costs more to you and the environment. We compost as much as possible but in the mowing season we generate just too many grass clippings to compost at home. We could do like everyone else near us does, fly tip on waste ground, side of road or put in the bottom of our general waste. But we don't, we pay extra to have it collected as we are responsible but why should some areas get this free and others not? Generally speaking properties with gardens pay a lot more Council Tax than properties without therefore our extra tax should cover our garden waste.
At the moment in our area, two separate companies cover our garden waste collection, it's ridiculous, how is that good for the environment?
- I think generally the households with the higher Tax band pay for the collection in their yearly tax because the higher tax bands are more likely to have gardens. So, we are already paying for it. And, if the other areas manage to cover free collections within their tax rate, why can't everyone else?
- Make all services subscription. - my bills would be so much cheaper. This service is actually one I use so no I don't want to pay more for it.
- We already pay for refuse collection within our council tax. Why do we have to pay MORE to continue a really useful service. With virtually everything now costing considerably more this is just another nail in the coffin for those on a fixed income.

Don't you think it might lead to more fly tipping of black sacks filled with garden rubbish - Black sacks that do NOT degrade. As usual the impact and unintended consequences of charging for this service have not been fully thought through

- Encourage people to dispose of waste correctly, or people will use black bins.
- Regarding your question above.

There are things to take in to a cont.

1, The council profit from the garden waste by selling it as peat.

2, There will be more fly tipping as people will not pay to have the garden waste taken away in your bins.

3; Unkept gardens

4, Low incomes , pensioner. Unemployed.

5, Having to pay and only get the bin emptied for 6 months of the year.

6 Gardens still need looking after all year especially as the seasons are changing.

IE. Spring is earlier summer is longer Winter is milder.

7, Why do other areas have their bins/ black bags emptied for free?

- Garden waste collection is already included in tax payments. It is unfair to charge more when the price of everything is going up as it is
- If it costs the council money when green waste is put in the general waste bin then surely there will be long term savings for encouraging everyone to dispose of their garden/green waste correctly. If the green waste bin was also used to dispose of household food waste you could look at the option to remove food caddy's which would remove the need for that service.
- The wider audience will always be paying for services that it does not use so closely but the services are aimed at the greater good which in my eyes makes that OK.

A lot of people will have gardens, some will be heavy users of garden waste and some more limited. I am more of a limited user who would potentially put it out once every 6-8 weeks. I would put it out for my lawn trimmings but wouldn't put it out for collection until it is full. I also only use it between March and October time due to weather conditions so may only use the service between 4-6 times a year. How could you put a subscription fee on it and make it fair for more limited users and heavy users?

The danger is if you change the service and out a subscription fee on it, users will just utilise the black bin instead which starts to completely move away from the positives behind splitting the bins down and offering different waste breakdowns.

These is an opportunity however, how is the garden waste recycled and what good is it being put towards? Is it being used to compost by the council within the council boundaries? Could something like this then be used by the council or sold on? There is a way to balance these things out. Sometimes there is a way to balance out a cost by creating an efficiency within a process rather than passing the cost on to the consumer.

The general individual is more focused on cost of living right now rather than making good environmental choices. Cost of living is rising significantly, should the council really be squeezing money out of the pockets of those less fortunate to dispose of their garden waste. They will not all pay for it and will either end up putting it in the black bin or dumping it elsewhere. The council needs to lead people and help them make better choices, not give them more difficult choices and push them down the wrong route.

The council is essentially a business and has budgets to meet but it needs to be a leader, to help people make better choices and give people the best living standards possible whilst considering a long term environmental effect. Don't make people choose, it may save the council money but it doesn't benefit the people when the cost of living is becoming such a concern.

Look in house, streamline and drive efficiencies then consider whether you really need to pass the cost on to the consumer.

- I think we pay more than enough council tax to cover the cost of brown bin collections. It will just cause more people to fly tip and in the end the council will go and clear it up
- Could encourage fly tipping. It is yet another tax on rural communities
- We are all paying the taxation for services we don't all ways use.
- As with everything else, tax-wise, we all pay but don't all use / benefit from the service (or to a much lesser extent than others).

I think the service should be equal but households can choose to opt in; although we pay for the garden waste service, we don't put a bin out every week so I don't buy the argument re: needless trucks / fuel.

- Why in 2022 when people are facing huge financial hardship through their energy bills, plus tax increases.

Under what criteria is this now becoming an additional cost for the already highly taxed residents ??

I would like to understand this justification !!

Other than not trusting any politicians, be it local or Westminster

- By charging for garden waste collection you are going to increase fly tipping. If you have a house with a garden you already pay more council tax than say a resident in a flat.
- Council services are for the benefit of all, paid for by the collective. Not everyone used every service the council runs, but the costs are averaged out. Picking and choosing will start a slippery slope. In this case those with the least money who might need green waste collection, will lose out and most likely increase black bin use and fly tipping. The council tax banding already bias's the costs to the houses with the likely larger need and deepest pockets.
- If a vehicle has to make a second call to collect waste then a small charge will be acceptable.
- The questions are designed to "force" people into answering in a certain way to get the desired outcome. i.e. a charge for garden waste collection
- Costs, during an economic squeeze shouldn't deter people from pursuing greener hobbies like growing fruit and veg at home. If one doesn't sign up for a bin they would never endeavour to look at a gardening as an option for physical and mental well being. Children in those households will never experience the joy of growing or cultivation. I would suggest there is still a booking process which you sign up, so bin trucks travel time is reduced and hence cost is kept down.
- Most of my garden waste is blown off of councils or neighbours trees.
- If I didn't have children I would still be expected to fund the education system through taxation. Likewise those without gardens could be expected to fund garden waste collection.
- I don't think we should pay for this service as our other rubbish collections are free and it's hard to take to recycling centre if have huge gardens
- Payment is fair if as other area's it's a year round service
- Ideally we should continue to access this service free of charge as before. However not fair for residents to be charged if not using service.
- I didnt answer the previous question as we shouldn't have to pay for collection, we already get ripped off with council charges but nothing improves so why charge us more for something that's compostable !
- Not all people use the garden waste bin for the correct waste. If it is paid for, it will make people more objective about the waste they are putting in the bin as they will be paying for it.
- Those who don't have a garden should be given a rebate. Not charging extra for those who do have a garden.
- I like the idea of garden waste being picked up from the house but also agree you do t want to send a lorry up every street on the off chance there will be a bin there.

Subscription sounds better but for me I can't justify paying £55 a year for the 3 times I want my bin collecting.

I think a PAYG system would be better at £1-3 per collection that way I pay for what I use other that is it 25 times a year will pay more for the service would also encourage people to fill the bin and get best value for money

- The danger of imposing a charge is that it would lead to less recycling of waste, more garden waste put into black bins and potentially more fly tipping/ unlicensed disposal
- I think it's horrendous with the current increases of prices of fuel and electric and gas I think this is an extra cost we could do without it's unfair and totally unaffordable
- People who have to dispose of garden waste who have to pay for it will just fly tip and that will cost more.
- I feel that if this service is taken away it will lead to more fly tipping resulting in more cost. Having previously lived in an area that did not have this service and owning a house backing onto a lane I know first hand that people will fly tip which caused fire risk. Overall this will put more of a financial strain on services.
- Neither. We shouldn't pay for a bin to be collected. We've already had tax increases in Corby due to the merge of councils and have had absolutely nothing to reflect the increase of tax. We've had waste bins removed from the area creating more litter and trees cut down with no evidence of replanting. I've tried to contact the council before and have been ignored. Given the amount we already pay it should remain as a free service. If you start charging then this will have a negative impact on the environment. People will get rid of their green spaces, people will start fly tipping garden waste. There's no need for this other than greed.
- Waste collection should be a universal service paid for by the council tax (as is currently the case in all areas except East Northants). I would be happy to pay a bit more in council tax so that East Northants residents benefit from a free universal service. We all benefit from a universal green waste service - less illegal dumping of green waste and less green waste going in the Black bin. Some poorer people will be tempted to save money by opting out of any fee based service, yet they have as much right to have their green waste collected as better off people (indeed they may need more help). I thought we were a "levelling up" council not a levelling down one.
- I believe all residents currently pay enough towards our rubbish collection via our council tax so I do not believe anyone should be charged any extra. The cost is absurd in my opinion. We pay enough council tax as it is and our resources seem to be cut even with rising council tax prices so what are we even paying for if we know have to pay for our garden waste collection separately.
- More people may use the service if it was the same as the other collections. I pay and I think the charge is worth the service
- I don't see why we should have to pay for this service! Especially with council tax being so high!
- I believe if we have to pay both for the refuse collection and at the tip it will encourage fly tipping which is already a problem
- If everybody paid it would be a small amount and the service would be available for everyone.
- If we use the service then we don't mind paying for it as we do now but it is unfair that some districts get their garden waste collected for free. It should be the same for everyone. East Northamptonshire has always had to pay for the garden waste bin.
- I feel I pay for my garden waste to be collected as part of my council tax, as this has been the norm for many years in my area.
- I pay for plenty of services I don't use already, garden waste is NO different.
- With other council services its not only those that use them that pay for them. Garden waste should be the same. People don't pay for schooling/ libraries.

- I would hope that Any profits made through selling the end result (compost) will be used to fund doorstep collections 🙏
- Not everyone has a garden therefore shouldn't be penalised by paying a tax.
- Current council tax should cover garden waste especially as it's increased
- All areas should be treated the same. Currently postcode discrimination. All OAPs should have the service free. Can't afford the fuel to take themselves and can't always lift the waste. Also as you state environmental issues. Not to mention waiting to gain access to sites and blocking roads and being turned away at busy times so making repeat journeys
- Not providing a kerb side collection would only result in more fly tipping
- Offering the option to pay will only encourage residents to put their garden waste in to the black bins or even fly tip?
- None of the above.
- I have to pay to have my green bin collected and at £55 per year its expensive for me to use maybe once or twice a year.
I can't use my local water site as I have a commercial vehicle and only have use of this services 6 times per year.
It seems as people are penalised whatever they do.
- I believe the kerbside garden waste collection should be available to everyone for free as per in Kettering, Corby and Wellingborough.
I understand not everyone uses the existing collections but not everyone uses libraries and they are essential public services!
I get the point about collection vehicles needing to visit every street, however is there the possibility of making it an opt in scheme?
- Some residents do not have a garden, so on face to charge them.
- This service should be continued and funded through the Council Tax as is currently does.
- If people opt out of paying for the service they will either put garden waste in the black bin or fly tip.
The increase in fly tipping is a result of council tips reducing their opening hours.
A universal service benefits everyone.
- I believe if garden waste was chargeable it would lead to more garden waste being dumped illegally
- Whatever has been done for other areas should be across the board it's unfair to those under the same council to pay for a service others aren't
- I don't agree with either. People in flats obviously have little need but those with gardens do need to be able to dispose of waste. This service has always been part of the rubbish disposal system and should continue as free.
- i don't see why we should have to pay an extra charge to have garden waste collected because, unless that service charge will be deducted from the present rates that we pay it seems to me to be a sneaky way of getting more money out of us!!
- If you don't use it you should not have to pay for it.
- Not fair for people to pay who do not have gardens
- In principle, people should not need to pay for a service they don't use. However, depending on the relative costs of implementing a subscription for those that do require the service vs net cost of collection/disposal/recovery from compost sale, it may be that a significant part of the subscription cost would be spent in administering the service. If that was the case, then making the service available to all for free would seem more sensible. Bottom line is - it depends on the costs.

- If you only ask certain households to pay for it I think it will lead to more fly tipping or being out in black bin and not being recycled correctly
- I don't feel we should pay an additional charge for anything, think we pay enough as it is. Council tax increased alot last year and I probably going to increase again this year aswell. Fly tipping is a problem already and I think it will get worse if we have to pay extra.
- Why should all pay when not everyone would use? But it should be paid for every area, not some for free as is the case at present
- As charging £55 a year will only encourage more fly tipping. Also pensioners and people on benefits will not be able to afford it
- Why should people pay for something they don't use
- The council tax fee in finedon is already higher than in other parts of Northamptonshire. The road here is unadapted by the council so I have to pay extra to a management company. Like many others, the benefit of my council tax versus the high cost is low as I'm not a regular service user or beneficiary. The only "value" I get from the tax is bin collection, to pay extra will lead to people fly tipping in the nearby fields.
It's unacceptable to keep squeezing people who are already paying thousands of pounds a year. If you start charging extra for it then my expectation of service quality and regularity would be high. Example bigger bins and weekly collections.
Ugh honestly. I'm so sick of everything going up. Governments are seriously failing to provide any value for the extortion they demand.
- Garden waste collection is an essential service - without it there will be more fly tipping and more garden waste inappropriately put into black bins and adding to landfill. We already pay council tax which should cover the cost of this essential service. Also, these are particularly hard times for family budgets and the council should be mindful of putting extra financial burdens on residents who are already paying vastly more for food, energy costs, petrol and other essential items. I feel that a free service from March to November each year, as already offered in Wellingborough, would be the best outcome for the whole county.
- The charge of £55 for the year I find not expensive. If you take into account driving to the recycling centre queuing for half an hour then having to clean the car out every time. The kerbside collection is easier. Also being year round means I can recycle my real Christmas tree each year.
It would be good if each year everyone who subscribes to the service received a number of bags of compost that is made through the recycling.
- Where I moved from, Garden waste was only collected if you subscribed to the service. Perhaps you could introduce say a £40 charge to everyone who wants to make use of the service? You will gain more money, because you are introducing the charge to a wider population, but reduce it for those who currently pay the charge.
I moved from [Redacted], where I had to buy the wheelie bin, as well as pay an annual charge - they collected all year, except Xmas
- It should be free for ALL. What do we pay council tax for?? We see no other benefit apart from bins being emptied for free.
- Surely you can't charge someone for a service they are not getting/ using ? Not everybody has a garden these days. We have a large garden and try to compost as much as we can but would still need the brown bin collection.
- I would be happy to pay a reduced amount for collection but as a single person on limited income and no state pension I feel it would be cheaper for me to arrange one visit to the tip bi-monthly than pay the charge.
- Its unfair to tax households who do not have gardens or access to gardens. I don't feel its acceptable to apply a one size fits all tax through Council tax to cover the costs of collecting and

disposing of garden waste. Small gardens level of waste would be easily dealt with via composting and infrequent trips to the tip so don't need the service, those without gardens don't produce garden waste and don't need the service they would be taxed for, leaving those with large gardens which they benefit from and enjoy, as demonstrated during lockdown who would be the main beneficiaries of a taxed service. That doesn't strike me as fair or equitable. If its a service that is needed or wanted then charge for it separately. Considering the cost of fuel at the moment it will cost the Council a significant amount of money to fund a collection service so a charge should reflect that cost.

- There should be no further charge as the general population are being taxed enough with nothing to show for it. The filthy tory party are doing their utmost to rinse us of money and divide us so we don't see the real issue - the government. North Northamptonshire is falling apart, we need some new blood in charge. Fix the roads for a start, they literally change when you cross a county boarder.
- I strongly disagree with an additional subscription charge being levied for garden waste collections. This will encourage more fly tipping which is more costly to the council and is harmful to wildlife and adds to the workload of farmers. It will mean that more bonfires will be lit which is also harmful to the environment and will impact on the emergency services, in particular the fire service, when these bonfires get out of control - which they will for sure. Many residents are already struggling with higher food and energy bills and this additional charge, if approved, will just add to their increasing financial burden. If 3 of the former 4 District Councils collected garden waste free of charge as part of the waste collection service paid for in the council tax, then surely it is only right and proper to continue this throughout all of North Northamptonshire.
- It is unfair that some residents get this service included in their council tax, and others are expected to pay additionally for it.
- I personally think that the service should not be free, but certainly reduced from £55 to say £25 then more people would be able to afford it.
- I do not believe that waste collection should be paid for by the community, it is only discouraging people from recycling correctly - when you claim you aim to be carbon neutral next year this action will directly jeopardise this by seeing a significant increase in the general public using their black general waste bin for garden waste.
- I will not be paying and burning my garden waste
- Why alter it
- This will avoid more fly tipping for those who would prefer not to pay as they don't use the service regularly but still wish to dispose of green waste
- Council tax is already cheaper in the old Wellingborough district under the previous council compared to east Northants for the same band property, and their garden waste is collected for "free". There should be no reason to increase tax to cover this. If a paid subscription service is used the and only 1 person per street used it the fuel costs and overheads would be pretty much the same as if the whole street used it.
- I live in an area where we have all ways had to pay for our collection. Yet the other areas got it for free. If it was viable for them. Then why not us.
- We pay for a lot of things through wider taxation, which we may not use. I do not consider it appropriate to "pick n mix" certain services as this is more likely to lead to unfairness as someone may use the kerbside collection but not another service, which is provided by the Council.

I also consider that people will not use the garden waste if they have to pay, which will lead to more waste being taken to landfill rather than to the appropriate place to be recycled into compost (which no doubt also benefits the council who sell the compost).

- I did not answer because neither option is optimal and the question "railroads" the person answering. These options do not consider garden size or type.
Should a person in a flat pay for garden waste? No.
Should a person with a 100 foot garden with grass areas and plants pay? Yes
Should one in a (non agricultural) property with 2 acres of land pay more than both? Yes.
Ultimately it can only be fairly charged by the amount of garden waste bins you have emptied in a year.
- It will still impact every household if people refuse to pay and it's dumped somewhere and then the council has to clean that up.
They still enjoy looking at other people's gardens even if they don't have one and those gardens benefit the whole community and world as providing green spaces.
Absorbing oxygen
Food for pollinators
- An estate with nice garden improves house prices and local behaviour. Dumped rubbish and overgrown gardens were raised as an issue at the last public police talk given at [Redacted]
- It shouldn't be charged at all. We all pay enough in council tax for this. We have a rise in council tax every single year! Along with all other price increases... We should not be paying extra for the service! It's ridiculous that you would even contemplate doing such a thing. People are already struggling. Also I love how you didn't give an option of no extra charge in the above section which tells me the council have already made their minds up, regardless what anyone says in these surveys.
Frankly, you should be ashamed of yourselves, you're driving people into poverty and do not care about it.
- I know that residents of East Northamptonshire have always paid higher council tax, compared to other areas of Northamptonshire. On top of this we were the only area that had to pay extra for this Garden Waste service. I accepted this under the old system. But now feel that all residents should be charged and treated fairly, as the councils have all been amalgamated into North Northamptonshire. It is a residents choice (who has a garden) if they use their bin provided. I am sure that if a resident lives in a property without a garden, this could be reflected in their council tax banding. Thus they are exempt from this service..
- All ready over Taxed
- People move around frequently. Once a house is registered to have a kerbside collection it should stay that way.= and paid for by everyone. How else would you monitor what people need. I am disabled and would not know how to dispose of garden waste without a kerbside service. Surely there is enough problems in this country with fly tipping and rubbish being left everywhere without creating another reason for people not to dispose of their rubbish in an acceptable manner.
I only use this service 3 times a year. I would object to paying the same as someone who uses it every 2 weeks.
- As it stands it is a very unfair process. We pay council tax so why do we pay even more to dispose of garden waste.
- Fairness
Those who refuse to pay will dump it then the council cost goes to everyone anyway.
They still benefit from the gardens in views absorbing carbon, producing oxygen, feeding insects etc and a network for wildlife
House prices and quality of living are higher in areas with nice garden lower areas of dumped rubbish and trash.
We're an elderly couple who get great enjoyment from our garden we can't go out unless accompanied so why should we be penalised.

- It has always been a service that was covered & is covered in the council tax, so I would only assume that if a charge for garden waste did come in then there would be a drop in council tax also. Therefore better to keep the existing scheme in place & not change something that isn't broken.
- Tax money should be used to encourage good behaviour like growing your own to charge residents for waste collection encourages paving over lawns digging up hedges and fly tipping.
- Of you don't use the service why pay for it I use the service and are quite happy to pay for my green waste to be collected every two weeks
- Paying for a service encourages people to use it efficiently.
I suspect those who use the garden waste service most are those with actively managed gardens who also tend to be better off (though of course NNC should try to establish this objectively). If that is true, a garden waste collection service paid from from council tax is an unfair burden on those least likely to need it and least able to afford it.
Furthermore, a subscription service opens up the possibility that a private service could operate in completion with it and thus provide a benchmark for the efficiency of a council-operated service.
- I think that council tax is high enough to not have to pay extra for such service.
- I already thought this was provided through council tax. Not only that but the council makes compost from the green waste to use and sell.
However if you could reduce the bill down that would be great!
- Asking people to pay a fee on top of the council tax won't encourage many to compost their garden waste. They are far more likely to load it into their cars and dump it somewhere illegally. More flytipping.
- I thought it was to help the environment
If you charge it will all go in the black bin
Or encourage flytipping
- It is unfair that the East Northants residents have paid for this service for years whilst our neighbours in Corby and Kettering have not. We have also seen significant council tax increases. Ensuring that nobody pays is a way of rebalancing that unfairness.
- Near where I live there is garden waste dumped during the summer maybe because some people won't pay a subscription
- the council tax charge should cover the cost of waste collections...the council introduced brown bins and they should NOT be charging us extra for the service. many people do not have cars and cannot get rid of their garden waste any other way
- We live in a terrace house and all our bins have to be moved to the end of the street the night before collection ,if we have to start paying for garden rubbish collection it will be really unfair if someone who doesn't pay uses our bins.
So how will the council deal with this issue?
- The collection should be free. Appalling that we have to pay for the service when you are able to provide it for free for other areas of the county
- The extortionate cost of council tax must include collection of garden waste. Give a reduction to those without gardens not increase those with .. this is a joke!!!!!!
- None of us use all the services so why should garden waste be any different? !!
- When we needed garden waste services we paid for them. Now we dont need them (no grass at property) we shouldnt have to pay for other people to have a service we cannot utilise. As a rural resident we already pay for services we dont receive/cannot utilise such as adult education courses and graffiti/town cleaning. Even our verges etc are cut by the parish councils who we pay additional money to.

- We already pay a large amount for council tax . Charging people to take away garden waste will lead to more fly tipping even an idiot could work that out . This has been proved by you charging certain vehicles and closing the tip on certain days. You make money by taking our garden waste turning it into compost and selling it back to us
- In our case we live on the eastern edge of the county. Our nearest recycling centre is in Peterborough, but we are not permitted to use it. We therefore have to make a significant journey to e.g. Corby to recycle garden waste and this is often prohibitive in terms of time and cost. We need a policy that discourages fly tipping as much as possible. I do think that collections can be suspended in the depths of winter (Dec/Jan) but should continue late enough for residents to manage autumn leaf fall. I also agree that those residents wanting an additional garden waste bin should pay an annual charge.
- If it free more people will use it.
And not got to the tip has much which will save cost there .
- I think it should continue as it is ie collected every fortnight with the recycling. Maybe discontinue during some winter months. Otherwise people will dump the waste in the countryside.
- While not every household will produce garden waste, probably the majority will, if people are required to pay a large extra fee to have their waste collected it may result in extra visits to recycling centres which increases pollution. Also houses change ownership more often now and new owners may be keen gardeners, so it could become a fluid situation. If everyone pays it dilutes the cost and ensures that all residents have the facility whenever they need it.
- Why not we all pay tax so it should be the same for everyone.
- Seems to be a fairer option
- Given that the council make money out of the garden waste I don't believe there is any need for a charge. All the while we pay more and get less, particularly here in Desborough which was ignored for years by Kettering and now by this new Council. In the nearly 8 years we have lived here we have only ever seen one road sweeper on our road. Paths are not cleared, some rubbish bins are left over flowing for days, roads and footpaths not repaired. It really is not good enough.
- If it was paid for through wider taxation more people who do not use the service now would probably begin to use it instead of randomly dumping garden waste or even putting it in the bins belonging to people who pay for the service
- So that all have this service available. If you remove or add a charge then household's will either put garden waste in their black bin or take to the tip neither of which are environmentally friendly.
- If you decide to charge only those that use the green bin then why not charge for the recycling and black bins too? An affluent large family consumes far far more stuff and produce far more waste than a poorer or greener couple (like myself) yet we pay the same council tax. My black bin could easily be emptied just once a month and even probably every 2 months and my recycling bin once a month!
Yet I happily pay the same council tax as my very wasteful high consuming neighbours... because questions like those you are posing above just makes people compare their neighbours lifestyle / habits with their own... just like I have above and this just divides neighbours and weakens communities!
- If the service is not free ever lay-by and country Lane in the county will be full of garden waste. There is already a serious fly tipping problem in the county,charging £55 will only make things worse
- Provided I can STILL leave my garden waste at the local HWRC then I don't need a collection service. I also deposit missed general / recycling waste at this centre as well trying to do everything at the same time.

- There are lots of things you pay for and never use yourself. I previously lived in a property with no garden and didn't bother me that I paid for it as it's a handy service for people that do have gardens and can't get to the tip. I don't agree with a subscription charge
- We already pay plenty of money in council tax yet your asking for more money to collect garden waste which most of Northamptonshire is inclusive in the tax payment. If you start charging for garden waste removal you might find an increase in use of the recycling centres or an increase in fly tipping in the county.
- Because its the fairest approach. Those that need garden waste collected should have the same fee. Those that do not should not pay for those that do.
- As pensioners we do not benefit much from the money spent on education but we pay for it. As pensioners how are we supposed to get rid of garden waste, the system has worked for years but now we have the old East Northants crew on board they never did and it would look as if they have the upper hand. When we lived In Irthlingborough we bought a brown bin so that it could be collected didn't like having to pay extra but little alternative.
- I have a compost bin for grass cuttings.
For soft plant cuttings and rose cutting which are hard to compost, I put in the brown bin
- Wider Taxation payments cover a multitude of services which we don't always enjoy each and every item. However I'm sure overall it will average it out for all participants
- We need to raise the bar in our county. By taking away the brown bin for all, it discourages people from taking care of their garden and property, bringing down the whole county.
- Higher level rate payers are more likely to have gardens and use the service.
Lower level rate payers contribute less but are less likely to use the service.
The service provided would be the same for whoever uses it so it is fairer for those who use it to pay for it.
It also means that rate payers can reduce the amount they pay in levies to the Council, if they wish to do so, by recycling their own green waste.
- People will fly tip if bins are not collected
- It is a widely agreed principle that everyone shares costs for services that lots of people need to use, even if you don't individually use it. For example, I pay through my taxes for schools but I have no children at school, nor have ever done and I pay for cancer treatment by the NHS although I have never had cancer. Same principle. If you start down the route of paying only if you are a user, that leads to, for example, privatisation of the NHS. (I also think subscription might be difficult to enforce.) So waste pickup, whether general or garden, should be funded through taxation rather than subscription.
- You do not fund sweeping of the pavements or roads in the area. My garden bin is filled on a regular basis with leaves from the road and pavements that you are supposed to look after. Why should cover the cost because you don't want to?
- Every household should have access to the service all year round without having to pay a subscription. There are low income households in the county that at present are unable to afford the subscription. By making the service free to all it would reduce the amount of garden waste dumped as fly-tipping. The free to all service could be funded by an extra £1 - £2 per household on the council tax. By making it a free to all service it would reduce the admin costs.
Currently, those who have paid a subscription should have a refund to bring them in line with those that do not pay a subscription to make it fair for all until the final decision is made; why should the few subsidise the many?
- To discriminate so that only households that use the service pay for it will likely result in an increase in fly tipping and an abuse of the service.... which will in the longer term become more expensive overall for the Council to have to monitor and manage.

I DO however see a lot of merit in REDUCING the months during which collections are provided - and so to standardise to the "March to November" period would have economic benefit and I would not be against that approach being adopted.

- If free kerbside collections are abolished, run the risk of more fires as people will burn rubbish or fly tipping. Council will also lose the compost they generate.
- I am paying for the service at the moment, I wouldn't expect other households that don't use the service to have to pay.
- This garden collection should be included with the council tax we all pay, the council tax rises every year, its not fair to ask us to pay extra for garden waste either 6/8 months or a whole year on top of annual increases, no charge while we were under Wellingborough council living in Ecton, We are now under North Northants, you increased our tax by £18 a month last 2021, expect it to go up again disgusting to ask us to pay a separate amount for garden waste.
- It is not fair for someone living in a flat without a garden to pay for my garden waste to be collected but then I am paying for the education of their children and many other services that I may never use.
- People with no gardens should not have to pay for the service. If you use it, pay for it. My only objection at the moment is the difference in different districts even though we are now supposed to be one council.
- Garden waste is branches and clippings that cannot be composted. It could be if I had a wood chipping facility. I do compost and use the food waste caddy. I do not compost during the Winter due to rat problems. I think that many households with gardens either employ garden services or put green stuff in the black bin. Residents of flats with no gardens etc should not have to pay for green bins or be issued with them
- As with many facilities - the cost is spread across all the tax payers even although that particular household may not actually use the facility or service.
- I am a family of two adults in my house, we don't use schools or public libraries yet our council tax pays towards these parts of the community even though we do not use it. So why shouldn't the whole of the community contribute to the garden service?
- It is divisive to start charging only those who use only a particular service. I don't have children so perhaps I should not be required to pay for children's services or for children's education. I do not use local libraries (because I have access to university libraries) so perhaps I shouldn't have to pay for the upkeep of local libraries used by others. You can see where this leads can't you? A pick and mix approach to paying for local services.
- Some people who choose not to pay may not dispose of their waste responsibly
- Everyone pays for services they don't necessarily use so garden waste should be the same.
- I can't understand why you would want to further alienate residents of Corby by providing an additional cost for services we already receive as part of our waste collection by either charging all residents across North Northamptonshire a fee for this service as a whole, or to only provide it as a subscription based service to those that request it.
I don't particularly agree with either of these choices, but unfortunately the latter would be the lesser of two evils by providing everyone a small increase and having the service available to all, given that they're the only "choices" we're getting.
- I previously lived in Northampton where there is an annual charge. I know of some people, pensioners for example, for who their garden is well tended, meaning a reasonable amount of waste, struggle to find the annual fee. The alternative for some would be to stop looking after thier gardens. Smart gardens, particularly at the front of houses, is of benefit to the whole community.
- I feel that I pay enough council tax already. Adding to the cost is taking the [expletive]. If it happens then into the black bin it goes.

- We already pay council tax to cover collections of bins I think people will start dumping garden waste if they have to pay a separate charge for garden bin
- If we only paid for those service that we personally use then there should be a substantial reduction in our council charge. Surely the purpose of the council charge is to provide services for the benefit of the community as a whole irrespective of whether you use them. Why were details of this consultation not included in the recent rates information sent to all households. Seems underhand!
- This could encourage households who don't pay for disposal to flytip which major problem already
- It should be free for all.
Helps to reduce fly tipping
- It should be as now free curbside collection
- I think the garden waste service should be included in our council tax. I live in a rural village of Kings cliffe and we don't have bus services, libraries etc which residents who live in corby/Kettering area do so I don't think it's much to ask for our garden rubbish to be collected. It would stop people from fly tipping the waste too. If someone who lives in a flat say doesn't need one then they can opt out! But please think about the rural villages that have no choice but to have a bin or fly tip it! I had/paid for the service since the day it began and would be lost without it but its unfair that we as rural people have had to pay for a service which has been free to many for so long!
- With lower income households already squeezed beyond their capacity, you seriously want to add yet another financial burden? What you will find happening is that those who cannot afford the subscription will end up fly tipping their waste everywhere. Again, not everyone has a car to take their garden waste to a recycling centre either. Then you have to consider that not everyone has the physical capacity to compost - the elderly and disabled for a start. I have a largely hard landscaped garden because I am disabled and can't do much gardening but I still have some plants and bushes that need trimming and so I need a grey bin but I do not need compost.
- All residents pay through wider taxation for services they do not receive why should the collection of garden waste be any different?
- Public services taxation should work on the basis that we all benefit from a level of local service provision that is free at the point of delivery. Otherwise, you could argue that someone shouldn't have to pay towards education because they don't have children. Also, collecting garden waste for free encourages people to take care of their gardens and this improves the local environment for everybody.
- We all pay enough council tax already so it should be included in it.
- I am disabled and live on benefits and cannot afford to pay for the garden waste to be disposed of. I pay a local gardener £40-£60 a month between April and November to cut my grass and trim my hedges, pick up other peoples rubbish kill/remove weeds from garden and path, any garden waste that cannot be put in brown bin is stacked in corner of front garden to be put in brown bin or left to decompose.
- There wasn't the question I wanted.
Which would have been, 'do I think it should remain no extra charge on top of council tax, as it is to me ATM.
If you start charging for it, I WILL NO LONGER RECYCLE MY GARDEN WASTE!!! It will go in my black bin!!!
So far, my experience of the new North Northamptonshire council is.....you're a load of money grabbing [expletive]!!!!

- Not everyone has a garden or needs waste collection so it's not fair to charge everyone. However the cost, if its spread over everyone requiring the subscription, should be significantly lower
- Not all properties have access to gardens.
- To make it fairer for all.
But this risks people fly tipping their waste, which will cost the tax payer more to be cleaned up.
- Council tax is charged to provide services for ALL who may or may not need them. If we start looking at individual services and needs then we'd go back to Poll Tax. I don't use all the services my council tax pays for. Therefore, someone in a flat may complain they are paying for a service they don't need, in return I'm paying for a service, say child education, that I don't need.
- If charge for garden waste could lead to additional dumping of waste, or it will be added to landfill via black bin.
Using public waste sites assumes house holder has means of transporting to the site.
Gardeners will have more bonfires to burn garden waste.
- It is not fair to penalise the residents of Kettering who have never had to pay a subscription for garden waste removal. Especially when we are living through such tough times with high inflation, high energy prices. We already pay a high amount if council tax for such services like waste collection.
- Nothing else is subscription based. I didn't need the fire service, police, a care home, a library, social services, a school etc over the past year but still contributed towards them.
- Our council tax is used to fund a number of services, some of which I use and some of which I don't. I don't see garden waste as being any different.
- There is no tick box for opting for a free service based on you sell garden waste for composting which will cover the collection cost
- There are many services we all pay for through taxes but don't all use equally - schools, roads, nhs etc. If you implement a 'user only' scheme then this should be applied consistently across services!
- If the Council decide to charge residents for a service if they use it, then it is not consistent with how other services are provided. For example, if a household has no children then why should they pay for children services. I think asking people to pay if they use a service, is an emotive issue and will become a distraction the Council do not need.
- If I didn't have a garden I would think it unfair to subsidise those that did.
- I feel that people won't want to pay an additional charge and will then put garden waste into black bin.
Also during winter months there is less garden waste so people won't want to pay for a service knowing it's not going to be used.
- I have no problem with it being paid for only by those that use it as long as the removal of a universal service results in a reduction in the council tax.
- Should be included in my council tax
- Neither are acceptable, garden waste is used to make compost; so money can be made from this. In places in Europe the only waste people pay for is the black bin, every thing else is free. People will start dumping their garden waste in fields etc, so no extra payments or extra in council tax no, no, no no.
- Kerbside waste collection is already paid for within our council tax and we would not at all agree that there should have an additional charge!
My husband and I would support a change to streamline the service from March to November.
- By charging it is likely to increase fly tipping, attract rats.

It would be much better for residents to be offered compost bins and/or you have to book a collection to help reduce the driving emissions have targeted collections

- Think it's only fair that I join Kettering and Corby who don't pay for their waste to be collected
- I would like my garden waste collected free please, I had no say when the councils merge together. This is an excuse to charge Kettering residents, why not help the paying residents and offer them a free service now.
- I believe people should pay for optional services. I believe that gardening recycling and composting is VERY important for all sorts of civic reasons, and should be heavily promoted as a duty of householders who have gardens, but I still think it's something only users should pay for. However, I think you need to make it as easy and tempting for people to do.
- I have replied to this on various occasions
- Collection prevents fly-tipping and most people in the area concerned have a garden of some sort. There are very few flat dwellers and they could perhaps be given a small discount on their Council Tax.
- I only put my brown bin out maybe 3 times in a year so if it was a pay as you need I would be more than happy to do so. However, I think the kerbside is easier for most people but maybe instead of fortnightly doing it 4 weekly anyone requiring it emptied before pays a fee. I would also suggest offering residents a good composting bin with the offer of more at a low cost, I would prefer a compost bin over the brown bin as my garden is small and the only thing I tend to put in brown is grass which I could compost instead
- I believe garden waste collection should be paid by those who use the service and it should be included in the current council tax, NOT an additional separate subscription charge.
- It is not fair for those who do not generate household waste to have to pay for a service they do not require or use
- I agree that those without gardens or who live in flats should not have to subsidise my garden waste collection.
To be fair, we only have a small garden & unruly hedge, so if a fee is introduced, I will just go to the tip & take our garden waste.
- I do not believe there should be an extra bill for refuse collection. I
- I have paid for years. I don't mind paying because it is a very convenient service and I don't have to make trips to the tip.
- Because you did not give any further options that are better than the 2 above as they are a poor choice of options
- I believe this cost is already built into my council tax
- Why should properties that don't have a garden or that use HWRCs for this have to pay for a service they don't use? The separate charging approach is fairer.
New properties now, for the most part, have very small gardens so little green waste for collection.
Councils only introduced 'free' garden waste collections to artificially boost their recycling rates.
- I am a 85 year old pensioner I would be unable to have my hedges cut because I would be unable to have them taken away. Do you think that is fair.
- The option of a free service is not actually free as the council still has to pay to clear up the flytipping that will occur by people dumping the waste
- There should be no extra charge for any resident for garden waste removal. We already pay too much for the services that we receive.
- If it is an optional service for the council and not all residents use it, it seems only right and equitable that users contribute to the costs,
- Only residents using the service should pay, but surely we are already paying within the council tax charge!!!

- Shouldn't be paid at all, but if this is going to happen then the people who have gardens maybe contribute, also maybe put hold on collections in the winter months.
- If it were to move to a model where a service was only paid for by householders that use the service it could set a precedent where householders may prefer to withhold payments for services not used e.g. Education.
I also feel if a charge were to be introduced where currently there is none then I personally would just use my black bin instead.
- This service has been in operation for a large number of years now - it operates for 12 months of the year (with the exception of Christmas and New Year) and we find it extremely useful, although we still home compost and take bags of garden refuse to the tips as necessary. I am quite happy to continue to pay in this way
- If i had to pay for this service , i wouldn't be able to eat properly a couple months. i suffer from depression this has take me over the edge, be a shamed , be very ashamed.
- We already pay for garden waste collection in Corby via council tax
- I didnt answer the quesstion because I dont agree collection for garden waste should be a paid for service. Waste collection is part of what we pay Council tax for and should be covered already.
- Your opening statement, whereby 3 out of 4 authorities do not charge - "In Corby and Kettering, the service is currently provided all year at no extra charge, whilst in Wellingborough, it operates between March and November with no additional cost for users of the service. In East Northamptonshire, the year-round scheme has a £55 annual subscription charge, paid by users of the service."
Your question of preferred statement talks 100% about paying for kerbside collection. -
"Kerbside garden waste collection should be paid for by only those households who use the service and those households should pay a subscription charge.
Kerbside garden waste collection should be paid for through wider taxation, so all households contribute to its cost even if they do not use the service. "
This is not a balanced view nor are the statements wide ranging to reflect the current position. You could charge a 6 month subscription to cover peak demand from March only. which balances that all year round charge and the service that provides only for 6 months.
The cost of administering the accounts and then chasing the balances owed will be a huge burden upon staff and the taxpayer.
- As a resident of Corby I use the kerbside garden waste collection service, but working in the Council I am aware that colleagues who live in different areas of Northamptonshire experience different services. I don't know how much colleagues pay in their Council Tax but the information provided in this survey has made me think about options and implications.
It isn't fair that those without gardens are charged the same taxation.
I am concerned though if any residents who opt out there could well be a fly tipping impact in the future.
- I already pay for collection through my council tax and I resent having to pay another fee for this service to continue.
Therefore I cannot agree to an of the above choices
If there is a charge bought in what will be the credit posted to my tax bill for the ending of my collection?
- We all have to pay for schools and other services which we do not use so why not for garden waste collections as well?
The other option is that we all pay to clear up the inevitable increase fly tipping if not.
- Because similar to other services which are paid for through taxations, everyone benefits, plus in this case there is an environmental benefit too.

- Not everyone has a garden and has green waste to dispose of. It seems unfair to make them pay for those who do want to use the service.
- I did not answer the previous question as its loaded to an answer that would be advantageous to you.
The box I would tick says 'I would prefer the service to stay as it is as this is what I already pay for.'
- the garden waste should be on the council tax bill even of not every house has the brown bin we shouldn't have to pay a subscription separate it should be part of the main council tax bill
- Rural properties will generate greater cost to the council as properties are more spread out and less dense and so collection vehicles have to travel further; gardens may also be larger and generate more waste. As a result, I think the cost should be higher for rural than urban areas. In addition, different sized bins could be provided, depending on the size required by the householder and a sliding scale fee put in place depending on bin size and/or collection frequency for that property. Once a month for example may be sufficient for some properties which would reduce costs.
Alternatively, bins could be weighed on collection and the properties invoiced, based on the weight of their waste collected.
It is not equitable/fair for someone with someone with a large garden to be paying no more than someone with a small garden who would generate a lot less waste.
- I can't pick and chose what any other taxes I pay or where the money is spent so why should this be any different? The majority of properties have a garden in Kettering, further to this, you band the properties based on value which the higher the value the more contribution towards the council budget through tax. You are not looking to reduce the council tax for people not paying for the garden waste bin in your proposals, so all this is is an additional tax on local people that are already stretched due to the current climate
- Council Tax has again gone up and we dont all use the services but still have to pay why should waste be any different
- While I agree it seems unfair to tax households who do not use the service, consideration needs to be given to the potential that low income households may not be able to afford the subscription and you risk the temptation to either burn the garden waste, causing environmental and safety risks, or fly tip the waste.
- Services such as this benefit everyone, whether you have a garden or not. It is green, prevents fly tipping and is part and parcel of waste collection. As with all public services people use them to a greater or lesser degree, but having them is for the greater public good. I don't have children but can see the benefit of using taxpayer money for education. Asking people to pay for such services only if they use them is devisive and a slippery slope. I am also becoming increasingly unsure of what exactly my ever increasing council tax bill is being used to fund!!
- I do feel that we already pay enough for these services and it should be included within the current rates we pay!
- There are other services that not everybody uses or benefits from but pay for through wider taxation. How do you then begin to differentiate?
- The current system is not being evenly managed already. Many households are putting out multiple bins whilst others are limited to one and this is not limited to just garden waste. This adds significant volume to all kerbside waste disposal. If you propose to have a personalised scheme, how is that going to be managed and policed? The current contractors appear to be collecting about double what would be expected on a one bin per household. I would suggest the current system be critically reviewed to provide the best value for all households across all waste streams before making any changes.

If council services are to be exempted for certain households, then what about other services - no children, no support for schools; no car no highway charges. I cannot see that working. In addition, are you looking to penalise those households who are working towards a higher level of carbon capture and contributing to the planet's environmental issues. Let's look at the big picture and review council services holistically

- It is important that the council do as much as possible to take away everyone's rubbish and dispose of it in as environmentally-friendly manner as possible. This is so that everyone's environment is as clean and tidy as possible, to discourage fly-tipping and littering and encourage pride in everyone's community. We are all deeply affected by our surroundings and every individual needs more encouragement to improve our surroundings, not less. Most people in North Northants live in homes with outside areas, we are not an urban area with people in high-rise homes, so to suggest that this service is not of value to a lot of people, is an excuse to take it away.
- I do not feel that it is right that East Northants is the poor relation and Corby gets everything.
- If Garden waste collection is free at the point of use then more people are likely to use this service which benefits the whole community. Imposing a charge will mean that many will burn waste in their gardens, put it in their black bin or transport it to the local recycling centre. These options cause pollution or excessive landfill and move us away from our net zero target.
- If customers have to pay, it increases the chance of garden rubbish being put in general waste and this is not good for the environment.
- I do not believe this, you are asking us to pay for our garden waste to be paid for, I have been having my green bin emptied for the 30 years without having to pay separately to the Council. Since the 2 unitary split everything has now changed without a thought to the residents. At this precise time, we are all feeling the pinch on our finances with our fuel bills going up by more than £600-700 extra, petrol has risen extortionately where we really cannot afford to put fuel in our cars. Food has gone up by nearly 40% each month. We have no spare money to pay for the garden waste to be emptied; however my concern is fly tipping will increase as people cannot go to the local tip to get rid of their garden waste, how long will it be before you (Council) will start to charge us to empty all or bins. We have enough stress with just existing without worrying about paying for a our garden waste. For once will you think of the people of North Northants and give us a break please. Councillors who comes up with these ridiculous ideas should stop and think, we are at end of our tether and we cannot take much more financial uncertainty. It would be really be something if we actually got some money back to us as we have been through Austerity especially with the miss management of the NCC finances, the people of NNC are still in Austerity.
- I think that most residents with garden's would use this service if it was part of the council tax as is the rest of the waste removal and should hopefully stop some fly tipping.
- It is unfair on properties without gardens to share in the cost of garden waste collection.
- if you provide a free at the point of use service, people will use it, if it is seasonal and chargeable, people wont. Surely collecting garden waste and handling properly is a green policy any Council should be willing to do?
- It seems like the fairest way. There are a number of services that are paid for by everyone regardless of whether they use them, this service does not need to increase that burden.
- As pensioners and a representative of a [Redacted] group, we have time to do the garden and compost all we can at home. If there is a fee for Garden waste collection I would expect people to mix it with general waste and pack it tightly into the Black Bin as was the case prior to a service being provided.

It is unfair to make an annual charge as some people use the service throughout the year but with differing amounts - Any Charges must be fair so must be as per Commercial Refuse Collection (per bin in arrears) or by weight.

Any charge will increase Black Bin and Landfill costs by much more than providing the service FOC to the East Northants area.

- If we are to be charged for the amount waste generation, of any type, then why should 2 of us pay the same as a family of 5?
- This should be included in the council tax already paid in the same way that libraries and other services are funded. Not everyone uses all of them but they are there. Everyone pays the relevant tax so services should be universal.

It would limit the amount of garden refuse dumped in woodland and green spaces in the locality. If councils charge a small fee for the resulting compost this would offset any additional cost.

- I don't currently pay for this service by a subscription fee and therefore would not wish to pay moving forward, particularly in the current climate. The Council Tax is raised every year and therefore I think this should be included. To go down the route of only the households that use the service should pay in my mind raises a question, then perhaps you should look at doing this for all services offered by the Council! This is not how Council Tax is charged, houses pay towards services that they do not use.

- Fairness

- There are many services that the council provides and not all of them are used by every resident but every resident pays for them. An example we do not use the library or education facilities but my tax pays towards it.

- If garden waste is to be a subscription service, then Council Tax should be reduced for everyone due to the savings made by the council not collecting it.

Also, should everything else that council tax covers be on subscription. Why should I pay for schools, libraries etc when I don't use them garden waste is the thin end of the wedge

- There shouldn't be an increase in the already 3.5k of council tax. I think it's disgusting to then have to pay to have garden waste taken away. Don't you already charge enough every year?
- The taxes charged are enormous already for very little benefit, particularly for those of us living in a strategic development. The only tangible benefit we get from our £2800 per year is having our bins emptied, why would we advocate paying even more for emptying our green bins?? It makes no sense particularly as green waste is the one thing that the council makes money from recycling it!
- I pay national insurance yet rarely use the NHS yet some people rely on it which is the same sort of thing here
- Cost of living has increased. This is waste like any other. We compost what we can but have limited space and composting can generate pests. Therefore we have to use the grey bins on occasion where possible. Alternative options would be to provide advice and guidance on how to compost safely and cleanly. If composting is preferred maybe provide the means to do this and then charge for anything in the grey bins as an additional service if needed be....
- Because it's fair.
- Ideally I would say it should've been free to all but I can't see how that is sustainable or fair
- I have been happy to pay for the year long service because there is still garden waste to get rid of during the winter months
- It's already paid for through what I already pay - so not needing 'wider taxation'
- Currently all bands pay the same rates across the areas but here in the East we have to pay on top of our standard rates. That can not be fair.

Of course none of this would have been up for debate under the old council system wrecked by the Tory County Council

- It should be part of the Council Tax.
- I think people should be encouraged to compost. This could be promoted by NNC alongside the introduction of a subscription. Then they could have the option. Educate people how to compost so they don't need to subscribe, but still allow others the option if composting isn't possible. To become more carbon neutral people will need forcing towards it as they don't necessarily care enough to do it by choice.
- There are families without gardens, gardens without waste (patios only) or those that compost their waste (good to encourage more to do so).
If I don't have grass or compost my own waste, why should I pay for the lazy ones?
There are also many flats in the area and you are asking them to pay for those with gardens - unfair!
- It's unfair for those who do not use this service to have to pay for it
- Not fair to charge everyone
- Charging for garden waste is totally unacceptable tax raid on households with garden nit
To mention bad for the environment as it will encourage households to burn waste. Should we charge households extra for using social services? or charge extra for those who have children at school?. Its wrong to charge those who use garden waste collections. This should be funded centrally like all council services.
- This is a council service that should be provided for all residents. This is what we pay a council tax for.
- When I lived in [Redacted] they had garden waste as part of overall waste management and it stopped the problem of others who don't pay trying to use your bin without any payment. I do recognise that those without gardens do not need to pay which is an issue though
- I make no use of the education service but still pay for it, many people make no use of library serves but can't opt out. The service should be available for anyone to make use of, it's their choice whether or not they do so. Many other local authority services may not be used by all but are freely available should anyone choose to do so: that is what you are there to do.
- I don't think it should be paid for as an "extra".
We pay enough in council tax as it is, and that's only when they decide to empty our bins.
The bins are nowhere near big enough as it is.
Wellingborough garden waste is collected free, why shouldn't Rushdens?
And I don't think its right that you should suddenly start to charge Wellingborough, just so that the whole area is the same!
Most of the green waste is composted down and sold on, so you are making money all the way round!
- This service is no different to any other Council service for which we all contribute ie education, regardless of whether or not we have children benefitting from that service. Not everybody uses every service. Some benefit from one service and others for another.
The green waste service must reduce fly tipping.
- There is so much fly tipping of garden waste in our area.
- Kingscliffe comes under 1 council now and Corby and Kettering do not have to pay a yearly subscription so we shouldn't have to either as it's not fair !!
- If it was a paid prescription it makes it even harder for the poor and moderate income / old to afford it.
The cost is spread better by General taxation.
Also a paid service could lead more to go to the tip (separate journeys - less green) and some desperate / less scrupulous to fly tip.
Fly tipping of garden waste is already a problem and making it fee service could easily exasperated the situation.

We have a small garden and have tried to compost with a lid but it's just given us fly problems.

- Why do we need to pay a subscription for this - will this be the same for black bin and recycling bins in the future.

We need to look more at what companies are doing to reduce their waste and packaging, a lot of items are packaged unnecessarily and I don't think we should be charged for disposing of their packaging.

In terms of garden waste if we have to pay - how do you monitor this and prevent those who haven't paid for this service filling their neighbours bins up at night. Will we have to padlock our bins and wait by them until bin men arrive to unlock them? I've had this issue with my black bin were neighbours were putting their rubbish in my bin when there's were full but they only did it at night so I had no idea who was doing it.

- The service is currently and historically paid for as part of the council tax bill. I do not have a car but still have to pay for road upkeep. Also I do not need to put out my blue or black bins every collection but I will not get a reduction for using this service less. A universal charge to include all services is fairer in my opinion

- I feel gardening and composting should go hand in hand.

- Equality, do not ask for anything else from the council

They have been able to provide it for free to other areas which has been unfair. Encourage people to dispose of waste effectively.

Encourage people to keep their gardens front or back maintained well

- This should be equitably provided across the while of Northamptonshire, not just in the North. If you don't have a garden however, it seems unreasonable to have to pay for a service they do not need or use. Equally a band A property shouldn't pay the same as those in the top Band - after all the likelihood is they have a far smaller garden!

In that way, the cost could be set so as to encourage rather than discourage sign up and use. If a part year only scheme provides better value for money then this should be rolled pit

- There is a charge already to use all garden bins. We should not be charged extra to use the same bin that many residents are already using?

This extra charge will force residents to place it in the black landfill bin.

Others will fly tip. Which I find disgusting.

Which will result in more waste lorries driving unnecessarily around collecting garden waste.

The council residents that are already paying this charge, why not cease that payment.

Oh no! The council cannot do that can they? North Northamptonshire Council has committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2030 which is a complete joke and not achievable. Until the likes of [Redacted] and [Redacted] do their bit then no one is going to take things seriously. I will continue recycling but I will not subscribe to yet another tax.

- I worry if you only charge people who use the service, would this encourage more fly tipping. With the rising costs of living and people struggling to pay bills. Does this service need to run at a service fee of £55 per year per house hold? If it could be reduced , to a smaller more affordable amount, every tax payer can use the service without a struggle to find the money

- I live in west northants it is all new to us.

- Some argue that if you are not using the service then you should not pay for it, however those who use it are likely to be people with gardens in bigger and more expensive properties therefore paying higher council tax so we are already paying for the service by way of higher taxation.

- If you dont have a garden you shouldn't have to pay a charge like everyone else, you should inly be charged if you use the service

- It is important for the environment to recycle garden waste.

This important service has always been provided for seven months of the year by the council funded from the council tax.

- A tax should be distributed between all residents
- I don't agree with either of the options!

I think that it may be a better option to only collect green waste during summer months when people are more likely to cut their grass. Green waste is less likely to be put out during winter months when grass isn't growing, so doesn't need to be cut.

This scheme works in [Redacted] where we have relatives

- Refuse collection is one of the basic reasons for collective taxation. We are in a higher band council tax and one of the only reasons we can think of for paying more for a larger house is the fact that we generate more garden waste. Otherwise we utilise the public services on a par with everyone else.
- This charge already forms part of the monthly council tax bill, to charge for a garden waste service would be paying twice.
- I feel strongly that those who use the service should pay and those that do not should not be asked to pay towards the cost. This is a fair system.
- I am disgusted at the high level of council tax I pay and then you expect extra for garden waste this is not acceptable and was included when living in Wellingborough this is blatant discrimination as my council tax was cheaper there too. I cannot afford to pay this unfair extra charge
- Because you are so badly organised, the subscription service in East Northants is always going wrong.
- I don't think anywhere in Northants should have to pay extra for garden waste to be taken. Questionnaire doesn't offer options for this point of view.
- People who are not keen gardeners will neglect their gardens even more or deposit it in neighbours bins .
- About 90% of houses have gardens, meaning almost everyone uses the services and it should be taxed that way. Any decision made by the council that will result in additional payment sought for green waste will either result in an increase in fly tipping, or more likely, an increase in green waste to landfill via black bin. It's a poorly thought out change.
- We have neighbours who do not pay for their garden waste to be removed by the council so they burn it instead, causing a relatively minor nuisance issue.

If garden waste collection is not free to the majority, then some people will find alternative methods to dispose of it, particularly those who are unable or unwilling to visit the household recycling centres.

At the very least, if household waste collections are not provided on a free service, residents should be able to put the waste in their black bins which, I suspect is what those who are unwilling/unable to pay do in any event.

Here is the (former) east northants area, we are advised that we cannot put garden/green waste into our black bins.

- I am a penrioner and live on my own, how would I dispose of my garden waste?.
- As I don't see why I should pay for a service that I don't use
- If I wish to use the service I should expect to pay for it, likewise if I don't use the service I shouldn't pay
- No grass too the front none at the back just a small hedge too the front so I use my green bin about twice a year
- I agree with both options.
 1. Paid for convenience- good
 2. Everyone's responsibility to help the environment

- I feel this service should be included within the current council tax payments which have increased significantly over the last few years without improved services.
- Maybe stop giving yourselves huge pay rises, then nobody would have to pay for it!!!!
- Everyone contributes equally to the cost of collecting black bins regardless of how full they are, and the brown bins and the food waste bins. Why would green (garden waste bins be any different? If [Redacted] want to equalise North Northamptonshire, drop the cost for those who currently have to pay ... after all it's the MAJORITY of households who currently do not pay.
- We all pay for bin collection and it's just a charge rather than a pay per weight cost that charges less for those who have little waste vs a higher cost for people who have a lot of black bin waste
- This service has been included in my council tax for the last 15+ years and now you want extra for it! It's a joke!
- We already pay through taxation for the bins to be emptied even if some weeks we have very little or none. We all pay the same. (Accept that there are some conditions to have council tax reduced.) Requirements change over time and reference garden waste, who is to say that a resident won't move to a property with a garden?
- We pay through our council tax, same as other services we pay through council tax. It should continue this way and east Northamptonshire should pay the same as north Northamptonshire and have it included. Otherwise the garden waste will just move elsewhere into your black bin for example. Someone who doesn't use adult social care, still pays for it as well. Where do you stop?

The argument might change if the council tax reduces if you don't need to use it, but it'll probably stay the same with or without it.

Even if you have a garden, you might argue that you don't use the service and get rid of garden waste another way.

Keep Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough the same, and make East Northamptonshire the same as this.

How will you tell who is subscribed or not subscribed. People will just use other peoples bins. Just make all garden waste March to October for all areas to save money this way. Not many people cut grass, trim bushes out of this period.

We already pay council tax and this is included in the wider budget. There shouldn't be an additional subscription charge.

The questions are worded with not all possible responses so are weighted towards introducing a subscription charge. This is clearly a not fair questionnaire.

- Asking residents to pay for their garden waste to be collected will result in more fly tipping with garden waste being fly tipped it will be harder to identify who has carried out this action resulting in councils having to clear the waste anyway.
- Composting should be encouraged; it improves the soil and uses up all garden waste and kitchen vegetable scraps and does not need a lot of space.
- I feel strongly that only those that wish to use the service should pay for it as I would not wish my council tax to increase unnecessarily to cover this expense, if it was made 'free' for all. However, I would expect that the subscription is kept to a minimum to encourage more people to use the service rather than, in some instances, fly tip this rubbish. In return for paying for this service I would like the council to then offer the resulting 'compost' to subscribers of the service at a greatly reduced price
- Happy for collection to be limited to March - Oct but feel it is a service that is already covered with the increasing council tax.

As a nurse I am facing a further real time pay cut and do not have money for any extra charges. Why should gardening be only for those that can afford.

- All the same - part of being in a community. We do not all use the same parts but to differentiate is impossible eg I do not use any services for children or pensioners or unemployed. I can't use a bus service as the council does not provide one to my village. I still pay for services I shall never use. Bins are essential to avoid an increase in fly tipping.
- I believe that we already pay for the service in our council tax . We pay for a variety of services that are not used by everyone. Why is this any different? It has never been the same throughout the county so that argument, in my opinion, is very weak.
- Even residents who do not have gardens themselves (e.g. flat dwellers) benefit from the regular free collection of green waste from those homes which do. If the council introduces a charge or subscription service only payable by those who use the service, we will all suffer from the resulting increase in fly tipping. A large enough minority will refuse to pay and join the other fly-tippers.
- I can see that there is a difference between the needs and garden sizes in the urban and rural areas, so I do not necessarily believe that one solution fits the whole area.
As it is an additional service I am happy to pay , although one needs to ensure charging does not increase the risk of waste being dumped in the country side
- I'm sure that anybody with a lawn or a hedge would rather have a kerbside collection service. Being from from Corby, I should amend that sentence to 'rather not lose a kerbside collection service', as I'm sure people both here and in Kettering would consider that council tax rightly pays for the service.
I used to live in a flat with no garden or outdoor space, and it honestly never bothered me to think that my council tax was partly spent on this service.
I would be more bothered for it to change and find people fly tipping their trimmings and creating a habitat for pests, something I can foresee and something for any tax savings to be spent on.
- Neither option is acceptable! We've never paid for garden waste removal, its always been within our current council tax.
I don't have children so can't you adopt a subscription charge for that???
Many people "tend" YOUR areas cutting areas that grow quick and you don't have the staff to keep on top. They will not do that!
Whilst commenting, when will Corby get the advantage of having small electrical goods collected for free like Rushden???????
- Not everyone would pay for the bin collection and therefore result in incorrect waste disposal including fly tipping
- It is a service I rely on.
- Without a collection service available to all via wider taxation, cost rise elsewhere. Fly tipping increases which is a cost to the council from another budget, or a cost to unfortunate landowners that have to deal with the dumping of waste. (of any kind). The money spent on clearing up or capturing the culprits is better spent on preventing it in the first place. It also improves the environment for everyone.
- It's not a highly used service
- There is a great danger that imposing an additional charge could result in increased incineration in residential gardens causing air pollution or fly tipping causing clean up costs.
- This is just another stealth tax being imposed on the residents of the area. I am already paying for this and have been for years, through my council tax. Now you want to charge more? So what is my rebate?
This is just another way to cover up the complete mismanagement of one previous council, by making the others pay.
It does not escape me that it is the previous incompetent idiots who were in charge of East Northants Council that now want the rest of the area to pay.

Maybe it is also to help pay the legal fees and compensation that ENC's corrupt past leaders left us with.

- But then, unfortunately, those with a little garden waste will put into black bins!
Can it not be free March to October? any other use will require user to transport to the tip.
I have a front & back garden, mostly slab & border, or gravel & border: I do not NEED to pay for a green collection, as not nearly enough produced to warrant cost, however, it stops what little there is, being put into the black bin collection!
- It should be like normally waste so everyone can get rid of it. It will stop people putting it general waste and going to land fill or dumping it on the roadside
- We pay an enormous council tax, we use other services less. It should even itself out overall. People who cant afford the subscription should not be forced to burn their waste, being a nuisance to neighbours, or compost which attracts rats and there is already a rat problem where we live.
- We have to pay for other services even if we do not use them so this should be the same. We also had our local recycling centre closed by the Council so have to drive some distance to the next nearest one which is counter-productive environmentally.
I would still subscribe to the service if it was the only option, as now.
- Collecting garden waste separately prevents it being put in the black bin which would be a very poor option environmentally. Collecting it for free encourages this and is better for everyone. I have a large garden and do compost a lot but still need some of the woodier material to be collected. I would expect that the garden bins are used in most streets even if only from a few households so lorries would still need to travel down all streets for collection so only visiting households that subscribe is not really an argument. Reducing landfill benefits everyone so the cost should be shared amongst the community.
- I'm not will to pay an extra £55 a year to have garden waste collected when council tax bills rise every year without fail in the Desborough when will council tax become unaffordable.
I would not have an issue with garden waste being collected between the months of March & November at no extra cost.
I hope this would include a one of collection of Xmas trees in January.
- I have always paid my council tax which has included garden waste collection. I'd you start to make people pay extra for this, it will encourage people to dispose of their garden waste inappropriately.
- There's lots of services people contribute to and don't use it swings in roundabouts whether you use them services or not! Will you be opening up every service provided by the councils to pay as you use?
- While i recognise that there is a cost to the council for collecting garden waste, i have ticked the box that it should be through wider taxation as i worry that there will be many people who either Cannot afford to pay a subscription charge i.e those on lower income or the elderly. There will also be those who don't think they should have to pay for this service and resort to fly tipping their garden waste. There are also many people who don't own a car and can't get to the tip.
- We have been happy to pay for our brown garden waste bin under the old ENC scheme. The cost of fuel and our time taking garden waste to the local tip would amount to more than £55 per year if we did ourselves.
- Subscription would increase Council income and decrease costs massively. A better and fairer option would be a registration service. Households should register at no charge and the council would still make cost savings. I do not view collection of garden waste as an extra service.
- King's Cliffe already pays very high council tax for considerably smaller black bins than other counties. Road repairs are few and far between and public waste bins often have to over flow before being emptied. A garden waste service would be appreciated.

- I wouldn't be fair for people with no garden to subsidise gardeners!
- Just take a look around at the substantial FLY TIPPING going on in the North Northants area. A sure way to increase the incidence of this illegal action is to charge a fee for kerbside garden waste collection, also this will result in an increase of burning garden waste which will affect people with respiratory issues and stop the enjoyment of being outside. The resulting effect will be to all residents with or without a garden. (Just as potholes are to all road/ pavement users) I'm a pensioner and we are already suffering a considerable cost increase in council tax amongst other general cost of living increases. Gardening should be an enjoyment not a worry.
- pay enough council tax. this should be included
- i have a very small garden and have no space to put a garden waste bin along with all other bins.

I am happy to take the very little garden waste I have to the recycling centre at Weldon and would not want to pay an additional charge for a collection service I do not require.

- I don't believe we should pay for this. Look what's happened when you made changes to the tip we seen a hugh increase in fly tipping. This will result in the same and also people will just stop maintaining their gardens which will result in mess everywhere
- I pay presently. I have no objections to paying extra however tge system needs to be the same for all areas.

Ideally I would like the system to be free for all but financially this could only happen to the detriment of other services

- Unless the council tax in those areas which currently benefit from the provision is reduced by the amount charged for the service then a change to a subscription service will negatively impact on them whereas the ENC areas would be no worse off.
- Historically garden waste collection has been late for out of my Council Tax and unless I see a reduction in my CT then I would be paying for it twice
- General principles of collective responsibility - would we only charge households with children for education - of course not. If we start charging we will get even more fly-tipping and / or black bin waste
- This is a bit of a miss leading survey, where is the option to get free
- It's unfair that residents that were previously under ENDC have to pay for a service that other residents get this free
- This is a biased questionnaire, there is no option for the service to remain as is, so it is already telling residents that a decision has been made to charge people regardless of opinion. We do not wish for a paid service as believe this should be covered by our council tax. Also we have an incredibly small garden and nominal garden waste. It seems unfair to be charged for this service either as a subscription for a few (higher charges) or en masse where we're paying the same as someone with acres of garden. By charging for the service, it's likely that people will start to put green waste on the black bin.
- To encourage every household to dispose of their garden waste responsibly
- Not really fair for non-users to have to pay for the service, although everyone has to pay other taxes that cover the costs of other services that they don't personally use.
- My understanding is that the substantial council tax we already pay, includes kerbside collection.
- It's what we pay our council tax for as it always has been
- Not all people have a garden or might not for any other reason have garden waste. They should not indirectly pay for something they do not use. I currently pay with East Northants. It is a good service and I am happy to keep paying. I think that the Council needs to spend money on priority services.

- it's all part of the council's services and should not be singled out as an "extra" . I don't use many of the council's other services but I don't expect my council tax to be based on what i personally use or don't use. That would be ridiculous.
- Neither of the above options. Council tax should not be increased if other councils have managed it preciously.
- There are many services that I currently pay for that I do not get any benefits from, so why should I be penalised further by increased cost and taxes.
- The service has always been free and no doubt the cost was incorporated into the council tax sometime ago
- Why should anyone pay a subscription if they do not have a garden with no need for garden waste bin
- If you don't have a garden producing garden waste why should you have to pay? Also if you produce garden waste but gave thd capacity to compost or disposal it legally yourself you shouldn't have to pay.
- We pay enough in council tax and with other household costs increasing I don't think this should be an extra paid service.
- Because if it is not included for free to all residents, whether everyone uses it or not, those that want it but cannot afford to pay for it will stop separating it and likely put it in the household bin.
- There are many services provided by councils but not all residents use all of them all of the time, this should be no different. Otherwise where will this stop???
- All households should support the green agenda and equally pay for it as those with gardens provide a green environment for all. Charging in general is not going to work unless everyone pays because of it's optional then some will opt our and use their black bin or fly tip which will cost taxpayers more in lost subsidies and increased flytipping costs
- Residents without gardens should not have to subsidise the usually better-off residents who do have gardens.
- If you don't have a garden you shouldn't pay. However, it may lead to dumping of green waste or people just putting it in the black bin
- Not everyone has a garden so why should they pay for this service
- Should be part of council facilitating green waste recycling this is part of what we pay all that council tax for ... criminal that it has been excluded for many years in east Northants and we have had to pay loads extra every year to either [Redacted] or the Council
- There should not be a charge for anyone ,we pay a fanominal amount already for tax and get no other service bar bin collection,it is unfair for us to pay and others are not charged
- It is an extra service, not used by every household. Provided the subscription doesn't rise much more than the present rate it is worth every penny spent to us.
- we should be getting the same as Wellingborough
- Paying through wider taxation will be fairer to poorer households. Also it would prevent dumping of garden waste and garden waste being put in black bins.
- Because the people who get it for free will complain about paying but we all expect our tax to go up and people how having been paying will be happy not to pay
- I dont think anyone should pay at all..Household energy bills are increasing its a disgrace this service now need paying for.
- I believe you shouldn't be charged to use the garden waste service if you recycle
- Wollaston like a number of Northamptonshire south villages used to be able to take garden waste to a local recycling centre. NCC in their wisdom decided to close the centre as a cost cutting measure and residents were provided with bins to collect garden waste for a fortnightly collection. Now NNC are looking to charge residents a fee to collect garden waste! This fee is in

addition to an unprecedented increase in the Community Charge for 2021 / 2022, which was greater than the Government guideline but passed off as a levelling of the four Unitary areas. I have lived in the area that used to fall under Wellingborough, for almost 40 years, and over this time seen Rates / Community Charge increase exponentially. When will these charges reduce?

- Unless paid for through wider taxation and hence universally accessible, I fear that there would be an increase in fly tipping. The current system in the former WBC area has worked well for years so why change it?

Also, it's the thin end of the wedge for the provision of local services - how long before people start complaining that they have no children so shouldn't contribute towards schools, and so on?

- It's very difficult to answer that question without any data on how many people would need the service. Generally I think the service should be included. But if less than 50% of residents use it, it's probably not fair to make everyone pay for it.
- There is a reason why we pay council tax, waste collection is one of those reasons. Not everyone that lives in a property with a garden is able bodied and working. Many are disabled/ elderly and rely on benefits/ pension for their income and with prices going up left right and centre simply can not afford the extra cost. Yes we have a garden, but like many others it is not just our own garden waste that goes in our bin, but also leaves and other plant matter that gets blown in to our garden from trees/ bushes surrounding our property/ are in our road. Composting can only go so far, weeds can not be composted for example. Weeds are found everywhere and spread like wild fire which can not be stopped by those that have a garden with their property. These are just a few of many reasons why charging extra would be a bad idea
- I have been in district where a subscription is paid for. Despite constant assurances this would be a smooth process, I spent lots of time chasing up collection that never happened. As a result a special lorry was sent out to collect the garden waste thus increasing .cost and was not good for the environment. In addition there was more fly tipping, which I am sure the local council had to resolve and there was an element that looked to burn the rubbish, again poor for the environment. I would prefer to keep a brown bin for everyone. Happy with march to November.
- I have very little black bin waste and high green bin waste but I pay the same as a family of 7 in the same street who always have a full black bin. Why should this brown bin variance be any different?
- This service should be free
- I think we should carry on getting our garden rubbish collected free during the better weather. Lots can not afford to pay extra. There will be loads more fly tipping, in the long run, will cost more.
- There are many services that are paid for by all, but not used by all. I don't think it's fair to use this argument to force a subscription charge.
- I don't agree with either, it should be free across the board, thus enabling recycling of compostable materials that can then be turned into compost for purchase at low cost(for allotments to use and low income families receive for free to help grow food)
When will councils learn that when you give you get so much more back, but this Country is built on greed!
- It should be a free service that is universally available to all. Introduction of charges will lead to illegal dumping of waste
- There's enough flytipping already.
You make it even worse by making it hard to use the tips and if you charge for green waste it will just end up on side of the roads or in the black bins
- Everyone pays not a problem if you don't use it.
- Already pay enough council tax for poor services so wouldnt want to pay anymore. Would rather dispose of the waste myself

- Fly tipping is a huge problem in my area. Adding garden waste to it will only end up making this area more unkempt and cost more to taxpayers in the end.
- I am already paying high council tax and part of that is to collect all types of waste from my property as part of that council tax fee.
If the council think they can change this I think they will find they will have a fight on their hands.
- Garden waste would be fly tipping.
- I rarely use the green bin, it probably goes out 3 or 4 times a year. I compost my garden and kitchen waste. Composters need to be made affordable if green waste isn't being collected. Some people don't have the means to transport rubbish and may find the initial outlay of a compost bin prohibitive
- I already pay a 'subscription' known as Council Tax. This tax appears to go up and up without any obvious improvements but many considerable impairments. I am shocked that you think making households pay extra for a service that has been free is a good idea. Another farce being forced upon luckless residents of a county bereft of forward thinking management.
- It should be included in the services we are already paying for.
There are many areas of economic inefficiency that could be sorted out instead of taking the easy route of slapping further taxes on residents.
Everyone is looking at extremely tough times in their financial future and it's about time the council started looking at what they value they get for money and where they spend it, as it is the people's money.
- Because we have enough rubbish being fly tipped that this will just add to it especially as all bills are going up so much
- If all have access to free collection it might stop those who can't compost putting it in the black bin or worse.
- I don't see why those with small or no Garden should subsidise those with large Gardens who may easily fill several bins in a fortnight.
However, having been involved in Refuse Collection I am well aware the Garden Waste Collection was introduced due to residents in some areas putting garden waste in the General Refuse bin, thus drastically increasing the weight (and associated cost) of waste going to Landfill.
Concern is now, should NNC make the service chargeable, people will then opt out again, and recommence using the Black Bins for Garden Waste, putting things back to where we were 25 years ago....
- It is what we currently do and I think it is reasonably priced service.
- Majority of households have gardens and the area would look worse if the waste was paid on top of normal council tax. As it is people do not use it enough and tend to garden's and especially hedges it makes the area unsightly but people like myself appreciate and use the service a lot. I so do not need an extra bill. My garden helps encourage wildlife and this benefits everyone.
- This service is already paid for through the council tax charge in Corby. I don't understand why we are now facing losing the service or paying more for it. Will we receive a reduction in council tax if the service is withdrawn or put on a subscription charge? I don't expect my council tax to increase any further if it is to be paid for through wider taxes across all households. We already pay for this service through the council tax
- We currently pay a subscription. It is patently unfair to operate an unequal system. I fear that if you levied a subscription charge it would cause a surge in waste dumping.
- Where I live some gardens have more waste than others and there are public areas which generate some waste, too (weeds, fallen leaves etc). I often allow neighbours to use my bin as

theirs is full. I would prefer that the service continued as it is. However, even though I rarely fill my bin, I would pay if the decision went that way unless I found it too expensive.

- Our council tax bill is a rather large monthly sum which excludes quite a lot of the perks the residents of Corby get down the road. A fairer standardisation of services ought to be put in place. Collections between March and November at no extra cost is my preferred option.
- In the same way that all other services are paid for by the general community whether they use them or not. For example schools, libraries, playgrounds, public parks,. The list is endless, you pay for numerous services in a community you don't use and that is what belonging to a community is all about.
- Adding additional expense at this time is worrying for many families.
I fear most would not pay additional fee and that we will see 3 things happening.
 - 1) Garden waste being disposed off in the black bin.
 - 2) garden waste being fly tipped.
 - 3) garden waste being burned.None of these activities will improve or be good for the environment.
With the many housing estates with small gardens there is limited space for compost heaps/facilities.
- It would be a fair way of paying for a service depending on your property type.(tax band).it would discourage fly tipping too. if everybody paid a little it would seem to be fair to me.
- I think it's a sham nearly all other councils not paying or reduced.
As East Northants we have always had to pay.
I think you should charge all residents who has a garden with a nominal fee.
This will ensure garden waste is collected for everyone run the service May - September.
This nominal fee should cover the cost as fuel is high this cost must be incorporated then next year it should be lowered if fuel has decreased.
- If you start allowing people to pick and choose what they do and don't use, it will open a whole can of worms. For example if people don't have school-age children they're unlikely to want to pay towards schools. If people don't drive they're unlikely to pay towards road repairs, etc.
- My chosen option, although adding to my household costs, seems fairer. Subject to the subscription being at current level and not increased.
But I am a little worried it may lead to increased flytipping in areas which currently receive the service free of charge.
- It's only fair that residents living in Irthlingborough have the same services as in other areas, especially if we are contributing to the same pot! I do appreciate that some residents do not have a garden, however, like other services paid for by taxes, we may not always feel the individual benefit of a service but share the cost.
As for the argument around additional costs of resources and the green argument, I would personally accept a collection of garden waste bin 3 weekly rather than 2.
Services should afford the same opportunity for a residents who contribute the same.
- Although I ticked the first option, I don't agree with either. If the council begin to charge for garden waste we will have a lot of fly tipping going around. If people won't pay to get furniture or rubbish taken away, they certainly won't pay for garden waste. Corby will be full of grass, leaves and branches everywhere
- The cheapest cost option to residents should be chosen
- It should be free to all
- Everyone contributes via council tax for services that they do not directly benefit from so garden waste should be no different.
- We pay for it through our Council tax!
- Really?!?!

For [expletive] sake, you take and take, waste the money you gain from Council Tax on useless projects.....and then wish to charge for critical services!!!

By all means charge for it....But I'll expect a deduction to my Council Tax Bill first!!

And then you can waste even more money having to clear up all the Fly Tipping that will result from the idiots idea that you are considering!!!!

- I think all householders that have this service should pay. Not some free in Kettering and the like.
- I feel that not everyone has a garden so why should they pay for a service that they won't ever use.
- As there are those that won't pay but may put their garden waste in subscribers bins to avoid the charges.
- i Think garden waste collection should be free like it is in places less than 10 miles away
- I have a garden and am prepared to pay to have waste collected. I agree those without gardens do not use the service and therefore need not pay.

My concern is people will take to dumping waste , for example fly tipping or mixing it in with household waste rather than pay . How can this service be policed if additional charges are put in place?

- I cannot answer either question, since both tie me down to a yes no response. There are other issues surrounding this.
- I would be happy to pay if there was a service to collect food waste from the kerbside and this was harmonised across the county. I believe this happens in east Northamptonshire. I believe this should be given priority to help reduce black bin waste which I believe we pay a lot of money to dispose due to the tax applied to landfill waste.
- The cost has always been included in the council tax, so if a person/household ops out of wanting the service do they get a rebate of the same amount as others pay as they aren't using the service???
- People would be more likely to use the black bin for garden waste, or even fly tip it, if a charge added.

Council tax is a generic tax that should cover all aspects. Where people don't make use of schools, bus routes etc, would they get a discount because they don't use the service?

- I thought we all contributed to its cost in our council tax anyway. I'd be very surprised to hear that garden waste collection has not been paid for by us for all these years...
- Some residents don't have a garden, therefore I can understand them not wishing to pay for the service. Others cannot afford to pay. While others will prefer to fly-tip or dispose of their garden waste some other way.

Conversely, if all residents have free access it may encourage better levels of uptake. And of course economies to scale should reduce the cost.

- Fly tipping is already an issue and very costly for the council, this will almost certainly increase massively if people have to pay for collection, particularly at the moment with living costs rising so much. Garden rubbish bins don't really need emptying all year, the period of collection that Wellingborough (and nationwide other councils) used, was/is sensible and an effective use of council taxpayers money.
- Council Tax is banded to reflect the type of home you own: and so indirectly people who require the use of garden waste collection pay for it through a higher council tax band.

Those who do not use the service say, people with titchy gardens or no gardens tend to use the beautiful green spaces as their outdoor leisure. People with gardens use their gardens and these require upkeep at cost that is too funded via council taxes paid for by people that do not use the space because they are in their garden. Let's be honest - our money all goes into one pot and it is dished out across a large range of services: services some people use lots (police

for example) where others do not, or the clearing of waste and fly tipping paid for by residents in areas where they do not suffer with fly tipping issues. We all use or don't use services and so ultimately the cost is balanced out across the board.

- The garden waste collections represent a small of collection overall alongside general waste and recycling. There are appalling issues locally in respect of fly tipping and by making this service paid for then fly tipping would dramatically increase. At an additional cost to the council to clear it up

- I don't agree with either statement.

Council Tax continues to rise, my salary doesn't.

You should not apply a charge as some households may struggle to afford to pay.

I think it s difficult to know what to say. And or do - Good Luck.

- I strongly object to the wording in your questionnaire. We already pay for this service in our council tax. It's not an "extra". Corby has been managing just fine, now with your new unitary council that was supposed to make things better, you're just looking to take more money from us.

You are in danger of exposing us to more unlawful dumping if you start charging more. Perhaps you should be looking into better ways of managing instead.

- It should never have changed. You provide a bin for every household. If they choose not to use it, it's their choice. We value our garden waste and feel we already pay enough council tax.
- The principle of taxation to pay for Council Services should remain. All taxpayers pay for the Fire Service and Police, yet not every resident uses these services regularly. Similarly with education, social care, libraries etc. With regard to garden waste, any extra charges will inevitably lead to negative impacts on the environment, including more waste being sent to landfill, more visits to civic amenity centres, more fly-tipping, more bonfires. Sooner or later HM Government will insist that all garden waste is collected at no extra charge as these negative impacts increase along with pressure to achieve net zero. Home composting is great, but reliance on this alone will also increase rats and other vermin.
- I don't agree that collection should be paid for at all but that wasn't an option you gave me. It seems unfair to create a blanket fee and expect residents with no garden to pay for a service they will never use.

We shouldn't have to pay at all. We pay enough in council tax already.

Im struggling financially and the thought of having to pay out more for someone to collect my grass cuttings once a month fills me with anxiety because I don't know where I will find that money. Please don't charge us.

- The council insisting we recycle they introduced the 3 Bin system then this is their responsibility to maintain a greener place which this was the reasoning for the 3 bins. Our council tax is high enough and i feel garden waste should be free collection - If this is not the case the rate of £55 is far to high in this current economic crisis. The wages aren't covering inflation and this will be another trail of services the council failed to maintain
- I collect huge amounts of autumnal leaf fall on my property from trees that grow on both other private properties and council owned land.
- One could argue that, if you do not use a service, then you should not pay for it. But where do you draw that line in the sand? By example, if a council provides local swimming baths and I choose not to use them, should I pay toward their upkeep?
- If you start charging it will only be put into black bin or fly tipped. The closure of many of the civic amenity tips and the increase in fly tipping is obvious.
- If you use the service then you must pay for it.

- There are a wide range of services provided by the council of which no one partakes in all, but all fund the these, therefore I would expect that the garden waste service be funded in the same way as other functions within the council
- I feel it is unfair to charge (through wider taxation) those properties who do not have a garden
- If you don't collect garden waste you will be seeing a lot more fly tipping
- Second option is the closest applicable option but council tax rates are already exceptionally high in this area.
- You have not provided enough options so you are forcing me to take a side which I hope is not what you want from this survey
- I pay towards education yet have no children in education
- It has worked well for me since I took up the Council service
- Every household should be treated the same!
- My waste collection be it household or garden is already paid for in my council tax bill I don't see why I should pay again for the service. In my opinion if you charge twice people could possibly feel they have no choice to dispose of garden waste in an inappropriate place. The increase in fuel bills and food and many other things extra money is another blow for low income families
- People who don't use the service probably have unkept and untidy gardens that are unattractive and reduce the attractiveness of the neighbourhood. Note my next door neighbour who have a derelict garden that is overgrown and a mess. They do however have enough disposable income to have 2 large cars and frequent deliveries of take aways.
- Should be free for spring, summer, autumn month and during winter time we won't use anyway.
- Not everyone has a garden or a garden that requires regular waste disposal. Therefore those that need it should pay for it.
- To start paying extra for this service when will it extend to other services (Police, Fire, etc). The Council tax is paid to cover the cost of these amenities.
- I am a pensioner on a fixed income i.e. State Pension. I already pay a fairly heavy council tax and would struggle to find the extra money required for a collection service charge.
- I don't think its fair that people in flats who have no garden waste should contribute towards the collection.
- Already I have neighbours who dump their extra rubbish in my brown bin when their's is overflowing...this will happen if I pay for green bin collection and they do not.
- We all pay for all the services provided by the council whether we use them or not. While we don't use them at the moment, we might have to in the future through health or other problems so I don't agree with individuals paying as that's elitist. Only those that can afford to benefit from services are usually the people that don't need them. I'm one!
- Why ask those who don't use the service to pay for something they don't receive, completely agree with asking those with brown bins to pay for their own collection, if a reduction in costs can be seen by those who don't use it of course.
- Council Tax is spent on many services and not every householder uses all the services which are available but contributes in any event. Garden waste collection should therefor remain within the services available whether used or not.
- Many things are services not everyone needs - education and social services are the big spenders that obviously fall into this category. It is not feasible to split out every service and charge for it separately, and to do so in this case would set an unhappy precedent.
- Many services provided by the local authority are either used extensively by some residents or not at all by others. These are paid contributed to by all households irrespective of usage. Garden waste should be no different.

If garden waste becomes a chargeable collection there will be an increase in fly tipping which is environmentally damaging and expensive for the local authority.

- I do not feel residents should be paying more for the service; we pay enough already to the local authority and benefit little from the services covered. By introducing a charge it will increase fly tipping across the district which will in turn cost the authority more to collect than continuing with the service as is.
- I am very concerned that should residents be charged for this service it would lead to more fly tipping of garden waste. We have seen a rapid increase in fly tipping which blights the environment and causes a greater cost to council tax payers. Therefore I believe that a charge would be counter productive.
- I see no reason why after a very long time of compositable waste collection free of charge that it should be charged.... I don't use parks or schools or many other services, no need to change here in Corby, spend less in other areas....
- Only a very small minority of people do not use the service,,using your logic,,i should only pay for police or fire if i use them
- People shouldn't have to pay for a service they don't want to use. Although paying for rubbish disposal will only encourage fly tipping
- East Northants always seems to get the raw deal within the county. We pay as much council tax as everyone else, yet our services are less - and we are expected to pay extra. If the rest of the county is able to afford kerbside collection, even for part of the year, then East Northants should be able to afford it too. If they can't, I'd suggest money is being wasted in this area and councillors should be held accountable for that (bonuses should maybe be withheld if they are ineffective with the council money?)
- The council should fund the collection of green waste as part of its environmental policy. It should come from what we already pay across the board, no matter where you live in the North Northamptonshire area.

We can't have a situation where only the people who use certain services are the ones who pay for them. If I'm not old, it doesn't mean that I shouldn't pay for social care, if I don't have children it doesn't mean that I shouldn't pay for schools. It should be the sole purpose of a local council to organise services that are used by the community and that would not otherwise be provided by private business.

Much like the consultations on the Council budget though, which had pages and pages, and pages (!) of objections in the consultation feedback, no doubt this feedback will be ignored too. If I am made to pay extra for collection of Green waste I will either put it in the black bin or throw it into the street. I can't afford to pay any more.

- Other services are charged across the board even if services are not used. Childless people still pay tax towards schools etc.
Charging for waste will lead to waste being disposed of irresponsibly and dangerously
- We use the garden waste collection, but not some of the other services that others may use.
- I don't agree that certain parts of the county pay for garden waste collection and others do.
- It would be unfair for those who have no garden or do not use the service to pay for it.
- Blackbin was collected weekly... Now only fortnightly.. Every other week garden waste... So should remain as is
- It's already included in my council tax and should stay that way. Without any rise. If it's to be harmonised then change it for East Northants and stop trying to rip us off at every turn
- Yes I agree only people using the service should pay, HOWEVER I do NOT agree with a subscription charge being introduced.
- It encourages everyone to keep their garden in good conditions and prevents fly tipping
- I DO NOT WANT TO PAY A SUBSCRIPTION CHARGE

- Seems reasonable that only those with a garden and produce waste (that is not compostable) should pay for it rather than spread the cost across all residents.
- Yes the above questions do not cover the fact of proceeding without any changes!
So I have not ticked either.
Begs the question what are we paying for in our council tax if this isn't included.
this is supposed to be a council service therefore as far as I am concerned I already pay for this.
Npton council's need to get their act together as already bankrupt and corrupt and ruined Npton town, so sad.
Perhaps they should be thinking am I in the right job!
Prioritise!!! Roads need doing!!!!
- I do not believe that Council Tax would be reduced for those not using the garden waste facility, however the residents using the garden waste facility would see another charge imposed. When many residents are already suffering with increased charges it is just another worry for those households. It will also benefit those who have no need to use the garden waste facility as areas may become unkept if people cannot afford to pay for the removal of their garden waste or people may decide to dispose of their garden waste in other ways such as dumping garden waste on communal garden / grassy areas which would then blow around into drains etc and create blockages and further problems. I believe instead of bringing in line the areas that are not currently charged for this with the areas that are charged. Let's make a more favourable decision to in fact scrap the charge that the area/s who do already pay for this. It would be a good move when there is so much negativity towards the new NNC already.
- Council tax is paid by every working household irrespective of the services used by that household. Why should garden waste be any different. If I have to pay extra for a service can I then have a reduction in my council tax for other services which I pay for but do not use. Harmonisation is an excuse to raise extra council tax and if charges are introduced I will never vote for the Conservatives again.
- Our garden waste bin only gets put out when it is full which is once in 6 to 12 month period.
- I've recently moved from Kettering to East Northants (Thrapston) and was very surprised at the charge of £55. Although I'm Council Tax band E my garden is small and really only used the bin 3 times. Instead of putting it in the black bin I thought it would be good to be environmentally conscious. I think my Council Tax Band should be enough to cover our look at square footage of the garden.
- Using a subscription service encourages people who don't pay for this to fly tip and to place in with their normal waste. This is not good for the environment and costs the council to remove fly tipping. The council will still drive up many roads to collect from subscribers so not much better for the environment. A subscription service may also mean that people who don't pay do not keep their gardens in good order.
- Currently I pay for my collection and do not feel it would be fair to tax others who do not use the service e.g. those living in flats. This is especially in view of the ever increasing cost of living.
- I feel we already pay for our garden waste in our council tax. I think if you charge it will only increase flytipping which already happens in our area regularly, or people won't bother about their gardens as they are already having increased bills and can't afford to pay an extra charge. I report fly tipping on a regular basis I can see the area getting overgrown with weeds, grass as many areas here their gardens are open.
- The more you charge for individual services, the more people just dump stuff making the area look awful, and it needs clearing up which ends up costing us all anyway.
- I have no children but I still have to pay council tax towards the child services provision. We already pay for a bin collection service through council tax so why should I have to pay extra just because I have a garden, I do not get a rebate for paying for someone else's kids

- I won't use the service so I don't want to pay for something I'm not using
- We all contribute via taxation to services we don't use. Childless people pay for contributions towards education, I pay towards transport yet never use a bus. We all want a nice environment and to see our neighbourhood gardens in good maintenance..if people refuse to pay a service charge then they will stop maintaining their gardens.
- There is already a charge to residents who live in flats if they have a green area that is maintained through shared services. Corby and Kettering are older towns and therefore were established with gardens laid to lawn, some quite large.
As a nation we are encouraged to support wildlife by having hedges and trees, but people will start to remove these for hard fencing is they cannot afford to subscribe to a service, thereby destroying more habitats. Driving to individual homes who have signed up is a nonsense as this will not reduce the carbon footprint or vastly reduce the amount of diesel used. Making the service charged beyond peoples' means, at a time when the economy is under great strain with increases in energy and living costs, will encourage more flytipping which is a charge offset to all residents through CT charge.
- Everyone who uses service to pay but a fair and equal charge
- Have always had kebside collection by Corby council council tax is expensive without an added charge for garden waste
- While I appreciate not everyone has a garden, they do have compostable waste such as vegetable preparation material, flowers, etc. and enjoy other peoples gardens. Our council taxes are for all services regardless of our circumstances. As an oap I do not have children at school now but a proportion of our taxation is for education for example. We don't chose which services we want or don't want. By not collecting garden waste, there will be folk who leave it on roadsides and verges or throw it into fields. Alternatively they will be good citizens and drive it to the tips but that pollutes the environment with fuel and with the need to cut omissions then this is not the solution. Many people will cut back on natural green gardens and move to artificial and hard standings also adding to climate change.
- I am happy to pay a reasonable fee for garden waste collection. I am aware that nationally many LA's charge for this service.
As an East Northants resident I have paid for the service for the last 2-3 years. I do strongly object to the fact that now we come under the banner of "North Northants" that those from the former CBC, WBC and KBC areas don't have to pay.
- This is a great service which should be kept free as part of our council tax.
I worry that if not, incidents of fly tipping will increase and blight our countryside.
- Ha
- All waste should be removed
- We all pay for things we don't use....
I pay for fire station...never used
I pay for the churches....never used
I pay for the library....hardly ever use.
The things council tax pays for I do not use but am fine paying because it is something other people need and we're a community...
How would you even regulate who pays and who doesnt?
Council tax should provide services for everyone, whether you use that service or not... to make just garden holders pay could make others think well I don't use this so let's start a petition to only make certain people pay. Personally I think its opening a can of worms.
- We all pay for services we do not necessarily use. As a household we are happy to pay towards adult social care, fire services and police services but have never needed to use them (thankfully!) but we wouldn't dream of subscribing only to the elements we needed. These are

valuable services which should be available to all (like garden waste collection) and therefore paid for by all.

- It encourages garden waste recycling
I pay more council tax than the same band property in Wellingborough AND I have to pay separately for my garden waste bin. How is that fair? We are all residents of Northants
- I think it should be included in our council tax. As a council tax payer in band F i think i pay enough i don't get any benefits to paying more than households in lower bands apart from a bigger bill. We shouldn't be asked for extra money to collect garden waste. Savings should be made in other areas to ensure this is funded such as stream lining and ensuring value for money.
- Because I contribute to plenty of other services which benefit the community, that my household do not use. We earn and contribute significantly, supporting others who do not. Fly tipping is frequent in hot spots around us, if the service is removed, this will likely increase. I would rather you stopped sending people up my road, with mowers, to cut the grass in front of peoples houses, we all assume responsibility for this.
- There are services we pay for already which we don't all necessarily use.
Why should garden waste be considered as an extra service.
- In answer to the above, this should be included in current taxation and not another tax that the general public have to pay. I fully understand the cost factor in collecting general garden waste, in a time where taxes and cost of living is rising this is going to be another cost that we the general public will have to absorb.
Across the 4 boroughs that are now North Northants 3 had free garden collections and one paid for the service, why not bring them all into line and stop charging those living living in east northants.
I would be happy to follow Wellingborough's service and run it March to October.
Adding a charge to this will only increase fly tipping across the county.
- For us with larger gardens in a village, single, in a council house, with no car struggling to pay for the council tax as it is I don't see what you expect us to do. The bins being emptied every 2 weeks is a joke as is so u want us to pay extra for the same privilege. There's only so much composting that can be done. To cut my lawns fills 2 brown bins as is never mind the hedge trimming etc. so if we was to have to pay then it should at least be every week not every other than more than 1 poxy bin
- My understanding of how Council tax works is that I'm effectively paying for some local services I may use and also some I probably don't or won't use. But I'm fine with that as it all probably balances out in the end. Having some services which you subscribe to and opt/in or out complicates the situation and could lead in the future to arguing about splitting everything down into a subscription based model. I could for example argue that I don't want my Council Tax to contribute to Libraries or Education Services so can I please opt out.
I'd much rather it was all kept simple and local services (at least at a basic level) were funded through everybody paying their Council Tax with no extra add ons. But a subsequent question asks about providing an additional bin - I do think that should be charged for as it is above the basic level of service (one bin).
- I already pay Council Tax for this service. Anything additional amounts to a stealth tax.
- You want to avoid issues such as fly tipping. I do not compost at home as I am not that keen a gardener. As such I will not need a garden waste collection every two weeks, but only from time to time as and when required. I therefore do not want to pay specifically for a service that I would only use occasionally, but if it is covered (by a small increase) in general taxation it will be available and could be used as and when needed. Not everybody has the ability to visit recycling centres and restricting the service to only certain households would mean that people with

restricted income would choose not to participate and gardens would be either left to their own devices (i.e. be overgrown and untidy) or the waste would be dumped either in the normal black bins or fly tipped.

- I do not believe anyone should pay garden waste collection
- Reduces the risk of fly tipping for those that don't want to pay.
- The cost of collecting Green Waste should be met through the Council Tax people pay. If a charge is introduced then that will encourage people disposing their green waste in black bins or increased fly tipping. People are struggling through current climate of things and everywhere they turn someone is asking for money that they do not have. If I don't use Green Garden Waste Collection can I expect to receive a REDUCTION in my Council Tax?
NO TO THE CHARGE!

- I believe that garden waste should be free as per Corby Council., I would like to add garden waste is turned into money for the council, therefore it is self-funding
- It should stay the same as it has always been in Corby Borough
- If collection is not available free of charge where would the garden waste go? It may be just dumped on any piece of open ground or put in the black bin. Unfortunately not everyone is able to do a tip run so there might not be a saving for the council overall.
- This way, as with so many taxes the burden is shared regardless of whether you use the services or not. All for the greater good.
- It would be nice not to pay extra for a service when our council tax is already high.
- Most council services are paid for through general taxation - for example we all pay tax towards schools even if we don't have children. Similarly the council pays for street lighting which we all contribute to, even if we don't go out at night!

If garden waste is not paid for through wider taxation there is a risk that people will just dump their waste, or put it in the black landfill waste, which is bad for the environment (and would cost the council more).

- I pay taxes for service I don't use and never will, why should this be any different
- Those using a free service are subsidised by those without gardens,
- Everyone benefits if garden waste is collected at kerb-side rather than being fly-tipped!
- Charging individual households who currently use the service for free will result in a rise in fly-tipping as people try to avoid the additional cost.
- If Northants house owners don't pay for garden waste, why are we in Nassington.
- there is no option given for "I do not think there should be any extra charges"
- **FOUR GOOD REASONS FOR FREE GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS.**

I always felt it was a very unfair system as we had to pay in East Northants yet my sister who lives in Kettering had a free collection. Hence I could have always taken my garden waste to her bin if I wanted too!

My neighbour is [age] a widow and drives with her waste to the Kettering recycling, gets no help to tip it and usually has to queue for up to an hour, we offer to help but she wants to be independent. Is this fair?

Most of our neighbours burn their rubbish, sometimes the smell is horrendous and certainly not healthy for those with chest conditions or the environment. Is that fair.

I feel fly tipping is bad enough around our village don't add to it but stop garden waste winter collections to save money.

- Not everyone might have a garden, and it seems unfair to charge those people for a service they will not benefit from.
- Why should flat-dwellers and people in new houses with very small gardens pay towards this service?

- Kerbside waste collection is already paid for through our council tax bill and charging us again is a crime. There are many families who cannot afford to pay this.
- People who live in flats etc, still have the grassed areas cut and managed by the council. Why should I be penalised because I take care of my garden??
- Four good reasons
 1. I could take my garden waste from east Northants to my relative who has free garden collection in Kettering.
 2. Our [age] yr old neighbour takes her garden waste to Kettering recycling centre, she gets no help has to wait long times and it stresses her despite offering help from us she wants to remain independent.
 3. Most of our village burn their garden rubbish often with horrendous smells, not good for people with chest conditions or the environment.
 4. Fly tipping is bad enough without any more being added to it
- I used to live in [Redacted]. When a charge for garden waste collection was introduced a large proportion of households chose not to pay. Instead they put their garden waste into their black bins. When green waste is dumped in landfills and doesn't compost properly it releases excess CO2 which is obviously detrimental to the environment. It also means some people are more likely to fly tip their green waste. Recycling should just be everyone's responsibility and charging people to recycle would be a major step back. I would also like to see the introduction of a food waste collection due, again, to the excess CO2 released when food is added to landfill sites. We should be making it easier to recycle rather than penalising those who do.
- If everyone had access to it through the wider taxation this would eliminate many trips to the tips. Thus cutting down pollution from cars both driving to the tips and sitting in the que's. This in turn would make smaller que's at the tips and gain cut down on the time cars sit there with their engines running.
- Without the collection there will be increased fly tipping and over grown gardens leading to the 'broken glass theory' in which people respond to their environment . Some people cannot afford the council tax as it is and have lots of children , with other bills increasing this is totally unfair . I take some rubbish to the tip but others do not have this option !
- A lot of pensioners in retirement enjoy gardening. It keeps the community looking tidy. More taxation on struggling households is not the way forward.
A lot of Kettering looks untidy run down as it is, this charge will just exasperate the problem.!
- We already pay more than enough money in taxes, it should be included in one council tax price not cost extra!
- People who live in flats do not have gardens
- Collection of waste reduces local incineration of garden waste. Individual bonfires cause a health hazard for local residents and air pollution.
- I feel we pay enough council tax and even though I may not use my garden waste service every two weeks I do use it most weeks. If you begin to charge for the service i feel this will encourage dumping of green waste and the area will become unsightly as people will not want to pay an additional charge.
- How is that fair?! [Redaction] what a question.
- Houses with no gardens tend to be in lower tax band and pay less money. We pay more money in the higher tax band and therefore shouldn't have to pay towards the garden waste.
- It's only right that all NNC residents are charged the same free or charged from March to November
- The Council Tax collected is used for many purposes. Not all are used by everyone. To single out functions of the authority to be paid for only by those who use them sets a precedent. Can I expect to pay for only the services I use in other areas?

- The first option will likely lead to a significant number of people placing garden waste in the general bin so not only will it not go to good use, filling up landfill instead, but the council will STILL be collecting it!
If you want "user pays", drop the council tax by the averaged-out cost of providing the service and THEN levy the extra charge else we will be paying twice, which we will remember come election time.
- Environmentally friendly. Garden waste mixed with treated sewage at Great Billing and used by farmers as soil conditioner.
- I do not use library, don't have any children that go to school, don't claim any benefits at all, and never have, but we still pay a lot towards these services, so to expect to have garden waste collected every couple of weeks is in no way unreasonable! I would be safe in believing that many residents who may not have need of garden waste collection make use of services I do not.
Under your proposal I believe that libraries should be paid for only by those who use them, or school upkeep only paid for by those who actually have children in attendance!
- Just as some people do not have children but still pay council tax for schools etc, the same should apply for rubbish collection.
- I am a regular user of the garden waste collection and would like the service to continue as it is now, however, I think the service would be ok for me from April to October only.
With the council tax as high as it is at the moment I do not want to pay for this service as an extra cost.
- If its by subscription only some people will not pay it, and then they will tip rubbish/garden waste anywhere they can. Also if there are charges for this then I would expect a much better standard of service such as all year round and knowing that they are recycling/disposing of the waste correctly, also there would need to be no limit on how much garden waste could be collected.
So really its much better for everyone if this is just part of the normal council tax charges for everyone.
- I feel it should be free we pay council tax for services and personally I feel corby are now paying for services in other towns
- It is fair for everyone contributes. Also reduces the number of transactions by a resident to the Council. Reducing council admin costs.
- Ensure the collection of recyclable waste
Cuts down on multiple car journeys to a waste recycling centre
Prevents the disposal of garden waste in general waste (garden waste contains water so is very heavy for its bulk). Would improve the council recycling percentage/waste disposal.
Avoids fly tipping nuisance and additional cost for council
- Fly-tipping is a problem and we should nudge people to do the right thing. Making it 'easy' and 'free' to recycle, including garden waste feels like the sensible thing to me. You could load the cost onto larger properties through banding rather than an explicit opt-in charge.
- Because this is currently provided for within my local area and it must already be chargeable through what we pay in council tax. Therefore I feel that any subscription charge would be on top of what everyone is already paying in their council tax. I might consider paying a subscription if everyone's council tax was lowered due to the removal of the current charge for the service within this but I don't think this would happen!
- Free service at point of use to provide simple safe and environmentally friendly disposal.
Specifically charging will lead to increased fly tipping.

- Council tax is levied against every householder and apportioned as the Council sees fit. I have no need for certain services provided but I still have to contribute towards them. Therefore it seems fair that everyone contribute, regardless as to whether they use the service or not.
- In the long run it would be more cost effective (administration wise), no chasing to see who wants it, whose paid for it, who lives where. The council tax banding would take care of who live in a flat etc
- Garden waste should be in with our council tax. We pay far too much each year for our council tax. Might be idea to have collection from March to October.
- Enough disposable income is taken in council tax (I just had the bill for 22/23 through today, and it's one thing that never decreases), that an extra precept on those who wish to use the service seems unfair. In addition, the amount of money the council wastes is ludicrous - maybe cutting the salaries of senior members of officialdom could fund such a service...?
- Likelihood is households will put waste in black bins rather than pay, meaning additional waste in landfill that cannot be used.
- You stopped us putting garden waste in the recycling bins so you have caused the problem of separate collections and now you want us to pay for it.
- If I asked the council to collect some old furniture, I would expect to pay it is not the concern of others, why should they contribute?
- Seems like the fairest approach. You use the service then you pay for the service.
- I only use this service a few times a year, possibly 5 times. Therefore the cost of £55 would be crazy for 5 collections.
Charging is likely to lead to (other people) fly tipping waste in alleyways and even on other people's property.
Making this free in East Northants would harmonise the service, but at the same time ensure the service for all.
It is better for the environment to have a single lorry collect this across the county, than to have multiple car journeys to a recycling facility, especially since there is often a queue at such facilities, leaving cars idling unnecessarily.
Also, bear in mind not everyone has a car.
- Why are you imposing a separate charge for garden waste, don't you think paying nearly £300 pounds a month council tax is enough
The council tax band F has already been raised this year, it is like paying a mortgage every month,
It is little wonder you see an increase in fly tipping around our country roads and lanes.
- Garden waste is already paid for in with the Council Tax bill.
- The way I see it we are already paying through council tax
- It encourages all to recycle more.
- To avoid fly tipping and notices this is the only workable option
- Council tax should not be a "pick and mix" system. It would be over complicated to manage and police. And each year there would be more requests from people who wanted to opt out of paying for services they don't think they get. (And in my experience the local residents are generally unhappy to pay anything for anything without moaning). You are creating a rod for your own back.
I live alone and am childless - I am also in the 10th percentile of the population that contribute more in taxes generally than I receive any services/ benefits. I am happy to pay my share and more to contribute to society.
- There are many services provided by NNC which are funded by council tax payers who do not benefit from any of them - much the same with National taxation

- I actually don't agree with any of the above because we already pay for this service through our council tax. Those people who don't have gardens should get a subsidy off their council tax.
- I don't agree with either as I already pay for this service via my council tax.
- People on low incomes may not be able to pay. Many of these may be vulnerable, disabled. Many older pensioners will not be able to either afford a larger fee or be able to manually handle heavy garden refuse or be able to drive to a recycling centre.
If there has to be a cost it would be better to spread the cost to all residents, or at least those with gardens.
- People pay for schools within council tax even if they've never had children, so why make a difference if you have no garden, a small garden or a huge garden !!
- This service is part of our council tax that's also increased this year
- I think it would promote more people tending to their gardens making for a prettier Northamptonshire
- Neither. It should come out of council tax without an increase to include this cost. Council tax goes up every year and the council hasn't been able to even respond to some of my personal requests when they are obliged to do so. People can't afford to heat their homes. No one will pay a surcharge.
- If garden waste collection is charged for then I think there will be a lot more fly tipping
- A fairer system just charges those who really need regular service and should be prepared to pay for it. Others who do not need it should be free from charge.
- So all services should be covered under the rates charge system.
Why single out garden waste. Otherwise you are setting precedent for other services that are not used by the residents, such as Swimming pools, libraries, schools, roads, car park, parklands etc.
Are you seriously looking revisiting the Poll tax system 😞😞
- I have paid for my garden waste removal for a lot of years and feel it very unfair I have to pay and households do not. At [age] years old and paying an increase in my council tax, surely the extra money generated in the said tax could go some way to make this service free for residential consumers. All households that wish to receive this service for free should generate that interest. However those households that do not wish for this service should opt out. Therefore making a planned collection route for the drivers concerned! This could be done via a paper based invitation! Surely this makes common sense.
- If we had a garden waste service that didn't cost I would use it, I won't pay £55 for my waste to be collected when I can get rid of it for free
- In the same manner that we all pay for libraries and education, even though we may not use them, there should be a fair charge for all to pay and spread the cost.
- If not in wider taxation majority will go in black waste as what happened previously
- For the same reason of everyone contributing to other tax services which not all residents use.
- I don't believe this is right as we're already paying council tax which has risen, it isn't fair for those who are already disadvantaged such as those on pensions, other benefits and working people who are already struggling to keep a roof over their heads
- There are lots of services included within the council tax charge which I don't use and you don't give me a refund on those, so why are you suddenly deciding that garden waste is a separate part of the council tax and it needs to be charged as an extra.
- We only use some of the Council provided services however, contribute to all.
- I do not agree that we should pay for this service. Think pay enough council tax as it is.
- It's always been part of payment if you were reducing payment for non garden waste users I would agree that they should pay less. I cannot believe you want to charge for something that

the council enforced households to do. Also fly tipping is bad enough this would lead to more so costs would be higher. Stop trying to score penny saving this did not bankrupt the council. Only silly overspending on absurd projects and buildings did this

- It should remain as is. This is what part of the council tax is for.
- It's all down to choice , I don't mind too much paying a subscription fee, obviously I'd rather not , but it's about being responsible for your garden waste if you are unable to compost at home .
- Because living costs are going up people might not be able to afford to pay for garden waste collection
- i dont feel we should have to pay, for this service as we pay council tax, and it keeps going up every year, this year alone it has gone up by £4, of which 936 goes too north northamptonshire council. therefore i see no reason why it should not be taken from this.
- My garden is 1 meter wide and 2.5 meter long , and because of council I have to cut the grass. So where I will put it ? It is ridiculous I have to cut even my grass because it's private property. 1 and 2.5 meters. Now you want me to pay for grass takeaway ? I already pay you band A. Lower wages the think about rob others.
- As a family with young children and working parents we would struggle with the time to take our garden waste to the recycling centre. With household bills rising we would struggle to pay the additional fee for our waste to be collected.
- You shouldn't add an extra tax for something which is already your duty according to the environment act 2021 you are obliged to collect garden waste. The public should not have to pay extra for something you have to do. Council tax is high enough and ever increasing without additional services or improved services to the public.
- The council tax is for all the services including garden waste
Failure to collect free of charge will lead to more fly tipping and rubbish strewn around
- Garden waste has been free at the point of collection for as long as I have lived in Wellingborough. With council tax rising it is an insult to then impose additional costs. The argument that only those that use the service should pay is flawed. There are lots of council services I don't use, yet my tax pays for.
Those without cars will be forced to pay for garden waste collections, as they won't be able to access household waste centres, to deposit garden waste. This would impact the elderly and those on low incomes by being forced into paying for garden waste bin collection. It also risks fly tipping of garden waste.
- My garden waste bin is collected and paid for as part of my council tax which continues to rise each year. Why should I pay a separate charge, or more it's already a lot of money per month.
- If additional charges are brought in many will start to dispose of garden waste in other ways which will have a knock on effect to other forms of waste disposal. Increased fly tipping will generate costs in excess of these additional charges for garden waste collection and cause upset and other issues in the local areas where the tipping is experienced. In the grand scheme of things, the council should be able to budget for this and ensure this service is continued through the normal council tax contributions.
- There are many services in wider taxation that I pay for but never use, so should not pay extra for a service that I do need.
- We all pay for services the council provides without necessarily using the services. For example, I don't require the services of a social worker but I still pay for it through the council tax.
- Households that cannot afford a subscription charge may end up dumping garden waste in their black bins, green areas if considerate or just in the street, which will lead to larger, sanitary problems. Whilst I feel we pay too much for too little service, all households will benefit as dumped garden waste in the street is something no one should want.

However, a subscription charge should be offset by some sort of financial "reward" as a way to promote green recycling.

- Garden waste has always been collected at no extra cost so this would make payments even and fair.
- Garden waste will be dumped or not recycled appropriately. No one uses all council services but you wouldn't make them all pay per use.
- The services have never been separated before why the need now to separate the garden waste from the other waste. Will the next move be that the recycling bin will be extra!
I do believe that now we are one unitary council we all should be the same.
There is still discrepancy between what happens in the original councils for example Wellingborough has free council parking.
- This isn't an easy question to answer and thank you for giving us the opportunity to do so.
I feel that we are charged alot of money for Council Tax and that the garden waste should be included within those charges. Potentially if people need more than one bin then there should be an extra charge. Potentially the rate for Council tax will go up and be hidden anyway.
I feel that if there was a separate charge, people won't pay for the service and either dump in the black bin or dump elsewhere around town.
At the moment all services are going up in price so i think it is the wrong time to be putting a charge for the green waste.
I don't think it is necessary to have a winter bin collection as the need isn't really there. So the months you will save in Kettering and Corby can be passed on to East Northamptonshire.
- Wider taxation (council tax) is going up all the time so therefore the funding shouldn't need to be found via subscription service. I would sign up to the subscription service if the value was to come off my council tax. That is the only time I would accept it!
- I don't make use if all available council services but I am happy to contribute in case I need to in the future. Same applies with garden waste
- Corby residents pay for the waste collection in their council tax WHICH IS ALREADY A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT!! If you live in a property with no garden then no you shouldn't be charged the extra council tax/charge for a green bin. It should be dependant on the property and whether it has a garden or not. I still don't believe you should be chatting people to collect the waste.
- I haven't answered the above as I think it should continue as it is in corby free kerbside collection
- It's not fair to expect people who don't have a garden to pay for this service
- If you decide to charge for the service It is not fair for those who do not use the service to have yet another increase in tax for something that is of no benefit to them. It would be like those who do not drive having to paid road tax on a vehicle they do not own or use.
I don't believe there should be an extra charge at all! Stick to seasonal collections across the county FOC.
- Why should I pay for something I don't use
- I don't really agree with either comment. Council tax should cover this collection. The price goes up every year and you don't get much for your money. Mine is like a 2nd mortgage.
- This service should (is already?) Covered in council tax costs. It should be the same for everyone. This should not be an extra charge on top of council tax that we already pay.
- We already pay for garden waste collection. It runs all year and we use it all year, as well as home composting. It works really well.
- Non of the above. Our council tax gas noe risen by £8 a month, this should cover the cost or you could even get some of my hard earned money back thst you used for Nothampton Football Club. Which by the way I can't remember being constaulted on the use of the money for that.

- most households have a garden area inclusive of flats and having garden bins free to use benefits all as less fly tipping or green waste being dumped or left rather than taken to a tip
 - Isn't this what the council tax is for
 - The van has to drive the same distance the same routes if residents pay extra or not
 - People experiencing greater pressure on finances may not be able to afford extra charge
 - I want to continue not to pay for my garden waste collection.
 - We pay enough in taxes. There should not be an additional charge. I understand the climate emergency but this is the wrong time to consider this given the increases to cost of living.
 - We currently do not pay extra and just because of the change to North Northamptonshire we should not have to pay extra. We suffered an extortionate increase in 2021 because of the change. You should be making more efficiencies not robbing us of more money.
 - I pay for other services that I do not use such as schools children services care homes benefits police etc why should these charges be different. I would expect not to be charged for all services that I do not use if you are looking at this is that way
 - I don't see why I should pay for a service I never use
 - We all pay for services through our council tax, some of which we use, some of which we don't. This happens to be a service that I do use. If I end up having to pay for this, can I opt out of other services which I do not need and get a rebate on my council tax?
 - Have paid for this service for years but do believe non users should not pay
 - This should be included in council tax we pay
 - As most other places we need a garden waste collection though spring and summer at least
 - Home owners with a garden should not be penalised for the fact that their property produces garden waste. Kerbside garden collection ensures that compostable materials can be recycled when it is not possible to compost everything at home. The negative response to a chargeable garden waste collection is likely to result in residents using their black bin to dispose of waste. Furthermore, it is highly likely that fly tipping may increase in a county already blighted by this unsightly and dangerous nuisance. It would be more environmentally responsible to encourage residents to further reduce waste in black bins rather than discourage recycling.
- While I understand the argument that not all residents have a garden and therefore do not use this service, I do not think this is justifiable. A single person does not produce as much waste as a large family but it would be wholly inappropriate to start charging households on this basis. There are council services that I do not use, but I do not get a discount for not being a user and I am happy that there may come a time when I will use those services. Equally, I am happy to do my part as a tax payer to fund services in a fair and transparent manner.
- I also understand that councils have to make challenging decisions with limited budgets but this feels like a stealth tax and my concern is that this may open the door for other services to be considered chargeable additions to council tax. If households are supported in becoming more environmentally aware they will reduce waste that is not reusable or recyclable, thus reducing the need for black bins to be collected on a weekly basis. Perhaps the council should look at introducing the collection model used in some other counties where black bin waste is collected once a fortnight and compostable waste and recycling is collected on alternate weeks.
- I don't agree we should pay any extra at all but this was not an option given!
 - I've never paid and I've had too. I appreciate the cost but then everyone should off had to pay.. we pay enough in taxes..?
 - I don't agree that anyone should be paying extra. Currently we only receive one service, ie black bin one week, green the next. Whereas up north all bins are collected every week, within their council tax

- I feel the cost of clearing up the additional fly tipping this would cause, will far exceed the money received from subscriptions. There will also be an increase in black bin collections as people will use their black bin to dispose of green waste.
- A household could have 2 black bins but we all pay the same ,what's the difference
- There should be no difference in the cost of garden waste collection - it should be the same for everyone.

I think charging for garden waste collection will result in an increase in fly tipping - something that is a problem already in our area.

- Because we already pay for services through council tax. We pay enough already. All council tax payers contribute to a huge range of services and we don't all use every one of them. I don't walk through the other side of town at night so you can turn all those street lights off I don't use them and I'll have my share of the money back from that shall I?

I haven't used any of the care companies in Corby to look after any of my relatives so I'll have my share of that back then please. I've not needed the fire brigade in the last year so I'll take a refund on that whilst you're at it? No? Thought not.

Are the councillors that wasted all the money on a building going to personally pay it back as the cost for that cock up would have paid for this service for years to come!!!!

Stop adding more costs on to us, the hard working people who pay for a council to provide the services we need. The fact that you even have the cheek to send out this survey shows just how out of touch you all are. Ridiculous.

- Nobody should have to pay. It is included in our council tax bill.
- Why fix what is not broken,besides which we pay enough taxes at it is,you will find i am sure more fly tipping
- Most households need this service. It would reduce fly tipping, smelly bonfires and save time and fuel going to the local tip...This is currently closed 2 days a week...no wonder our local lanes are used to fly tip continuously. Must cost the council more in the end!
- If we want to encourage people to dispose of their waste appropriately then we need to make it easy for them to do so.

If we make people pay for collection the garden waste will either be sent to landfill in the black bins or is likely to fly tipped.

- I dispose my garden waste to a recycling centre which I'm happy to do , I don't want to be charged for a service I will not use.
- Will simply increase fly tipping and green fires
- I feel that to impose a charge on all North Northampton residents When we have had this service Free why should we have to be charged when only east Northants Were paying I say bring them in Line with the the rest of the old Boroughs eg Wellingborough,Corby Kettering. Free for all.
- There are many services for which residents pay through Council Tax that not use. The lack of garden should be rejected in a lower banding and thereby a lower taxation amount be paid for garden waste collection.
- Council Tax covers the cost of bin collections. By adding more charges (pure greed) the council will encourage more fly tipping or pure and simple people just won't cut there gardens making areas over grown and messy. In a time where everything is going up and not by a little amount either the council should be ashamed to even ask this question. In a time the government and local authorities are meant to be helping people there piling on more stress.
- I think it should be collected from any house that puts their bins out. The same as is done for the other bins . Over a few months of the year. Our council tax each year is high enough already . People are really struggling because of all thats happening . I have a large garden and alot of grass so having a smelly pile in the garden is unacceptable . My elderly Mum puts her bins out

once every couple of months and that's tree branches she has no grass. At [age] why should she have to pay 55 pound ! Seems to me that we pay a lot of council tax for some things we don't use at all , but we pay it . Potholes everywhere !!! So .. garden waste should be seen to the same as rotting food in our black bins. People will fly tip or there could even be houses that won't bother to keep gardens tidy , because they cannot afford to pay and nowhere to put it.

- Logical community provision
- Times are hard why should I pay for a service I am not using.
- Until I moved to Rushden I had never paid to have garden waste collected.
I would not be able to take garden waste to the tip as I do not drive.
I am struggling financially and it is another bill I could well do without.
Neighbours have said "dump it over the back fence'. It isn't in my nature to do this.
I only have a small garden and not enough space for a composter.
- If there are lots of properties that don't have gardens then I think it is fair that those who use it should pay for it
- We pay enough in council tax ,do nccc realise there is a cost of living crisis,yet more money to find.This will just encourage fly tipping and that will incur costs to clear up.I have had no pay rise this year yet everything is going sky high.Corby has one of the lowest wage rates in the county!
- If a household won't or can't afford for green waste to be collected
It will end up in the Black Bin or be Fly tipped and dumped along the roadside
- Taxes enough ,council rates charged extra for police & social services. Don't they get paid enough ! Will lead to more fly tipping with extra costs for the council to remove
- Garden waste collection has always been included in the council tax, which goes up every year. In my area we were told they would start charging separately for garden waste in order to reduce costs for residents who don't use the service. Predictably, council tax went up regardless and I can't say I am surprised... so much for trying to reduce costs to the residents. If that were true the council tax would have gone down not up this year!
- I believe we pay enough on council tax already.
People will only fly tip like they do now with household items because of what the recycle centres are like now with all their rules and restrictions
- Firstly flytipping is the biggest issue that all councils have across the UK. To put a separate levy on a service would increase people to flytip more. If everyone was charged the same tax regardless of their use of said service. Then the service could run alongside the service of land fill and recycling. This rule should also apply to bulk waste too. Fly tipping is unsightly and costly to the council and should be discouraged.
- If you separately charge individual households for collecting garden waste. I suspect those who up to now get it collected free, will not pay. This will lead to garden waste put in the General Waste Bin (increasing load size) or fly-tipped. If fly-tipped it will still cost the council to clean it up anyway. Besides, I understood that Wellingborough council composted the collected garden waste and sold it commercially to off-set costs.
- I think we pay enough council tax to subsidise free garden waste collection
- Because we already pay council tax
- Recycling Garden waste is responsible. Some just dump theirs in hedgerows in our area. I think all households should pick up the bill for this with a lower charge to all not some pay and others don't!!!
- I don't think only those that use the services should pay for it because it will ultimately lead to a short fall in finances as people will just opt out of the scheme then fly tip. My taxes pay for children to have school education when I have no children, I pay national insurance but rarely use the services. It's hard to draw a line in services as it's not clear cut usage all the time hence it should be one payment for all. It's the simplest option.

- Council tax pays for other services which I do not use.
- We require a collection 12 months of the year and feel that the charge is a reasonable amount to pay for it. Only the people who actually need a collection would then sign up.
- My council tax is already £3300 a year and as I live in a very small hamlet I do not have street lights etc so I feel I am already paying significantly more for the areas that do have street lights, street cleaners, street bin collections etc. splitting the cost by all is the fairest way to cover this on the same way as other services.
- I strongly believe that this service should continue to be provided as part of your council tax. Perhaps a rebate for those without gardens.
- I already pay for the service in my council tax. Corby borough council must have already paid for this through my council tax contribution so why would there now be an additional cost
- It should come out of the council tax we all already pay. It's crazy that some areas have had the service for free whilst others have had to pay, how is that fair?
I think the scheme currently run in Wellingborough is a good option, so free collection during spring/summer when garden waste is higher.
- We pay taxes for all other services regardless if we use them.... I've never used emergency services etc
- Charging extra creates more fly tipping and putting garden waste in the black bin, I put very little actual waste in my black bin, so why don't I get a rebate compared to a big family who dispose of lots of black bin rubbish (because it would be too difficult to sort out) rubbish collection has always been paid for through council tax, which goes up each year, adding a separate charge for green waste collecting is just a stealth tax, I was just putting mine into my black bin instead
- Your council tax bill is already high enough to cover it. If you want to harmonise, stop charging across the whole county.
- I have to pay and I don't think it's fair how much as I don't have it collected that much and just my bin mainly in the summer, I think the charges should be lower . Not everyone is going to pay and more things will be dumped rather than cleaned up.
- Ending free collection will result in more black bin waste at greater cost.
Mileage in collection is the same if 5 or 95% of residents use the service.
- Because if those without gardens had to pay it's patently unfair.
- Everyone treated the same
- If the former then I want a rebate for the services I do not use like the library, education etc etc
- Charge will not relate to small amount as in my case - I probably use service 2-3 times a year in comparison to those with large gardens. We know it has led to increased dumping and misuse of black bins already which will INCREASE council costs - I also expect to see a fully evidenced breakdown of how the council allocate the revenue annually with proof
- It's always been unfair for one area to pay when the rest of the local area don't. Either everyone pays or everyone collection is free.
I believe as you have more residents in the areas that don't pay you will be better making it free in the east Northants area.
Also why don't the rest of NNC have food bins whilst we do in ENC again harmonise it.
- Council tax is going up by £6 per month for a Band C household. In the context of the cost of living crisis there is simply no justification for charging a "subscription charge" - or yet another Conservative tax - to households. For those council areas who are currently charged, they should be incorporated into the universal service paid for by our council tax and stop winter collections in all areas where demand is much less.
- We all pay for all the council services if we use them or not, why should garden waste be different. The only difference should be the quantity, one garden bin should be enough and

standardised, the standard citizen shouldn't have to contribute to houses with big gardens that require multiple garden bins - and can probably afford to pay for private upkeep and have space to do their own composting.

- If this was possible in wellingborough, kettering and corby with no charge, why is it not possible to just add ENC to this list? I understand there is a charge for a service but with all of the other service increases recently people won't be able to afford this. They will end up burning it, putting it in their black bin or flytipping it. This isn't something I would like to see increase.
- I have no objection to paying for garden waste collection as for me it saves me having to spend my weekends in the summer at the local refuse centre . However I do object to being charged in my area when other areas have the service free.

It would be great if there wasn't a charge at all and could just be done that a garden collection is fortnightly free of charge but only during summer months maybe March to October as that's only time we use are garden bin anyway . Sadly if a charge is put all over I think some people will start to fly tip which is why I think a free limited service would work better .

- Should not be charged any extra as we already pay an extortionate amount for our council tax, which goes up every year. The council need to find funding to provide brown bins for all households free of charge!
- It's a way getting people to pay additional money . I would like to see a census that tells me the number of people that do/don't use the service.
- Although ideally I would prefer this service to be free I find basically paying a £1 a week isn't excessive. I would not be prepared to pay any more than this.
However, I fear some people will fly tip rather than paying the charge.
- Making an extra charge will only encourage fly tipping.
- How is this different from other services provided by the council?
Surely the administration costs of such a plan would be considerable and difficult to manage.
Would this plan encourage fly tipping?
- I have answered like this as it only gives options which involve a cost to the taxpayer. It cleverly doesn't give the option which i think the majority of people would favour. I think it should be provided as part of our services without payment
- Garden Waste collection has been free under KBC, and we should not follow East Northants, a smaller authority integrated into NNC. The Council should also take into effect the already agreed Council Tax increase and the energy and cost of living crisis. To burden its residents again would be outrageously insensitive.
- I pay for my service which is all year. I don't mind the £55 charge but feel everyone who wants it should pay the same. Currently it's a very unfair system where many get it free and others pay. Either everyone who wants it pays, or everyone gets it free. Obviously if you give it free then, costs escalate as you would have to provide bins for 80% of East Northamptonshire who don't have it now.
- You should not be reducing services you already offer that are included in council tax
- I feel the council tax covers a multitude of areas and everyone benefits in different ways.
- there garden waste is going to be put in the black bins or thrown buy the road side if we have to pay, my waste will be put in the black bin, I will not pay for a service that should be funded by the ever increasing council tax
- The excellent free kerbside collection as previously provided by Kettering, Corby & Wellingborough should be extended across the whole North Northants area. East Northants have already been found out about bad financial management with substantial hidden costs emerging.
- I think if I paid and some of my neighbours didn't that could mean that when I put my bin out for collection others would add theirs to my bin and over fill it then mine wouldn't get emptied.

- I believe if garden waste is subject to a charge residents will not pay but flytipping this waste will greatly increase as this will be easier than using the current recycling sites. Collection of this fly tipping waste will be very costly to the authority and any money raised by charging to empty this bin will be used up collecting the fly tipping.
- I have to contribute via taxation to education. I have no children so am paying to educate other people's children. I have to contribute to public transport and lots of other services that I do not and have never used.
This is not at all fair.
- I don't believe there should be an additional charge. There are other services available from local councils which I pay towards already but I do not use. Does this mean you will stop charging me for those services?
- There are people who do not have access to vehicles to take garden waste to the recycling centre (older residents whose pleasure and exercise is gardening and least likely to be able to afford the extra charge on already very high charges). Therefore would probably dispose if this on bonfires etc causing more inconvenience to other neighbours
- The above question is deliberately skewed. In Corby our green waste has always been collected and paid for by our council tax. We didn't want to become part of a North Northants Council, and as a result our green collections and council tax shouldn't change as a result of other authorities.
- it should be like the council tax all council tax payers pay for schools and may have no children. This is how society works.
- I already pay for education etc., through council tax and the like. I don't have children, so have never used this service, but I have to pay. So I think all households should be treated the same regarding garden waste services.
The following question (how likely I am to pay a subscription charge) is extremely biased in that completing it means I have no choice but to accept that I agree to a cost between £40 and £60. Why could it not be subsidised, so residents pay less than £40 directly?? Or an option for residents don't have to pay at all??
Despite your insistence that it will not increase fly tipping, it most certainly will, as you well know, but won't admit.
- I do not agree with either of these
- I don't have children but still pay for education services. Just because you don't have a garden doesn't mean you shouldn't pay. If charges were based on usage then I must be due a rebate!!
- The council tax is enough already without extra charges and extra will just encourage fly tipping and more garden fires ruining our environment even more.
- Historically council tax has included refuse collections and I don't see why this should change.
- It is common sense if you want the service you should pay for it. If you use other services or do not produce garden waste you should not be penalised for others
- There will be a huge increase in fly tipping and nuisance bonfires etc if people are charged for disposing of garden waste. A lot of people currently pay for services through their council tax that they don't personally take advantage of - for example I don't have children, yet understand why part of the council tax I pay would be put towards Education and youth services - and there would be increased costs to the taxpayer in the future to deal with all the inevitable fly tipping that will happen if a subscription service or similar was to be put in place, so I think all households paying through wider taxation is more appropriate for the majority than a subscription service.
- Levelling up. Why penalise someone who doesn't use a service? they might not have a garden so are therefore penalised.
- Before councils collected garden waste it was residents who disposed of their own waste

whether it was on a compost corner in the garden or other means, at the end of the day it's bio degradable. considering it was the Councils who saw an opportunity to make some money from it, I would assume they are now making a lose so want residents to pay for the service. I would suggest that all kerbside garden waste collections should be stopped completely, so people can get back to recycling their own waste which is just vegetation anyway as they used to do.

- To ensure waste is collected efficiently and effectively tgen any costs should be bourne by the general local authority tax payer.

Im quite happy for this to be ring fenced in terms of time, e.g March to November.

Failure to dispose of the waste properlh willlead to envirnmental pollution from waste being dumped in various locations, this causes increased costs to resolve both fly tipping and enveronmental problems (rats etc) and is well evidenced that it leads to higher levels of crime and associated issues.

- Because it is not fair that the people who do not use or need the service subsidise those that do and also subscription service gives people a choice which is there right. This is not for local authorities to force on people already stretched financially..
- I support taxation for the wider care or the community and environment and to ensure that these needs are met as a community responsibility. This includes waste management.
- Its unfair that residents who don't have a garden and would not use the service have to pay to subsidise those that do. also there is a waste element of providing bins to all when they do not get used.
- Seems unfair to charge people with out a garden,or those who compost all their waste
- We already pay council taxes that should cover all waste collection. I have no children but still expect to have part of my council taxes go towards Children's services. If the first statement above is followed through logically, only those with children should pay a subscription for the use of that service! It is also not practical to suggest that householders can compost ALL their garden waste - some can be done but not all - volume is a problem. As the local recycling centre was closed at Grendon a few years ago, it's now a long trip for me to go to another centre. If you are going to start charging for waste collection, at least re-open the centres to give householders some easy, local options for disposing of waste. It's important to remember that those with gardens are helping the environment in providing habitat for animals, insects and birds - please don't penalise those who make the effort to improve their local environment and contribute to the support of wider ecosystems.
- We pay already on our council tax to have this service, if we get charged separately people will fill other peoples bins, black bins or even fly tip. I can use the local tip due to the type of vehicle that it is, and I wouldn't want it rotting waiting for it to be collected periodically.
- Why do other areas get free or subscription collection.
My nearest NORTHHANTS green waste centre is Corby 15 miles away, so a 30 mile round trip!
At the standard HMRC travel rate of 45p per mile is equivalent to £13.50 each trip!
The nearest waste centre is Empingham 8,7 miles away but they use ANPR to restrict entry which would reduce the travel cost. Every county has a common recycle goal so why can't we use the nearest waste centre to residents?
For many years we have used the Free waste facility provided at the Cattle market in [Redaction]. That was ideal ! Could this be reinstated?
- I do not agree with either of those options
- I consider the charge for a Bin is reasonable but if it was included as part of the Council Tax perhaps it would stop residents tipping their garden waste on any spare ground near the property.This happens around our town.

- I feel that garden waste should be treated like any other category of - household waste provision recyclable waste, food waste and non recyclable waste
- Hypothefication of tax is notoriously difficult to implement
- Because it should be part of the service provided by the council most people will use the garden waste collection bin at some point in the year and i think a £55 subscription is a lot of money to pay especially in this current climate, most people will not use the collection every week/fortnight. If this is provided at a cost via subscription I believe there may be an increase in fly tipping.
- Fairness.
- By spreading the cost over all households the service will be cheaper especially for low income families.
- The former Kettering council ran all serviced and kept finances in the black in a fair manner! Why is it now that after a harmonised council has been created to save costs that this is even being consulted on?
Run the North Northants council as Kettering used to be and banish the green waste costs. (The compost is sold back afterward after all!)
- Its a communal tax to get used as a communal service. We don't all need the police every day but at some point we all use the service.
- For the last 30 years i was under the illusion that I was paying for all my garden waste to be collected via my rates/council tax by Wellingborough council, then the 3 bin system was introduced with the Brown bin (garden waste) being collected between March & November every year. This is an attempt by the new council to raise extra money from people who were paying for this service via there council tax. I am very happy with my present service, Why would I want to pay for a all year round service i would not use. This is just another example of a council seeking to increase taxes by stealth, bring the other authorities in-line with Wellingborough policy, but instead of doing the sensible thing you will try and get more money out of council tax payer's & increase the fly tipping in the Boroughs.
- I actually think we shouldn't pay any extra for collection as council tax increases yearly anyway! Why should people be charged to take care of their gardens and use the correct method of disposal on top of refuse collections fees ! Another way for NNC to generate money to hold up a failing 'rebranded' council!
- I do not use a lot of services but I still have to pay for them. Can we pick and choose what we pay for and what we don't according to what we use?
- Many people with larger gardens are in ex-council properties and don't necessarily have higher income.
- We pay for other services which we do not use or need
- I didn't because your questions are unclear. The option should be the one I already have from Kettering BC.
- It was a very difficult decision to decide which of the two options is best but I decided to go with it being paid for through wider taxation because I believe there would be households that would not wish to pay the subscription charge for whatever reason that may be and as a result would then start to dump their Garden Waste in other places. This would then result in the council having to come and clean up the mess wherever it has been dumped which again comes at a cost. The fact you can also only visit the recycling a limited time also means it could encourage someone to dump their waste elsewhere like they already do with old household waste. However you as a council would have a better idea of how much waste you already have to deal with that is dumped and how this could be a potential risk.
- Some households may not pay but then dump their garden waste or possibly even use others' bins.

- I don't think it is fair to ask people who don't have a garden to pay for a service they are not getting.
- If only those who pay for the service receive the service, there is the possibility those who choose not to pay will start dumping garden waste or putting it in other people's bins.
- Surcharges for different types of waste will lead to green waste ending up in landfill and/or waste being flytipped at additional cost to everyone anyway. Furthermore as someone without access to a car, transportation of waste is rather difficult, as the local tip won't allow foot traffic, so already I'm paying for services that are gated behind car ownership.
I would be okay with charging only for services used, provided I would get a steep discount as I don't use the roads, schools, libraries, public sports facilities or car parks, and if not, I can't see how you can make the argument apply to garden waste and not a myriad of other services.
This is not a thread at which we ought to pull, as it will unravel very quickly and incur further cost for everyone anyway.
- Not all properties in North Northamptonshire have a garden or generate sufficient quantities of garden waste to justify a universal kerbside collection. To ask these property owners to subsidise a service they personally do not use is in my opinion wrong.
However, as a property owner who does require this service, I would be happy to pay towards such it if the charges were:
 - 1) charges were clearly identified within the annual council tax demand
 - 2) revenue generated was ringfenced solely for the service and not spent on other services
 - 3) reliable and regular collection schedule - at least fortnightly
 - 4) options for either a full 12month collection schedule or 9months only would be useful as I do not require it over the Nov to Feb period
- Because this would be a much fairer way to operate the service than everyone having to pay even if they have no garden, or choose not to use the service. If someone pays privately to dispose of their garden waste then why would they want to pay again for something they don't use?
It also gives residents the choice to decide instead of automatically being 'opted in' to the scheme.
- If its a chargeable service the waste may end up in the wrong bins or being dumped elsewhere
Why change whats already working?
Maybe just cut down the frequency of the collections or the period
- Because most houses have gardens it's the very few that don't and it could cause issues for those on low income.
Taxing people on a wider scale can bring down the cost of this for everyone.
- I strongly believe that it is only fair and just for this service to be offered to all residents by way of wider taxation funding. My reasoning for this is due to the fact that many residents pay council tax for other services which they do not use but yet they have to fund. Why should the garden waste collection be any different? That being said even if somebody does not have a garden they may have a need for garden waste collection. (Other wise bouquets, household plants & greenery end up in the black bins). The option to dispose of this type of waste should be available to all and not just the few who are forced to pay for it.
May it also be noted that residents who pay a higher council tax due to a larger property should also be afforded a larger bin. It generally comes with the territory that a larger house equates to more people...leading to a greater need for a larger bin. At this moment in time I have the same size bins for three people as my neighbour who lives alone and pays less in council tax. This is not only wholly unfair but it is also unjust.
- Currently this service is included within council tax receipts along with the provision of our other bin collections. It seems to me that charging for the service going forward is a case of the council

raising additional funds for something we already pay for within our current council tax. Surely the few who don't have a garden could apply for a rebate.

I have always been made aware that the council sells the green waste to companies and organisations who use it to make fertiliser and other products that use organic material which produces an income to the council. I was told this when I enquired about having a second green bin. The scale of economy for running a fleet of trucks surely means it would be best to retain a unitary wide service.

Maybe as part of this consultation the council would be best placed publishing its costs and incomes associated with the collection and disposal of garden waste.

- We pay enough council tax already should not have to pay any more
- We currently have to pay for garden waste collection. Now that we have a single harmonised council I presumed that this service would be harmonised across the region as well. As the old East Northants seems to be the only area still applying then it should be brought into line with the other areas and have the cost as part of our overall council tax charge.
- Making this a subscription charge would just encourage people to use their black bin for garden waste and would not support the whole ethos of the council to encourage recycling and meet their carbon net zero goals. I would not be willing to pay for this service. I pay already in my council tax.
- Unfair if you do not have a garden. However, there are differing sizes of gardens and not sure how this could be managed.
- itemising services which only certain individuals pay for undermines the basis on which community works. So should those without children not pay for education? If no car why pay towards parking wardens etc

It is a dreadful time for everyone with cost of living rising. If people cannot afford to pay then there is a danger that fly tipping will increase.

I cannot see that only collecting from those who pay will significantly reduce the amount of fuel used etc

Much better to keep the free service but limit it to March- October for all areas (with a special collection in Jan for Christmas trees)

- I believe householders who have garden waste to dispose of should have a choice. They can either have their garden waste collected by the council in the green or grey wheelie bins for recyclable garden waste - and they should be charged for this. Or they can choose to collect it in bags and then take it to the waste recycling centre where they can dispose of it free of charge. I think it is important that all households are treated in the same way but they should be able to choose how their garden waste is disposed of - and they can choose to pay a subscription or collect it and dispose of it themselves.
- Council Tax pays for many services and not all Council Tax payers benefit from all those services.
Imposing charges for waste collection where none previously existed is likely to lead to an increase in fly tipping.
- The council provide dog poo bins and collect the contents not every one has a dog.
You provide play areas not every one has children. We pay for the police in general taxation, then we charged again through our council tax. At the moment the garden waste collection is not free as we pay through our council tax. If you charge a subscription fee will the people not using this service get a reduction on their council tax?
- We pay enough in council tax and clearly a free collection service can be maintained in most of the county so I can't see why that can't be applied across the region.
- I do not have waste, why should I pay?
- The garden waste collection should be covered by the council tax paid by every household

- Lower admin costs. Less fly tipping.
- Introducing an extra charge for garden waste collection is very unreasonable. This service is (and should) be covered by the not insubstantial council rates which, in line with their band, already make higher charges for properties with a garden. And the higher the property band, the larger the (likely) garden of each property will be. The alternative would be to have a basic rate for each property with optional add-on charges according to a price list - an absurd idea, an administrative nightmare and a costly mess.
- People who use the service should be the ones to pay for it.
- It is unfair on those who have no garden or only a small garden to subsidize those who produce lots of waste. In my own personal case and also for every house in the row I live in we have no space for an extra bin and therefore we could not access this service even if we wished to.
- I generally agree with the first statement, but I feel that there would not be a reduction in the council tax rates, it would just be an additional charge added on for garden waste services. As I live in a new build, I already pay an additional fee as well a council tax. The addition of another charge added to the other substantial increases we have seen across the board for general living fees would make it even more likely for people to end up in debt or unable to pay for other items necessary for living.

If you want to charge for garden waste; ensure that those who do not wish to subscribe to it have a reduced tax rate

- We need to encourage composting
It's not hard with a little planning
- I use the service but not each collection as I don't have a very big garden.
Also there will be nothing stopping a household that hasn't payed for the service putting their garden waste in the bin of a household that has.
- Our council tax has risen considerably in the past few years and other residents in Northamptonshire have received a free service.
Council tax is high enough and we shouldn't have to pay extra for this service.
- As a pensioner I already contribute to lots of things that I do not use! Gardening is the one thing I enjoy and wonder why I should pay even more to have my green waste collected. It would be difficult for me to dispose of it otherwise. As you may be aware, Mawsley (where I live) houses do not have large gardens so the option of composting is not practical from a size-of-garden point of view.
- I have reluctantly had to select this option but it should not be through wider taxation, but make Wellingborough and East Northants FREE OF CHARGE and included with existing budget. For most tax payers we don't see much of a tangible benefit of our council tax that's currently being paid and waste collection is one of the few we do actually realise.
- My previous authority didn't charge for garden waste, neither do either my parents' or my mother-in-law's. As the vast majority of properties do have gardens, there's a good chance people are just hiding their garden waste in their general rubbish bin if they don't have a brown bin.
- I'm a great believer in General taxation. Example- we have no children but I've got no problem paying income tax some of which goes towards education.
- We already pay for bin to be collected. Council tax has been increasing each year why should we have to pay an excess to a service we already pay for.
- We are totally overcharged for the services we receive already, if I am charged for taking away my garden waste I will just dump it somewhere.
- We already pay nearly £250 pm in council tax, an additional charge seems unfair when prices have already increased by nearly £50pm in the last 2 years.

- I have artificial grass and so I do not need to pay yearly for a collection I find this would be unfair when I would use it so infrequently
- Our council tax payments are made to cover all services provided by NNC which includes waste collection from all households whether it is general waste, recyclable waste or compostable garden waste.
- Northamptonshire is still quite rural. Most people have gardens
- Parish Councils already pay more than Town Residents. This wording is clearly designed to encourage pay by those who use it.
- It is easy to compost and a small compost bin or wormery takes very little room, providing free plant food. So if you won't do it why should I and people with no garden pay for your garden waste removal?
- The council provided the brown bin for garden waste free of charge, so you can have my brown bin back because I won't use it, I will compost my garden waste and use it on my allotment.
- These services should be provided by the council, it is no coincidence that as the council charge for more and more services which should be free that fly tipping is on a constant rise.
- Tax at source means all paying an equal contribution and if a bin is provided they are likely to use it. People who have a garden and won't pay to have a bin will be tempted to fly tip garden rubbish which then means more expense for the council.
- This needs to be inclusive of everyone so that there is no excuse for fly tipping.
- We already pay for bin collections through council tax, we do not need more charges.
- I not paying more for something that my council tax should cover. It's expensive as it is why would I pay more.
- I own a property have has a lot of bushes some of which are beside a public footpath which I maintain, at no cost to the council. I believe that if people were required to pay for the removal of green waste more people would either not maintain the bushes or would just dump it, leaving the place unslightly.
I also think the theft of green bins would increase as people would steal other people bins when they went out for collection, meaning extra cost to the council replacing it
- The only answers above suggest the council has already decided to charge for the collections. Are we getting for a stage where we only pay for the council services we use, as I'm sure there are services a lot of people don't use - will we be giving the opportunity of consultation on all services so we can only pay for those we use?
- All households are required to contribute to the cost of other services provided by the council irrespective of whether they make use of them or not - why treat garden waste collection any differently?
- It's not particularly fair for people who don't use the service to have to pay for it
- Residents should still have to opt in or out for collections - this would ensure the collection service is available for all but can be targeted rather than collect from all and frequency of collections could be varied for individual households eg. Those with smaller garden may only need a 4 weekly collection
- I believe that all refuse collection should be included in the service provided by the local authority. We pay our Council Tax and this should include the removal of waste, including garden waste, which can be recycled as compost.
In my opinion it would be most unfair to charge for the service - I would not expect my tax to be reduced because I don't go to school etc. It is well documented that those who live in a rural setting often do not benefit as much as those who live in towns - a regular waste collection service is a key benefit.
- If we are to be charged extra to take garden waste away then I would expect a reduction of that amount in our council tax, or other taxes. I don't understand why people would need to pay an

extra £55 for a service that is already free and paid for out of taxation money. This seems like you are now making more money but delivering the same service. It's hardly likely to be more efficient as there's likely to be at least one person in each street that pays so the lorries would follow exactly the same route they do now.

- Neither, we pay enough in council tax as it is. If the councils didn't waste money paying out millions to badly treated publicans because of person clashes then maybe you wouldn't be trying to charge extra
- I don't like this binary choice. I don't think people in flats or without gardens should pay for green bins. It has been 4 months since I put out my green bin. However in the next 7 months it is likely to be fortnightly. That said my understanding is that the resulting compost goes to farmers. I can't believe it is given free so how much does the council charge farmers for our green waste compost. Instead of penalising green waste which can be converted into something useful why are you not looking at the black bin. Try smaller black bins. Make us rethink our rubbish and therefore our spending. Its like spending millions on a striker and then bringing in a defender for a manky [redaction].
- The existing council tax includes kerbside waste collection. Garden waste is household waste and as such should be covered in the existing collection tax
- Our tax bills are high enough. Sort out budgets correctly and stop wasting money then we'd all be better off financially
- Now that local councils have very limited finances to cover a wide range of services I think a charge for garden waste collection is reasonable. Previously I have lived in other areas of the county where collections were made free of charge, and I really appreciated this, but times change and finances have to stretch further.
- Sharing the cost is fairer on those that pay for elements of council tax that they don't access and don't have the choice to opt out of paying.
- I believe I'm already paying for this service and works well, apartments and such shouldn't be charged as with most home owner associations there paying a maintenance fee.
- To avoid fly tipping
- Prevention of fly tipping and individual trips to tip.
Reducing fuel emissions.
More responsible disposal.
- Living in what was east northants council i have paid £55 per year for my garden waste collection. I always thought it grossly unfair that I had to pay, when friends & relatives in wellingborough & Kettering did not. Now we are all part of North Northamptonshire every household should be treated the same.
- If a charge to householders is made there will be more fly tipping in the area which will cost more for the council to deal with.
- We all pay for the same things anyway even if we do not use them through taxation. By having garden waste included in taxation it may encourage other residents, if they have gardens, to use the service and keep their gardens tidy.
- Taxation needs to be consistently applied on all residents. I don't use all of the council services but I pay my share.
- As we have always paid for this through our council tax I feel it should not change
- I don't agree with either westbound not have to pay, could cil tax rises every year and for what. The council do nothing for me and my home except empty bins.
- This questionnaire is odd. Council tax is paid and collection of waste is a service. Higher bands pay substantially more for equal service. Would the council reduce council tax by 55 to then have only those who want collection pay 55? Not so sure you would.

- All the other services provided through council tax are not subscription based. Yes we have a garden but we do not live in council property or use council maintenance services therefore we are paying for services we don't use and it's only fair vice versa. Either include everything in council tax or put everything on opt in basis (we would save ourselves a lot of money if that was the case!)
We paid £200 for permission to Drop our kerb & £200 for permission to build a garage.. I think you get enough money from hard working residents and to put an extra charge on garden waste is crazy. I'm sure people will take great pleasure dumping their garden waste in local fields and pocket parks :)
- I think it is disgusting that we have had to pay for a service for years yet close by towns havnt. Then when the council all joined as one, I thought finally it will be fair but NO I still revived my £55 bill which I emailed and complained about. If I have to drive to the next town each week and deposit my garden waste on a free collection bill I will!!
- I don't want to have to pay extra for a standard service. I don't have children or a car yet my taxes pay for many things as part of collective good.
Also, when I pay for this service I don't want others dumping their garden waste in my bin, and I don't want limits on how often the service is provided. Weekly year-round is what I expect. I fear flytipping will increase if garden waste collection service is removed and privatised so that only those who can afford it will pay
- I did not answer the previous question because I believe that Kerbside garden waste collection should be free to residents who need it without incurring any additional costs as we're already paying too much in council tax. This service is free in [Redaction] where I used to live and everywhere else that I lived before so I found it strange that I have to pay an extra fee for my garden waste to be collected.
- None of the above as we already pay for it in our council tax
- Low income families cannot afford to pay even more council tax for green waste collection. You should charge households who's income is over £40,000 for green waste collection. If charges are introduced for green waste collection ,low income families will be forced to find alternative ways to dispose of green waste. This may not be desirable and could cause for waste to be dumped in public areas. More people may burn there waste causing pollution and fire risks to property.
- I Strongly believe that this is a service that the Council should provide to every household. Charging for such services encourages those who cannot get to a waste centre to dispose of waste illegally and so blight our neighbourhood.
Fly tipping must be discouraged but just a few unscrupulous people that do not want to pay can make a difference to our environment.
Its pointless trying to prosecute these after the event as it could be more costly.
- Everybody in north Northants should pay the same as us in Irthlingborough OR let us all have the service for FREE !!!
- Because some people that don't pay for the service find other places to dump their garden waste, ie ditches and countryside, if everyone has a bin it will stop this. Plus there are more towns and counties that already provide them for all.
- We already pay enough through council tax and banding usually applies a higher cost to homes with gardens already.
- This service should continue to be paid for through our existing council tax payments. You cannot increase the payment each year whilst reducing the amount of services it covers. Garden waste emptying is a useful service and I fear that removal of this service or charging for it again would encourage more fly tipping.

- There are lots of services which I pay for as part of my council tax which don't benefit from personally, but appreciate are for the greater good of my community. I don't know why we would make this an exception to the rule and would set us on a slippery slope to only subscribing to services which people individually want, resulting in those who can afford certain services not having access. Furthermore the addition admin of a subscription service will create a further cost in itself.
- Many, many people don't have gardens and others have garden they tweak all the time - I don't feel that those who live in small, garden less properties should pay for a service predominantly enjoyed by richer, larger property owning people. Perhaps less frequent collections might be okay and stop people putting it into general waste but I disagree with paying for a service I don't use when it isn't life saving or life threatening
- Council tax is not a subscription service. Can I unsubscribe for paying for libraries as an example as I do not use it? Removal of free green waste collection will only encourage more fly tipping and incorrect use of general waste collection. I have worked hard all my life to get my house which has garden and never claimed benefits.... Can I opt out of paying for them too.....
- We as a household are stretched to the limit with the massive increase over a wide selection of normal life.

As I understand it there is an increase in council tax looming anyway and the extra burden will be too much for many, so any gains from this extra tax will be lost to the rise in fly tipping. Whilst green fly tipping will rot eventually it will attract all types of rubbish in the same spots, which is already a losing battle

- If a subscription service is brought in, there is a strong possibility that people will take the opportunity to put their waste into other's bins put out for collection and avoid paying the subscription.
 - It is only fair this way
 - Because there was only 2 choices, and this was the one I agreed with the most.
 - All services are paid for in this way, not everyone uses every service, and they should remain so.
 - Judging by the number of grey/green bins presented (especially during peak times), all manner of properties in the area including those with relatively small gardens use the garden waste bin service to some extent
 - We already pay for it,
 - I believe it would be unfair to to people whose residences do not have a garden to pay for a service they have no need for.
 - People with smaller homes will have small gardens and use the service only occasionally, they will pay less as they will be on a lower tax band
 - I use the service regularly, and occasionally go to recycling centre when I have too much to be collected.
- If we introduce a payment, there will be more fly tipping and this will put extra cost on authority for clearing, also blot on the countryside
- The council tax we pay is high enough already. I expect this service to be included within that cost. There are many others services council tax covers that I do not use and other people do, and I accept this is the nature of paying an overall tax. The wording of this survey is leading users towards one outcome and I do not believe it is impartial.
 - An imposed charge will, in my humble opinion, encourage people to not use it at all. This will mean many will just use their black bin, which is the most expensive way for the Council to process it.

It will also put off those who cannot afford it, but want to “do the right thing”. This actively increases barriers for those who are already disadvantaged because of disability, age, non-English speaking and low income for example.

People are prioritising huge energy cost, fuel and cost of living increases. Garden waste disposal is not likely to be a priority for many?

- As a resident, I already pay for services through taxation that I do not actually use, therefore I'm likely to be subsidising these facilities for other to use. Where there is clearly not a need to have a garden waste collection, for example from flats, then these residents should not be charged, everyone else should.

If you start to add more charges to the council tax bill or by other means, those less equipped to pay will likely just fly tip it anyway. You would have already budgeted for this service in this and previous yearly calculations, if you then remove it will the residents see this cost back as a credit/cost reduction in new bills?

- You keep saying 'free collection' to trick us into feeling grateful however it's part of council tax payments. If people don't sign up.. reduce their council tax bill.. don't play games.
- Given the cost of council tax this service should be free. If factored in all should pay otherwise fly tipping will increase and those paying will run the risk of others dumping waste in their bins.
- The provisions for charging for garden waste collection will already be included within the council tax charges and therefore should not be added on top for any households.
- Garden waste collection costs should be included within the council tax revenue.
- As I only have flower borders I have little need of composted material. A once a month collection between April and November would be suffice for my needs
- All households do not use all the council's facilities. Why just pick on this one service to charge extra fees for?
- I feel we already pay for waste disposal in the council tax. We already suffer with areas of countryside spoilt by fly tipping, this would only become worse, costing the council even more.
- There will be people maybe many of them elderly or those who don't drive who enjoy their gardens but can't afford an extra bill to pay for waste collection.

We all pay for services through our council tax that we may not use eg schools I feel that garden waste collection should be covered under our council tax.

Charging may also result in even more flytipping which is an everyday problem in my road

- Garden bin waste collections should be harmonised across the whole Authority Area. Those of us at Kettering, Wellingborough currently pay higher Rates to have the garden collection included. East Northants pay lower rates and have the collection as an additional payment. Reduce the overall rates bill for Kettering, Wellingborough residents etc if garden waste collection is no longer included, OR harmonise the old East Northants rates to then include garden waste collection. It is more efficient to have one system. Many people cannot afford and will not pay additional costs for garden waste collection and it is likely that fly tipping will increase, making additional costs to the Council for clearing up any mess. Those residents who DO NOT have garden bins because of no gardens would surely have their property Rates banded accordingly.
- I don't think it's fair that I have to pay £55 which already subsidises other peoples free waste collections. It should be free for everyone like other counties have.
- The cost of living is significantly rising this year, and disposable of green waste, if charged additionally, will perhaps be the first thing that people will not pay for as they tighten their belt leading to incorrect disposal and cost to council to chase payment. Fairness of distribution of cost within the already paid for council tax will ensure everyone's green space is maintained and waste disposed of correctly. Although not all people have gardens, they will still have green

waste from houseplants or small balcony foliage. The distributed cost should then ensure cost is minimal and green waste remains accessible to all.

- Paying for what you use means just this, if you don't use it, you don't have to pay, though what about those residents who do not have their own car, but only need to use the service a couple of times per year?

Residents need to see value for money, and doorstep refuse and recycling is currently paid for through council taxes.

Moving to a subscription scheme, would the council then be reducing the annual council tax demand?

Whereas paying through taxation, the resident has already paid for the service - even if they're not using it: monies which can therefore be used to service the existing fleet. It makes sense for diesel and diesel hybrid vehicles to be used to their maximum, rather than short runs to select households,.

But I do also understand that essentially every household in the entirety of the council will need to be visited at least twice per month, which might not represent the best value for the council either.

So maybe the solution could be a hybrid system: all this households that either complete their annual electoral register online, or, indicate that they have access to online facilities, can request a collection providing at least 24 hours notice. This way the council can still provide a service to all its households paid for through annual taxation, though it can be ran as a subscription-style service. Furthermore, with fewer trips needing to be made, the council might be in a position to operate the service more frequently as it coordinates collections similar to a haulage firm

- We should not have to pay for collection as east Northampton have seen the huge rise in fly tipping so in the long run it cost us more in council tax by paying workers to remove the fly tipping it's the same as closing the tips rise in fly tipping look at the bigger picture and stop penny pinching cause it just hits harder
- I think it should be the same for all residents, maybe shorten the collection months and be without extra charge.

- Encourage people to compost

Don't collect on the same day as recycling bins, too many bins out blocking pavements.

I don't use and would object to paying

- It is fairer if everyone pays and it will encourage people to put their garden waste in their bin rather than fly tip it.
- Other collections don't depend on how much waste, recyclable or not, that individual households generate.
- We all have been paying our council tax for years for the service, with it only being collected fortnightly. Splitting our own waste to aid disposal once collected.

Further charges will just mean that those who refuse to pay will be dumping their waste causing greater costs. We live in an area that sees dumping, generally of unwanted household items, this will just increase causing further damage to our environment and habitat.

We compost what we can and consequently do not put our garden waste bin out every time they come. There are only a couple of months of a year where we use the fortnightly collection.

It is not our fault that the Council have no money and are looking at ways to increase their income.

- I think it is important that garden waste should be recycled in some way and not put into landfill
- Neither of the above, if you make people pay it will only lead to more fly tipping
- If you use a service you pay for it ...as long as it provides value for money.
- As if not managed & paid through the normal council tax arrangements for all households, you will have the same issue like in other areas, where the black bin will be used or other street

users will put lawn cuttings in to payers bins when out for collection / on driveways, during the hours of darkness

- I have a very small garden that is not laid to lawn, so I do not have garden waste.
- We already pay a high council tax and the collection is, and always has been, inclusive of this tax. We believe that if you start to make extra charges for garden waste, fly tipping (which is already a bugbear in this area) will become more prevalent, and other environmentally unsound methods of disposal will be undertaken. You have a duty to provide this service as part of the standard council tax service.
- Neither option is acceptable!
- Residents who might use the green waste bins more than others, they might not use their recycling bins or black bins as much as other residents. Especially if they grow their own produce in their gardens. If you charge for green waste it will only result in more fly tipping and the council are already rubbish in sorting that issue.
- I do not agree with either proposal
- Kerbside garden waste collections should be included in the Council Tax, as it is at present. There should NOT be an additional charge for this service as we pay enough Council Tax!
- Adding another cost to an already and ever growing cost of living, fills me with so much dread. The idea that we would be charged an additional fee, just so someone can collect our grass clippings will make me opt out of the service all together and find a free way to dispose of these ourselves.

I am of the opinion that if you intend to introduce a cost for this, people should have the ability to opt out of the fee.

I think a better choice would be to have an "Opt in" service, whereby residents can order their green bin collected, or reduce the green bin collection to once per month during summer months. Or cut it back in some other way.

I can and will not pay additional money for this service. I'd rather have my whole garden paved than pay extra.

You'd have better luck providing all household with a free compost bin, and food waste bin. Then green waste can be composted and food waste reduced by each household individually. This would practically eliminated the need for collections all together.

I would like to end this by making myself even more clear : I oppose any additional charges to households. Families in this area are already living on the breadline. We do not have room to swallow this charge - Fuel prices are increasing, cost of running the home is increasing at an astronomical rate. Households are already choosing between heating and eating, please do not make us choose between cutting the grass or not.

- most residents will have some garden waste to dispose of, so it would be better to spread the cost through wider taxation, even if that meant only collecting for the part of the year when there is more waste to dispose of (say March to October)
- People of the Wellingborough area didn't choose this new unitary council system. It's unfair to make them now pay for something that was previously included in their council tax.
- We all have to pay our council tax but living in in a village means we do not have all the amenities that town folk have ,how ever we still have to pay the same amount of council tax.
- Yes I already pay for the service in my council tax , I suspect people who don't have gardens are in a lower banding so pay less already , I would expect a rebate on my council tax if my garden was no longer taken into account
- The community pays for services regardless of whether an individual or household actually uses them. Why should this be different?
- Because larger properties pay more council tax

- If garden waste collection charges are to be removed from those who do not use it, then those of us who do not have school age children should not pay for education etc.
- I lived in Kettering Borough before living here where garden waste was included in the council tax. I was pretty shocked that we had to pay extra for it.
- If the garden waste was not collected I could envisage that more fly tipping would happen at even more expense to the Council
- I want to encourage growing plants and trees in gardens, not discourage through extra costs. I want green waste to be composted, not go into black bins. I want compost to be available, we bought council compost for the allotment this year. Often homes with bigger gardens are in higher bands of council tax, so are already paying more than for example a flat with no garden. If garden waste were to include food waste that could be composted then more people could use the service, even if you didn't have a garden.
During a climate emergency policies should be encouraging the protection and expansion of green spaces for the benefit of all.
- If you took away free kerbside collection for all there would just be lots more fly tipping. I thought you made compost with it which you then sold anyway?
- The description given 'only paid by those who use it' sounds fair so long as it's a fair price for the service
All properties with a garden will produce green waste at some stage each year, so an easier way to manage via a wider taxation would be to exempt properties without a garden eg Flats, Apartments & Care Home residences
I'm happy to pay for a service I use but it must be fair & equitable for all
- Why should flats that don't have gardens pay for garden waste.
I think our rates are expensive enough really why should we really pay for collection of garden waste
- It's the same concept as street lighting for example. My household pays for street lights across the area but we do not have any on our rural street that we benefit from. There will be other areas of council services that some have and others do not. Are we going to have consultations on these aspects too, on the basis that if you don't use them you should not pay. If one aspect is considered for differential treatment, then all should be. Or we continue with the less complicated view that we're all in this together, we are a community in which some benefit from one service where others may not and it ends up being swings and roundabouts. Incidentally, we have no children but we pay for other children's education.
- I have large quantities of leaves in the autumn (in the past, I have taken 60 bags full to HWRC). The majority of this comes from leaves from trees outside my property but fall or blow onto it.
- It's definitely not fair that some people have to pay for it to be collected while others don't, it should be the same across the board. We pay a lot in council tax and feel this should be included in what we pay
- If you want the service you should pay for it but don't understand why Kettering and Corby for example have been collected FOC and Wellingborough and Rushden have had to pay for the service. I feel we should get a rebate in service cost for one year and others that haven't paid should pay full price for ongoing. I have paid for this service for possibly 8 years.
- Because we all have to contribute to services we don't use.
This shouldn't be any different
- It should be through the council tax we all pay!
- There is enough rubbish being left on the side of the roads without anymore being added to it!!
- We agree that kerbside collections are a great benefit.
If ALL households who take advantage of this system are required to pay for collections then revenues will rise considerably.

We pay £55.00p per year, but again if all households with garden waste bins who wish to continue with this service pay for the privilege, it might be possible to reduce the costs across the board. (£35 or £40 per year ?)

- If people were charged extra if they wanted garden waste to be removed they wouldn't bother on just dump the grass and hedge cuttings in a local park or field. This the council would then have to pay for the fly tipping to be cleaned up!!! Already see people dumping cuttings in corby in places like the rockingham triangle!!! The bushes around there are regularly getting garden waste dumped in them.
- I already pay council tax to empty my green waste which you get fee from the recycle company
- Don't feel that we should pay for this service at all as we never have had to and surely our council tax cover this.
- Many residents, like myself, are pensioners on limited incomes, who already face larger bills for council tax (not to mention huge rises in gas and fuel bills, petrol and food. It is difficult enough for OAPs to maintain their gardens due to the infirmities of old age, and many have had to pay somebody to cut their lawns. I have no other way of disposing of garden refuse and as the council has never charged for this specific service, I don't see why you should charge separately. Presumably the cost of providing this service has been factored into the council's budget and is included in the council tax payment. If it is being run at a loss, then I suggest the council invites tenders to take over its collection, not simply pass it on to the poor residents, who have enough to pay, thank you!
- I am very concerned that if you start charging for garden waste some people will just fly tip it - I do regular litter picks and fly tipping is already a major costly problem.
I am also worried about older residents whose main pleasure is their garden, and the rise in cost of living will make this charge a difficult decision
- I do not believe if you don't use a service you should pay for it
I also believe the council should be advising on how to do composting at home after all we do have the kitchen waste bins as well as food waste bins . So do's the kitchen waste end up in the brown bin ?
- I think although a challenging time for all, and, we all pay our taxes, I'm happy to pay a fee for my grass cuttings to be taken away. I would hope the more people that use this service the less the fee would be. Also people on benefit's and pensioner's shouldn't have to pay.
- As part of levelling up we have to consider that households with a smaller garden are likely to be on a lower income, they will not have the space to compost; therefore, we will place them at an unfair disadvantage by increasing the likelihood of them having to pay a surcharge, rather than someone on a higher income with a bigger garden who can have a compost heap. On another note, we will likely see an increase in fly tipping in the area, which is already at a shocking level and I don't want to add to that growing issue, which I fear charging for the service will do.
- Councils should be capable of recycling garden waste and selling on as compost, If we are charged then that waste will go into black bins and Councils will have to pay for disposal by weight of refuse wagons to go into landfill. So short sighted and a dinosaur mentality. :(
- You need to do something for the council tax you take. Living on an estate that is not maintained by the council I pay the same tax as those where you provide the maintenance for. I expect as least my waste to be collected. If you decide not to collect garden waste from me then I expect a refund on my council tax.
- It would make more residents use the service
- To make it fair I strongly believe that anyone requiring their garden waste to be removed by a kerbside service should pay a nominal subscription rather than everyone having to contribute. We have a compost heap and if we have other garden rubbish we would either take it to our local refuse facility or burn it

- I only put my black bin out once every two or three weeks and have increased my recycling and composting as much as possible, If you get in to 'who uses which bins' etc then maybe you ought to consider refunding those who try to waste less and therefore reduce the need for black bin collection.
Maybe a subscription on black bin collection would be more appropriate to discourage people from sending so much to landfill instead of focussing on compostable garden waste.
People who are already strapped for cash are going to end up burning garden waste in their gardens and whilst this takes the onus off the council, it has far greater impact on the environment!
- We already split our rubbish up into types of rubbish. The council tax prices in this area are already high, the services we receive are poor and none existent. This appears to be an attempt to drive more revenue than to 'make it fair for all residents.'
- I feel that council tax should cover the collection of garden waste. As a higher council tax payer, I find it unacceptable that I have to pay even more for refuse collection. This should be a basic provision. There seems to be an assumption that everyone in a higher council tax band or with a larger garden is blessed with lots of money and can afford an additional payment. Some of us are struggling to make ends meet with no council tax rebate or assistance.
An extra charge will result in more people burning waste in their gardens (not good for the environment) , fly tipping on roads like Warkton Lane and a greater inequality across the county between those that can afford an additional charge and those that can not. Will we be charged to dispose of our waste at the tip next?
- Making garden waste collections enable the making of saleable compost.
- We already pay council tax this should be budgeted already to include a "free" garden waste disposal. I have a large garden and have a lot of garden waste during the summer and in the winter is when I do all the tree maintenance and have a lot of garden waste then as well.
My in laws live in Brixworth and have to pay for green waste delivery and I know they don't and when they cut their bushes and coniferes they just leave it all over the floor on the paths and kerbs because they say they are not paying the extra charge and the wind will blow it away. It looks a total mess.
Getting rid of the green bin collection especially in Corby with many low income families will result in fly tipping, people just dumping it in the streets like they do with their mattresses and other furniture. It will result in over grown gardens making it more habitable for rodents.
If you really do believe it is unfair for the people who do not have a garden. Eg flats then they should have a small council tax reduction to reflect this. Not punish the majority of people who do have gardens and keep them maintained and tidy.
- We all pay for services such as schools and hospitals, whether or not we use them. Garden waste collections are no different. If people opt out in order to avoid paying for collection, they will put garden waste in their black bins, which was the main reason for introducing the waste bin collection in the first place.
- You seem to assume that people who enjoy their gardens can afford this or that they can drive to get their garden waste to the tip. Considering the cost of living increase you will be putting another financial strain on thousands of people. You've already raised council tax in Corby for those in receipt of "full" c/tax support and now you are trying to make more money out of people.
- It should be left as it is but only collected between March and November.
- There are many households that do not have gardens so shouldn't pay for this service.
- I think that is fair to pay for the service you use. Is not fair to pay a tax for something you don't use.
- Shouldn't have to be charged

- I think if everyone paid for the service it would make it cheaper to provide and therefore more people would use it.
- Then the service is there for everyone to use as I'm sure most people use it at some time during the year
- We already pay council tax and get sod all for it. To now charge us extra for something that we are already paying for is a total rip off.
People are already struggling to pay the bills as it is.
- Why should people pay for a service they aren't using
- Removing the free at point of service collection will result in people (who are already facing unprecedented utility rises) not using their green bins and instead either diverting this compostable waste into the black bin or fly tipping the garden waste. I'm am quite sure that the fly tipping clear up will cost more than applying general taxation. Or that you will be using up landfill space for greenwaste that it properly divided from general waste could be changed into municipal compost.
- Garden waste should be considered in the same way as all other waste collections. All other services provided by the council are charged to all council tax payers whether they use or benefit from the service
- I think it is very important that this service is still offered. I believe if you offer people the chance to save £55 on their currently riding bills they will and then how will they dispose of green waste? If this service I taken away I feel that you will see a large increase in fly tipping in the area which is already a huge problem in and around our village. I think you will also find that some members of the community will not pay the extra money and start to put the green waste in the black bin- which in turn will end up in landfill. Not a very environmentally friendly solution.
- We are already paying for this collection through our council tax.
It is unfair to ask us to pay twice.
Fly tipping is a blight on our county and will only increase if extra charges are introduced.
A false economy and an indication of continued poor management by our "elected" representatives.
- The majority of households in this area use this service. What percentage of households do NOT use the service? Unless this is a very significant figure, it is misleading to suggest that money would be saved and emissions cut by either reducing the service or charging for it, as the collection lorries would still be making the same number of journeys.
- Householders have alternative methods of dealing/disposing of garden waste, if they choose to ask the council to dispose of it then a charge should be levied.
- It is better for the environment for the council do to a garden collection for all. One lorry rather than 100's if not 1000's cars driving to dispose of their own waste. Then the waste can be recycled altogether again better for the environment.
- It's ridiculous to charge for garden waste it goes for composting where there is a revenue for the compost it's up to the council to work with other agencies to recover some of the revenue
- I live on my own I only put my bins out once a month and I don't ever use my garden waste bin as I use a compost bin
- I believe that this should be part and parcel of the wider applicable taxation paid by residents who have gardens.
- This service is only provided for part of the year where I live. We pay enough council tax which covers the cost of this service. I worry that if you make people pay, they will either put their green waste in their black or green bins, they will leave it in their front garden to decompose or they will fly tip. There is already a huge problem with fly tipping in this area and this will increase the problem and it will be another thing residents have to just deal with. I believe this service should stay free without a subscription. Particularly considering the rise in petrol and gas and

household bills. Also you have taken pitsford off the parking permits which has already upset residents as we are still paying the same price but getting less. Please don't bring this unnecessary change in as well, as people won't be able to afford yet another thing.

- Why are you trying to charge more for a service you already provide?! Still trying to grab more money from households. Gas and electricity price are doubling and fuel prices are not far behind. People are already going to be living closer to the poverty line and you now want to make people subscribe for a bin collection?! Money hungry councils! Why don't you look at the history of the council and how they misspent all of our money in the past? [Redaction] at the helm and all he did was misspend. So again, I think it should be free and I think it should be free forever as that is what I pay my council tax for.
- I am fortunate & can afford the annual charge. Although having a small garden and using bin probably only 15 times a year it is more efficient for me to use service.
- There are many aspects included in council tax that we do not use. Having the garden waste spread is more fair in our scenario as it is a service we do use. We never use the parish services but must pay it. It's fairer to spread it out. Happy to contribute to family social needs etc but don't have need for these services ourselves. Garden should be the same for the community.
- Living in easton on the hill i have always paid for garden waste collection why have other areas not been doing the same?
Perhaps those getting a free service should be paying so reducing the cost for all of us.
- It is the fairest way to act, those people who use the service should pay for it and that payment should be the same across the councils geographic boundaries regardless of which town you live in.
- Kerb collection should be paid for out of the council tax as it always has been.
- This is a fairer way of operating this service and £50 pa is not a lot of money to do so
- All properties with a garden should pay.
- This is the system currently in place and I see no need to change it.
- I garden to minimise waste. I compost as much as possible. This leaves only a small amount of material which I can't compost at home. I collect this and make occasional journeys to the recycling centre. Where possible in the same journey I will dispose of other recyclable items to reduce my fuel costs and carbon footprint.
I feel strongly that people should make considered choices about the amount of garden waste they generate and how they dispose of it.
This should include the option to subscribe on a paid basis to the council's garden waste collection scheme. I do not feel that those gardening responsibly and indeed those without a garden at all should subsidise users of the collection scheme.
- Council tax would not be reduced for those who didn't use it so in affect service is being removed but we are still be charged. I'm sorry but I do not believe the funds would allocated correctly elsewhere
Kerbside dumping would increase as would traffic to and from the skip which is already intense at times
- The service also removes uncooked food waste for composting witch will otherwise go into the black bin it is not just a service to people with gardens & charging extra is effectively just an increase in taxation.
- Unless residence have an easy alternative (that is not having to travel miles to get rid of there garden waste (because the council have closed so many local sites)) then this service should be free of charge.
- I believe if there is a charge it should be paid for through wider taxation. I realise some houses have smaller gardens and therefore do not produce as much waste but for those of us who have larger gardens we already spend a lot of time and money to keep them tidy. I also believe if a

charge is applied a lot of garden waste would be put into the general waste bin or fly tipped neither of which would benefit the country as a whole and cost more to alleviate.

- People will just put green waste into the black bins, also it would cause more queues at the tip. If this is done (as you will do this still) the tip should be open more often and for longer.
 - Hopefully if it was free it would stop fly tipping of garden waste and broken containers which we have near here
 - Hopefully would stop fly tipping of garden waste if all used service
 - I won't pay the extra for my garden rubbish. I will burn it instead. Which in return isn't good for environment.
 - My husband is registered blind and therefore does not use some of the services we pay for in our council tax ie: library's, many sports facilities. We do not object to contributing to these services so feel the cost of garden waste collection should also be a collective charge.
 - I currently do not pay for garden waste to be removed, it has always been included in the Council tax payment. I do not drive so would not be able to dispose of garden waste myself and I do not have composting facilities on my property.
 - Not sure how the collections would be managed by who has paid and who has not. Currently everyone has a bin and those that don't pay could still use it or those that do not pay could start adding things to the people bins who put their bins out that are not full. Like they do with skips when people hire those.
 - Ignorant people will dump their garden waste all over the county just as is fly tipping is happening everyday. You see road sides & layby's, entrances to farmers fields now filled with rubbish never mind if you start charging people to dispose of their garden waste so everyone will end up paying in any case to clean this mess up. Further more we all used to have a weekly collection of all rubbish & now your reducing the service even more to those who do not want to pay but pay there council tax.
 - There are many services that everyone contributes to but may not use.
 - All services provided by local authorities are paid for by all households whether they use them or not.
 - How would you monitor those who you collect from and those that you don't. It is possible that some people may opt out and then dispose of their waste in other ways i.e black bin, fly tipping, council tip. The council would then have to spend council money on collecting the waste from the fly tippers.
- By everyone paying it would keep control of the collections. If people have to get rid of their own garden waste how would you demonstrate the council is meeting their targets.
- It is a service which should've covered by the general rates
 - Everyone should be encouraged to home compost or compost in a larger facility provided by the council
 - There is already too much stuff dumped by roadsides. Not everyone with a garden has space for a compost heap. Losing the garden waste service could mean that people put garden waste in the black bin and so reduce recycling
 - I see no reason why the system has to be universal. NNC covers a large area and it is reasonable to offer different services to cater for varying local conditions.
- Other local services are paid for out of general taxation regardless of usage. For example education and social care: I don't use the services but still pay for them. Why should garden waste collection be different?
- I don't agree with either options, it should be kept as part of the refuse service we already pay for. I wouldn't agree to paying extra for a service that is already paid for in the council tax. This proposal would only lead to more fly tipping.
 - So the cost is cheaper for every one who uses it

- Because you cannot start a pay as you go service for all the services the council provide, as opting out of all you do not use is not an option.
- Because a) Many elderly and infirm residents on low incomes have gardens and no means to take to a recycling centre; b) Charges WILL lead to more fly-tipping that will cost the Unitary; c) KBC used to make a profit on it, and the Unitary can again so long as they manage it correctly.
- The scheme should be included in our council services as it is in neighbouring Wellingborough. Harmonising the same standard and scheme is a no brainer to simplifying and reducing the costs of any scheme including general waste and recycling
- I have a large-ish garden and feel that it would not be right for people with no garden to pay for me to be able to get rid of garden waste.
- It is easy for people with large gardens to recycle garden waste at home. They have space to compost or mulch waste. However, those with smaller gardens are not always in a position to recycle the waste at home. A policy of charging for collection would therefore penalise the less wealthy the most and possibly leads to an further increase in fly tipping.
- So that households which do not require a garden waste removal can benefit from a reduction in their council tax charge.

The council tax charge is penalising households where there are fewer inhabitants.

Neighbours have multiple adults in their household yet pay the same council tax as those with only two adults in the household despite the fact they generate significantly more recyclable and non recyclable waste. It cannot be equitable a two adult person household pays the same council tax as those households who have more than two adults.

Additionally, why do I not qualify for an energy bill rebate? My income is limited and I am also faced with increased fuel costs. A rebate should be made to all households and not discriminatory. The rebate should be proportionate with the level of council tax paid.

- I have paid the annual subscription charge since I joined the garden waste collection scheme. This has saved me having to make other arrangements to dispose of garden waste; I am unable to drive to any waste disposal centre and 'tip it' and would be dependent on my son to do so for me.
- I would expect that if every resident of North Northants Council area who used the service paid a subscription the annual charge would be reduced from £55 pa.
- I believe that the March to November collection is workable across the county without subscription. I also strongly believe that if charges are levied there will be an increase in fly tipping.
- I am prepared to pay for my garden waste to be collected by the council. Not every household has a garden so wouldn't need this service.
- Not everyone has a garden so why should the Council Tax be used to help just those who are fortunate enough to have a garden.
- It makes more sense to have garden waste collection on a regular basis by one vehicle rather than numerous small vehicles making runs to the recycling depot. This would also reduce the problems experienced by residents who currently have long queues to drop off other waste at the depot.
- I think its only fair that those that need it should pay but the cost should be the same across North Northamptonshire. There should be incentives to compost.
- That's how tax works; we pay council tax to provide a range of essential services for everyone in the community - we don't then get to choose which services we pay for or don't pay for.
- Most people have a garden of some sort or access to one
- If I had no need of a garden waste service I would be peeved if it were part of the charges I paid
- Why cherry pick this service? I have no children and so use less other waste but get no reduction.

- As our garden waste has always been provided by KBC and included in the Council Tax requested and paid for by us, there was no indication to us that this service was not provided by other councils. Therefore, it is only fair that this service is included in the council tax of these councils, unless of course the amount paid by the residents of same is already reduced to take account of this fact. It would be wrong after all these years to add an average of £42 to the council tax bill and would cause very severe problems in a lot of cases. Many people don't use the library, swimming pool or any other amenities the council has to offer, so in fact-council taxpayers pay for those that do, so I see no reason that any extra costs should be incurred in this case to anyone.

- If the cost is spread across more people everyone will pay less
- I don't think council tax is relevant to garden waste collection and should not therefore be taxed universally. Council tax band and size of garden don't necessarily correlate, so it seems unfair. The idea I think which would work best is to include Kettering & Corby into an annual payment scheme if they want to use the service but because of those additional numbers which have been previously not paying anything, you should REDUCE the annual charge to something like £40.

Lastly, if you're selling our garden waste (once processed into compost) to the farming and horticultural community, surely you're charging them to buy it....after we have paid you to take it away 😞. Seems like you're onto a good thing there. Therefore, at the very least, you could reduce the waste collection charge of £55.

- North Northamptonshire council receive enough of our money without charging for our garden waste
- I feel that more people would fly tip garden waste rather than pay a fee.
- The council tax we are already paying is based on the services already agreed. As we no longer receive the majority of services and pay exorbitant rates for the remaining few, with proper management, there should be more than enough money to cover all costs.

I would object strongly to having to pay extra for removal of any waste services already paid for. It is time to stop treating residents as cash - cows just because they have no choice in the matter.

If you need more money, find it through more efficiency and less waste of council tax funds. Be like the rest of us, cut your cloth to fit, get rid of the excesses and stop charging for that already paid for.

- If you introduce a charge, many won't pay and instead we will see an increase in anti-social behaviour such as fly tipping. A universal service will ensure all garden waste is dealt with appropriately.
- Payments are included in current monthly bills.
- We all as residents have to contribute to services that we do not necessarily individually, or currently use. And I have never had to pay extra for my bin to be collected and would resent having to do so now - at a time when so much has gone up I don't need this extra worry and certainly can't afford to pay out for anything more.

My understanding is that you the council shred and process our garden waste and make a product that is sellable from it. So you are reclaiming some at least of the kerbside collection cost.

- None of these options. To start charging additional rates to households regardless of postcodes at this current climate is absolute madness. This will lead to more flytipping and we already suffer greatly from this due to the three travellers camps right on our doorstep!
- It's green waste and helps the environment. It helps keep the area tidy.
- If our household does not use schools for example, do we get a discount - no!

- I had to choose one answer but I don't agree to none of them. Council tax is already exorbitant enough so it should be collected as the regular black and green bins are.
- We feel that there are more than 2 options so I have selected the better of the 2?
The way it is currently being organised is very unfair across the county.
We feel that it should stay as it is, but limit the collection of garden waste to a specific period within the year, such as is currently running in Wellingborough. That seems to be the fairest option. If people have garden waste outside of that period, then they have the responsibility to dispose of it themselves.
People cannot afford more additional charges, especially with all other utility, household and fuel costs increasing.
- Larger houses usually have higher council tax bands therefore already pay more for many items schools , road repairs , social assistance etc ,
- The current difference in rules for garden waste disposal are discriminatory and need to be addressed. Either all of us pay, or none of us pay. we all pay the same exorbitant rates of council tax, with very little in return. You never know, maybe there would be less fly tipping of garden waste.
However, common sense must prevail. If, of course, a resident does not have a garden, they shouldn't be expected to pay and their council tax should reflect this.
- Because everyone does use the service even if it's just household plants or flowers that they are disposing off
- I currently pay a yearly subscription to the council which I am more than happy to pay as it saves trips to and from recycling centres, which in turn means less traffic. But I'm concerned about residents using their non recycling bins for garden waste which then ends up in landfill.
- With the increase in council taxes over the past few years and a further increase this year, I do not feel that residents should be charged for this service.
- the above question does not give all the options as listed in current arrangements. I have my garden waste collected free of charge (but already pay Council tax for this service) and would like this to continue. Leaving this option out is not a fair comparison to existing arrangements.
- I agree that it is not fair for those who do not use the service, should pay. However, my preference would be to subscribe, but to a free service. This would allow the waste vehicles to target the areas where bins need collecting, and would still encourage residents to use the garden waste bins rather than the black refuse bins
- Because the property taxes levied are proportional to the sizes of properties through Council Tax banding and therefore we are already paying a relative price for this service. To add a subscription charge would be counterproductive as it would increase the amount of fly tipping which would push up local authority costs to rectify.
It would make sense to limit the collections to certain months when gardens are producing more compostable materials.
- To encourage more people to use this service, which ultimately saves green waste going to landfill, which is much more environmentally friendly.
- There are many council services I do not use but still pay for them through my council tax.
- Kerbside garden waste should be covered by the Council Tax. Any other option and people will use black bin or fly tip.
- Kerbside collection of garden waste supports a consistent approach to managing garden waste across the authority. I appreciate that those without gardens are significantly less likely to require such a service, however feel it should be a collective part of the wider refuse collection/waste management service. To apply an additional service charge to residents for this in the current climate does not appear rational, nor indeed achievable. With significantly increased council tax levies for all in times of such financial hardship nationwide, a situation that will likely continue for

several years, appears challenging enough and when coupled with the intent to charge much higher levies for providing reduced services is disgusting and short sighted. With local authority service already reduced and a reliance on residents to manage libraries, maintain hedgerows and litter pick on a voluntary basis I can see no justification for such an approach.

- As the owner of a large garden which entails a lot of work and produces a large amount of waste I am willing to pay a (small) subscription to use the collection service for garden waste. Currently I do not compost waste so the collection service is greatly important.
- The amount of council tax we pay should cover garden waste it is a ridiculous amount of money for not a good service
- I think you should give everybody the same access to garden waste removal. If you start charging additional subscription fees then you aren't allowing some people to access this which could end up with people not having anywhere to dispose of stuff unless you are going to provide other ways. The tip is already packed at the weekends without adding more people to have to go there.
- I do not believe this should be chargeable as council tax payments incorporate collection of all household waste and with the cost of everything else going up, households are not going to be able to afford additional charges and this will lead to fly tipping
- It is not possible to compost all garden waste. Gardens are good for peoples mental health you should not tax some one for having one, this is effectively what you will do. More people will Tarmac or pave over gardens. More people will burn, fly tip or use their black bin for garden waste. Fly tipping is terrible near where we live, it will only get worse.
- At the moment, the garden waste is collected (at the same time that the recycle waste is collected) at no extra cost. I cannot understand why, what with the increase in the rates, and also all the other increases that are about to be levied on households, why suddenly there has to be a change and a charge levied for collecting garden waste. This is going to lead to even more fly tipping.

This household does not agree with any further extra charges being levied regarding collection of waste.

Water charges and sewerage used be included within the rates many years ago, and then that was deemed an 'extra' and charged for separately, making payment of two separate rates per household.

- It is fair that the people who use it, pay for it. However, I thought that everyone was encouraged to put their green waste in that bin. Won't it encourage people to put it in the black bin instead? I only have my black bin emptied about every 8-10 weeks, so can I not pay so much for that when other people have it emptied every 2 weeks?
- I have used kerbside collections for many years since the Oundle recycling centre was closed by the District Council. It is a convenient and clean way to store and dispose of my garden waste.
- I've paid for police, fire brigade etc etc but never used them, don't think I ought to get a refund!!!
- I believe that if a charge is introduced, people will just dispose of garden waste in their black bins, adding to landfill & reducing recycling
- It has always been included in our rates and making it optional will encourage fly tipping
- There are multiple services which are not used by every household but this is to be expected and we should all pay, according to our council tax banding, to maintain reasonable services within the community. Removing the service is likely to lead to more fly-tipping.
- Currently I pay [Redaction] for their two weekly collection service, which is currently £80 per annum.

The collection service although expensive, is cheaper than the many trips to the local recycling centre that I would have to do in a private car, and generally better value.

As a retired pensioner I welcome and means of reducing the unnecessary outgoing costs.

I would happily switch to NNC if their service was a lower annual cost

- I feel that many persons will fly tip their waste if they have do not have what appears to them to be a free service.
- I have a small garden so not a lot of garden waste the £55 pound a year charged by East Northants is too expensive so charging me the same as someone with a large garden that has room for a compost heap isn't fair either,
- Why should I have to pay a charge of £55 when most of North Northamptonshire Council area get this service free it's unfair and the NNC have double standards. This charge should be scrapped as it's unjust to the people who live in East Northamptonshire. Also as we are one council now we all should be treated the same and charges rebated to us who have already paid them.
- I feel that homes that use the service should pay a nominal fee but I think
The council should reduce the service during the winter months e.g provide garden waste removal April- October .
This would save money for the council and reduce cost for service users.
- If a large number of NNC residents currently use garden waste collection bins the kerbside service should continue. The grey bin service probably encourages more residents to maintain their gardens and hedges, confident in the knowledge they can easily dispose of the cuttings. This in turn may help in keeping NNC gardens and verges generally eye pleasing.
The current NNC 2 weekly vehicle patrol could be combined to include monitoring of verges, pavement weeding and reporting of any overgrown house Hedges and Gardens (some of which are NNC owned).
- It is an environmentally good way to use garden waste , saves dumping of rubbish It makes compost for the use of community or for sale. most people cant compost their household green waste especially if they dont have a garden. there are always parts of a taxation system that some people do not use all or any of the time. We are supposed to be an environmentally friendly village reusing and saving what we can, expecting people to pay for a service which they have never done before is not encouraging a greener way of life.
- I see at 1st hand the fly tipping that the current restrictive rules at the recycling centres creates; it must cost 3 times as much to pick stuff up that's been dumped, but because you are not allowed to be take stuff to the dump or you have to pay, like for hardcore, and some items you can even pay to be collected as a large items like carpet.
As a result Hardcore, Tyres, carpet and tree cuttings are already the worst offenders in terms of large dumps in the countryside. People are struggling to put food on the table; so what do you expect if you charge or won't accept.
When are you going to wake up and realise that having comprehensive free recycling (in terms of paid for by current tax) will make it much easier the maximise recycling and minimise dumping.
Yes people in the towns have less or even no garden waste than people in villages with more garden but people in town have more local facilities in other ways which we in the villages cant access , have no need of, or it is hard to costly to do so; so the benefit from the council tax should balance out.
If you charge people in gardens for waste then you need to look a services we cannot use; due to location/no kids/ too old /mobility etc. and offer a discount from our charges on those! that would be massively complex to administer
I already pay for social care in my tax yet i have to pay £[redacted] a month for my husbands care! I have no kids yet my money goes to facilities families use.

I feel that any further changes like charges to collect green waste is unacceptable and we will FOR CERTAIN also see more fly tipping grass and tree cuttings dumped on verges, into water ditches and in passing bays on quiet lanes as people won't or can't pay.

- If garden waste is to be by subscription then logically it establishes a principle of pay by use, why should I then pay for other services which are of no use to me? Should you not then also charge for standard household waste, perhaps by weight? The current system of council tax is for the community as a whole. If the subscription model is chosen then inevitably there will be an increase in fly tipping, which councils will have to clear at greater cost, some waste will be put in the household waste unnecessarily increasing landfill, or there will be an increase in traffic to the recycle centre. All of these would hardly enhance any 'green' credentials the council might seek to achieve.
- There are services I pay for that I cannot use because they do not exist in my rural village. So what is the difference between me having to pay for services that are not available to me, to those that have no garden having to make a contribution to my garden collection. Which is bi-weekly, so only approx 26 collections per year minus Bank Holidays. I understand that the Council makes money out of the compost generated by the householders garden waste, and hopefully it is also used for the Town Gardens and greenhouses. At peak times of the year I take my surplus garden waste to the recycling centre.

With the expansion of Kettering there will be more and more gardens. Where is all that waste going to go for those that will find it difficult to pay for a bin, and they will be people who love their gardens but cant afford a car to transport the waste to a Recycle Center.

- The service benefits all. It will lead to fly tipping because some people are just tight. At the moment a proportion of the council tax funds the garden waste collection. You propose a charge to cover this collection, so why are you not refunding that portion of the tax that people are currently paying. This is just an extra tax. The people who don't pay for garden collection at not getting a rebate but will continue to pay for the portion that is currently allocated to it.
- Everywhere else I've lived in Northants, there has been no extra to pay for garden waste collection, I have never been happy having to £55 per year for collection
- There are better uses for council standards funding rather than spending it on garden waste collection. However, a kerb based service is still a valued service.
- I already pay for the service, so to continue paying for it would not have a negative impact on my or mu household.

I Feel much more strongly about the food waste bin being a separate collection from the general waste stream. I think it far more important that the food waste collection be rolled out across the council area than the garden waste service to be provided free of charge. The food waste bin has made a huge difference to the state of our rubbish bin, even in summer the fortnightly collection of general rubbish is not particularly smelly. And food waste being put into landfill provides the same decomposition issues as garden waste does.

- I don't believe you should pay for a service you don't use. I do believe that residents with a communal garden should have to pay.
- Far more households have a garden of some sort than do not. Spreading the cost between everyone in the entire authority area would allow the service to continue, but at the lowest cost.
- You the County Council instigated the three bin system and it would now appear that you are looking to gain extra funds through charging for green waste. Just because one area of Northamptonshire pay (and they should not as thee waste collection) you are now looking to roll out the system across the county. With regard to people living in flats I'm quite sure you have no intention of reducing their council tax if you introduce a green waste tax to households with gardens.

A bit less money spent on over inflated salaries to senior council staff and to outside consultants (why outside consultants are necessary is beyond my comprehension but Northamptonshire County Council seems unable to function without them).

- Certainly do not want an increase in subscription but think its only fair to pay for a service that not everyone needs
- All additional charges should be scrapped and the costs incurred taken from councillors expenses
- To ensure responsible waste management. Some households won't want to pay and this may result in more fly tipping which would cost the council and taxpayers more in the long run.
- It's a convenient service
- It is good for the environment and all councils should provide this service in with the other waste services.
- Finances are stretched, savings must be made, and there don't appear to be any other options being consulted on to achieve a balanced budget position
- Probably more people use the service than not
- This should be paid for through the wider council tax that is already high enough. No extra payment. Majority of people have a brown bin.

You could argue that just people who use the roads should pay for their repair. Just people who use the police services should pay for police. Just people who use adult social care should pay for that part. If we are paying council tax, it is for all the services and for everyone. Everyone is paying into that pot and everyone gets something out of it.

People with bigger houses and gardens, including us, pay much more in council tax than others. We will not be able to get the £150 rebate. We shouldn't be paying even more just for 1 brown bin in 2 weeks. We also dispose of the waste responsibly through brown bin and compost, some people do not care.

Another point you should consider is that if you start charging for garden waste, you will get much more fly-tipping on country roads. It is already full of furniture, tyres and building waste with all the local recycling centres closed/restricted. If you start charging for brown bins, people will start giving them back and putting the garden waste in black bins or dump it anywhere. Charging just those who have a brown bin is a very stupid idea and I hope you will recognise it.

- Although it is wrong to charge as it is part of the t&cs to maintain your home and garden. Those who don't use the service should not have to pay
- As East Northants was the only council to charge for garden waste collection. How about free collection for all councils .
- To discourage burning/flytipping by those households who haven't had to pay previously, I think charges should be phased in gradually. But those who don't have any outside space shouldn't have to subsidise those who do. Outside space has been so vital for the mental wellbeing of many people during the Covid-19 lockdown, it seems unthinkable for this to continue - but just because you might have a garden, doesn't mean you can necessarily afford an additional subscription. Especially as the cost of living is shooting up. I gave a lot of thought to ticking that box. It's not an easy balancing-act, is it!
- We have paid since we moved in here. Living in Wellingborough we did not have to pay. It's not fair to expect some parts of the authority to pay and some not to. For Wellingborough how is their waste collection paid for? Through everyone paying more for council tax? The £55 is a big charge ...
- Only east northants pay for this service where the rent of north Northamptonshire don't. Council tax is there for these types of services and needs to be uniform across the area

- Not all residents benefit from all services provided by the council and therefore funded through taxation. Just because the garden waste collection is an easy target to remove or charge for doesn't mean it is a service that should be lost. There are many other services I don't use and yet have to fund.
- I have always paid a subscription for my garden waste but never realised some areas received the service at no extra cost. This isn't fair. I have chosen the choice that all households should contribute even if they don't use the service as this seems fairer. Other services included in our council tax bills aren't used by everyone but we all contribute.
- Kerbside collection should be paid for through taxation, because bin collection is a basic service that should be offered by the local authority
- Everyone on my street uses the garden waste collection.
- It would encourage more people to use it and hopefully cut down on some fly tipping
- Because I simply cannot afford the subscription charge this year. Either scrap the charge or distribute it with other services.
- Not happy
- I have had to pay for mine to be collected for years, when others have had it free of charge, this is not right nor fair.
- Those households who do not pay subscription should be charged a 'substantial' service charge should they require a collection.
- Because why should I pay for a service u don't need
However, everyone's council tax should be reduced and then pay on top for garden waste collection. Not keep council tax the same then charge on top
I pay today, and why should I pay for it when others don't in the north.
So to be fair, if u want it pay, but reduce all council tax accordingly to account for not collecting for free across the north now
- The service has been provided locally via the council tax. This service would not be being looked at if the councils had remained separate
- Council tax covers waste and recycling. In Wellinbough they are not charged why are we ?
- I already pay £230 a month I see its gone up £8 a month this new tax year, now I read this. Disgusting!
Its not about who has a garden and who doesn't, you already charge residents far too much without adding in additional costs, and for the people who cant afford it they will burn it? Great idea!!!
- As I am in receipt of benefits and disabled, my income is low. I would not be able to afford a subscription. My daughter helps with weeding & pruning of the garden which goes into the grey bin and is collected fortnightly. She works full time and does not drive and is not therefore in a position to remove the garden waste and take it to the tip. I do not know anyone else who could do this job without charging me.
- As a resident of East noryhants we feel we have been paying for this service and subsidising the rest of the county
- I think that's fair.
- Because if you have to pay extra people will dump more waste rather than pay for its removal. Plus we pay enough anyway.
- Only fair that those with gardens pay for the service - surprised to see that only East northants charged for it when compared to Corby, Kettering etc
- I think it makes more sense to include this fee in the council tax. Then, if people who wouldn't normally use the garden waste service, do have the need they can make use of it, without having to dump their garden waste somewhere else.

- Councils should be committed to green solutions
- Not all houses have a garden so this targets the cost and environmental impact more effectively. However, to ensure that residents use the service and do not dispose of garden waste inappropriately a) the charge needs to be manageable (the current rate of £55 is about right) and b) it needs to be a year-round service as there is a lot of compostable material produced Jan-March and much of it is more difficult to compost at home eg twigs from pruning.
- This service should be part of the cost paid to council in council tax. Putting an additional charge on brown bins will cause an increase in flytipping.
- I do not use the service very often so wouldn't like to be charged extra to allow others to continue to get a free service, especially as I have missed out on the council tax reduction because of my housing band
- It should be available to whoever needs it.
- I think everyone should be treated the same and pay the same amount for all services in north Northamptonshire.
- All waste should be collected free of charge by the council in a bid to overcome fly tipping and the unsightly "dumping" of garden waste, household waste and bulky items in residential areas. This is a benefit to all residents and hence the cost should be shared.
- I don't think there should be an additional charge for garden waste collection. I think that it should be included in the council tax fee as it currently is. I do not think that the annual council tax fee should increase to cover a fee for garden waste just because the East Northants area already pay. I think you should go with the majority inclusive service rather than the minority additional fee service.
- More cost effective to have a paid for collection.
- It is a fairer way to contribute to the cost as if a charge is applicable the waste will be dumped elsewhere or even put in neighbour's bins who are paying.
Fly tipping is a big problem already without any further damage to the environment with piles of garden waste dumped.
- I have a lot of garden waste and am therefore happy to pay for its collection
- The majority of people must have gardens and at least cut grass. Will stop people hiding grass in black bins / dumping else where
The cost of the service must be taken into account already in the council tax bills so this isn't an addition cost
Would you give reductions to people not using the service
The council tax calc includes services I don't use but I still pay towards
- Some people would be paying for a service they do not use, does not feel fair, especially if it is a resident who doesn't even have a garden.
- - to prevent fly tipping
- to encourage people to garden and enjoy the mental and physical health benefits of this
- to make it fairer through out the county
- it should be a service provided by the council
- 1 Services that seem to be free are soon undervalued and often misused.
2 Kerbside collection that is free at the point of use will discourage home composting. Even people who live in flats can compost - the Bokashi method, wormeries.
- Kerbside collections should be free from March to November
- I have paid the annual fee to have my garden waste collected for over 6 years since living here. Prior to that I lived in Towcester for several years and then Milton Keynes where it was free. To discover that most of Northamptonshire had free collections is not fair. I regularly see many locations where members of the public/trades persons have dumped rubbish, grass, leaves etc at the roadside rather than taking it to the local recycling centre. I am presuming these incidents

happen due to laziness, or the recycling centres are closed or wish to charge trade persons to dispose of the waste. By spreading the cost across all residents is a much fairer system and have it incorporated into council tax. What is the council doing about more energy efficient vehicles for collection? How much money is raised by selling composted soil? Alternatively switch the collections to once every 3 weeks.

- A lot of people have no garden waste so seems fairer to have a subscription in place.
- It should continue to be free
- Avoid fly tipping and to encourage healthy lifestyle and improve environment
- Everyone should be treated the same.

Council Tax us regularly increased and the state of the paths and road by my house make me wonder where this is going. Adding an additional cost for bin collection is mind boggling.

- I've been paying for kerbside garden waste collection for a couple of years. It works out at roughly £1.00 per week and feel it's good value as it saves me a journey to the household waste disposal. However I feel that NNC have a duty to standardise this service across the county. I would be happy to continue paying for the service if that is the decision. I would also be happy if the service was reduced to the months March -November as long as the cost for the service is reduced pro rata.
- I agree to payment, or if a minimum charge was spread over all, it would be greatly reduced the use of it for all. however exemption if you are a pensioner this should be free, as maintenance has to be done to prevent overgrowth etc, and it should not be an added burden. People looking to grow their own and should be encouraged to, could do composting. maybe free composting bins would be an option to reduce the burden on the collection by the council. I think it is a wider issue than just options to pay or not pay.
- I can understand that people without garden waste do not want to contribute. But as Council Tax payers we also pay for services that we do not use. We currently have to pay for our garden waste collection but 2 Mike's down the road it is free. Why are there there different rates when it is 1 Council
- Other councils have done this, a new charge was imposed but the annual council tax charges were not reduced, meaning that the councils just raised a while lot of new revenue. If you are going to impose a garden waste charge at least have the decency to deduct the extra revenue from the council tax band fees. If you don't the residents without gardens see no benefit at all.
- Some people don't have gardens
And that most of the people can compost their waste. It also means cheaper council tax for all. People can also share the cost of garden waste. Some people can also be fined if they can't be bovvered to recycle their waste responsibly.
- The comprehensive collection of garden waste is of benefit to all of us.
If it is collected there is less temptation for private, noxious, and potentially dangerous bonfires. It may reduce fly-tipping.
It encourages gardening > greening > wild life.
To avoid excess journeys, there could still be a registration system.
- I pay for other services I don't use, such as libraries, education, etc so why shouldn't people pay for services I use - I have artificial grass so don't generate a lot of garden waste
- Whilst ideally everyone irrespective of income should be provided with such a service, if provided universally it would be a significant use of limited Council funds which in the future if not currently will be needed for much more critical services.
So, for the cost of £1 or so per week it is a major convenience for those with a need and are prepared to subscribe.

If it is limited to subscribers the collection rounds will be more efficient in many ways, including cost and emissions, and will be seen as even more equitable as local taxation increases driven by excessive inflation.

As a user in the previous East Northants area I changed from a commercial provider in the past as the cost was less for our charitable organisation. I am sure others who are already paying for the service would be prepared to take this option if, and more likely when a universal free service becomes untenable.

Obviously if in the past I lived elsewhere and appeared to be losing a free service I might feel differently but I suspect the days of such "free" additional selective services are numbered.

- I feel that if everyone was to pay for the service this may give them a greater incentive to recycle garden waste rather than incinerate (for example) adding to an already growing climate crisis.
- 1 truck picking up waste rather than 100's of cars dropping it at the tip or on wasteland
- I've always had to pay for my garden waste to be collected. It doesn't seem fair that other people get it for free. So it should be free for everyone across the county, but if I have to pay, its cheaper than going to the recycle centre.
- I strongly disagree to paying for my garden waste to be collected as I have trees in my garden that the council put there !
- Needs to be part of every other waste collection service & should be included in local services charges - i.e Council Tax.
- I would assume a house with a garden pays more council tax that a flat without a garden, and therefore contribute additional funds for such garden waste collections.
- The principle of paying whether you use or not applies to many taxpayer funded services such as education, healthcare, police, fire, social care. It is therefore fair that everyone contributes equally to garden waste collection. If not would non-users be able to "opt out" of funding services that they do not use? It's a slippery slope.
- I think it should be kept how it is in our area. Don't we already pay for this service in council tax? I can barely afford to live as it is working in public sector I earn less than I did 10yrs ago its disgusting
- I pay my taxes and council tax so it should be included in the taxes I already pay.
I object to being charged more on top of existing taxes
- I don't agree with either of the above statements as they are both loaded towards paying extra for a service which, in Corby, is already included in our council tax. To charge again is just another increase in the tax on top of that already charged
- Council tax pays for all services no matter how much they are used it's a collective tax. Garden waste is biodegradable and we should not be charged extra for something that most councils do for free, paid from council tax. If they decide to stop this unfair charge those who subscribed should be refunded.
- My garden is very large, the bin provided is too small for my grass cutting, so any other waste I have to burn.
- I think it needs to continue to be free for half the year as in Wellingborough. There's already too much waste dumped because the tips are so restrictive and most people cannot afford any extra cost so it will cause more flytipping if any charge is put on this.
- I think this would cut down on fly tipping in the area
- Generally those that have garden cut grass etc should be given free collection if I had to pay I would not as I'm on a very tight budget and can't afford it if you have no outside space a reduction in council tax would be beneficial I compost where I can the alternative would be. Plastic grass hard paved gardens which causes more flooding
- I live in Wilby and don't pay for the brown bin which is a good thing very happy with the choice

- My council tax is high enough and should include garden waste. Do residents who have clinical waste bins pay an extra charge?
- Only fair that people that use it & have a garden should pay for it
- We all ready pay for this service!! You are getting more money and we are getting less of a service!
- For ease of use by NNC, residents are used to the collection of their black, brown and green bins , no need to change it
- I do believe you get recycling credits for the green waste so why would you charge for this service now after 16+yrs?
I think it's disgraceful that you now are considering to charge. When we are over run by fly tipping already. Just look around the countryside.
- All the services are paid for in general...Black bins brown bins etc.. example I have very little in my black bin.. could just as easily be emptied monthly..
- Some people, whether they have a small or large garden, will not want to pay a charge and will put any garden waste into black bags and into the black bin.
- its free to most users around the uk.
- Because tenant's will only fly tip, causing a mess (as happens now), and the council will have the cost of of a clean up operation, as well as the damage to wildlife and the environment. Sadly some of us can't use bins provided to put our rubbish in when we are outside, if it wasn't for the volunteers who pick pick up after them we would already be knee deep in rubbish. Lastly we have enough price increases, we don't need any more. Perhaps you could compost what you pick up and sell it to the general public.
- Keep it FREE all year long. If this isnt done it will encourage fly tipping and households will increase the garden waste in bins to max out if having to pay.
- Everyone pays for all services wether they use them or not
If you start to charge for just the services you use you will lose services that minority use .
Charge for garden waste collection and you just end up with it in black bin or dumped.
- I believe in pay for usage. If you don't use it, why should you be forced to pay?
- Why should you start charging us, when we have had this collection free for years. Its unfair to start charging for a service because you want to bring it in line with another area as you have decided to amalgamate the councils. We never wanted to join kettering and Wellingborough councils, as Corby seemed to be doing fine on its own.
- If its not collected we will find it dumped in hedgerows on country lanes.
Then the council will have to go and clear it up. As we already know by the amount of household waste thrown in the streets of Corby
- Think the waste collection should continue but maybe just March to November. Think otherwise if charged a lot of dumping will take place.
- To introduce a further cost on any household at this time is outrageous. Tenant's will simply dump grass cuttings etc in the hedgerows where it will do NO damage to the environment, I also feel that if this is PUSHED through that its only a matter of time before the other collection services will go down the same road, and the streets will be the dumping ground for the fly-tippers. If tenants start to burn the waste there will be complaints from the neighbour's .
- This is the fairest way
- If someone pays and someone else does not have to pay , I think we will end up with a lot of garden waste being dumped everywhere,
- We very rarely use it as we only have boarders with a few flowers and a Couple of bushes so don't have a lot of garden waste

- Recycling should be encouraged. By charging for the collection you are penalising households for doing the right thing.
- This service was always included in the council tax and should therefore continue without any extra charge.
- I have no children so have not used NHS maternity services or education resources but I'm not suggesting I don't pay taxation towards these services. If the green waste collection is no longer paid for in my existing council tax what exactly will I be paying for? We are all being encouraged to go green but a lack of inclusive garden waste collection will mean more households will pave over their gardens, cut down their trees or lay non environmentally friendly plastic grass. Totally defeating efforts to reduce global warming.
- With all the other financial factors I believe if there is an option not to pay then people will opt out and find another way to get rid of their waste. I not you say that this type of waste is not normally fly tipped but that is because there is currently a service for most people in the area.
- Corby council managed their finances just fine and this service was included. They didn't need to charge for a service. Whilst I agree we should all be the same our gardens aren't that vast that warrant a £55 per year charge each.
I do not agree to a charge!
- I believe that as all households pay for refuse and recycled collections through their council tax regardless of how much they create, the same should apply to garden waste.
If the council were to charge for garden waste based on usage then they should apply the same principle to refuse and recycled collection and those producing less should pay less.
- Shouldn't have to pay we pay enough council tax
- I have lived in Wellingborough for over 30 years and prior to 2014 I did not have a garden, but I did not object to paying my council tax which included for garden waste collection. I still pay my council tax and now I expect my garden waste collection to be included without an extra charge.
- It is unfair that some areas get the service for free. This should apply to all areas
- We all contribute already through council tax.
We should not have to pay any extra.
By using the green bins it reduces fly tipping in local parks, garage areas and grass verges where people tend to think 'natural' products can be disposed of - along with everything else!
- If you use it, then it's fairer to pay for it, I'm not paying for it, the amount of garden waste I have, I can keep it in a kitchen bin or bucket and go to the tip once a year,
- You have always picked up our garden waste and it is all recyclable. I know people in Higham ferrets who put their garden rubbish in their black bin. Therefore defeating the object of recycling. I don't suppose you will drop the council tax rates either so nobody will benefit from charging for the service. My wife is already cleaning the street outside our house as you the council do less and less for the money you charge us. This rubbish also goes in our garden bin as it is all mud and stones coming from the ever deteriorating roadside.
- It should be included in your council tax the same as it has been for the last few years, if it's not broken why fix it.
People will either stop gardening altogether and the town will look a mess or everyone will start flytipping it
- The garden waste, like the general waste and the recyclable waste, has been collected for a number of years by the waste disposal collection service, provided by the local council and funded by payment of your council tax. We all contribute to the payment of the council tax with the amount decided on by the Valuation Band that your house sits. With the change to the North Northamptonshire Council effective 2021 / 2022 year, our own Council Tax increased by 7.914% which far outstripped inflation. In my opinion, if you were to introduce an additional cost for the garden waste service, then the Council Tax payment should be reduced to compensate.

Costs are increasing exponentially at the present time. I also believe that if an additional charge was introduced, that it would give rise to increased examples of fly tipping which would be unacceptable.

- Costs could be reduced by only offering the service for half the year.
- I don't have a garden which is suitable for composting. The "rates" go up every year with some being increased above inflation; and every household bill is too; so don't want to have another charge. If I didn't pay then I would have my grass waiting in bags to go to the recycle site. But at weekend this is already busy. A charge would increase the number of people going there. And I have a new car so wouldn't want to use it. And a charge would also increase fly-tipping. One way to reduce the cost of collection would be to provide a skip in each village/area which is more than a certain distance from the small number of recycling sites.

- There are many services covered by the council that benefit some more than others, this will always be the case. Unless everything was to change to a subscription and residents can choose what they require it would be biased to adjust bins and charges to some residents.

- So that every one is the same. Has been known to have other people put waste in other people's bins.
- If all services were paid for by only those that use them, then I would not pay for schools, social services and a number of other services. This is a community service for the community. This is how things work in the UK. We contribute to the greater good. I pay for a lot of services I do not use, if this principle is adopted for one element, then what is to stop this heading down the slippery slope of just paying for the services we use. I'm sure the local council would argue against that.

- I feel that our council tax is already too high and do not think it is fair to expect us to pay more for a service that is already included within that. We cannot afford to pay extra on top and I am concerned how we will manage to dispose of all of our garden waste if this service is taken away. Surely you can ask people if they need this service and amend your service accordingly without charging extra. As you state, you will need fewer vehicles and also staff, therefore reducing your costs!

- No one should pay
- I already pay a large amount for council tax which includes garden waste collection. As I have a large garden, generating a lot of waste, that is reflected in the council tax that I already pay. Furthermore, because the council no longer collects leaves from the verge, I rake these up and place in the brown bins. If I did not do so they would rot and cause mud, rather than a pleasant green verge. I don't mind at all raking up the leaves from council trees planted on council verges, but I do object to being charged for doing so!

As for your leading question about only those who use the service paying for it, I don't use and derive no benefit at all from schools, since I don't have children. Can I please have a rebate?

- Because I didn't have the option to state that it should remain free!
- It should be included in your current council tax only and if you do not wish to use it- so be it
- In the end, it's the greatest good overall. If the waste is not collected you are opening up opportunity for more fly tipping which is already an issue county wide which again costs the taxpayer money. Keep the collections going.

The March to November is a fair compromise. Saving money where people are not trimming gardens and are creating the least amount of garden waste.

- I do not agree with the option I have ticked above, however, there was no option to not be charged / increase our tax.
- If its charged for people will add it to the general waste or take it to the tip. Neither particularly friendly to the environment (car journey or waste mixed up and into landfill) . Council tax is not

based on what you use. I never go to a library, don't use adult social care but accept I should pay for these services as being part of a community. Also a household of 6 pays the same as a household of 2. If individual charges for what bin you use is being introduced, then charge council tax by person in the house rather than by house.

- We are already paying enough taxes.

Corby has never been confronted with extra costs like these proposals.

Corby was always ahead of the game against other towns in the county. Having worked in most towns in the county I have seen how disorganised other councils were, now Corby is being dragged down to their poor levels! Suggest you ask former Corby councillors how to run the various systems to run within budget!

- Its what we are used to, available for all.
- If garden waste is an optional charge then people will not pay it - resulting in more fly tipping (expensive to clear up), people will then travel to take their garden waste to the tip which will increase the use of cars resulting in more road miles and pollution, and more garden waste will be burned on bonfires (not good for the environment). This is just an increase in Council Tax in disguise - which has already gone up way more than salaries and pensions!
- Clearly if you are looking to increase the charge for a collection currently free then you will reduce the charge if you "charge" separately for said service. I hardly ever use service (maybe once a year) so would be happy with the reduced council charges.
- I don't think either of those options will work. If you make people pay, not everyone will pay and either put it in their general waste or fly tip it. Council tax is already increasing. Surely it can't be justified that council tax rises, whilst simultaneously, services provided are reduced.
- I feel that people would not use it if they had to pay which would lead to increased fly tipping.
- Because if given the option people would not pay then not recycle/compost
- There isn't a charge for those who recycle and those who don't, so don't feel that is a good argument for introducing it.

It would be good to know the percentage of households who pay in East Northamptonshire vs in Corby and Kettering. Would introducing a charge potentially reduce the amount sent for composting?

- There are many services provided by the Unitary Council which are paid for by all residents, regardless of whether those services are actually used by all residents (e.g. schools - some residents do not have children but still pay towards this service) - so this will be no different and will spread the cost evenly, making it more affordable for everyone. It will hopefully then also reduce fly tipping.
- The council taxation is already exorbitant with the people seeing hardly any money being used on issues like paths and such. Garden waste disposal should not be a separate cost. I hardly used my grey bin as I have gravel and bushes, so what is my option?
- I personally will send my bin back as rarely use it maybe 2/3 yearly I will take to tip instead and veg waste etc bin it
- I use and pay for the garden waste collection service. it is a good year-found service at a reasonable price.
I don't see that people who don't use it should have to pay for it.
- Placing of potted plants, cut flowers from a non subscription household, into the bin of a paying household will create arguments. Prevent the issue by covering the service with the council tax, those in flats will possibly have plants on a balcony anyway etc.
- Service is available to all. To not do so in this way increases fly tipping opportunities
- I only use my grey bin occasionally.
- If this service is removed and replaced with a paid service, are you going to reduce the annual bill for all households? Of course you are not. This will just be another way to gain more money.

What you will see is more dumping of garden waste, in lanes, near fields or gardens not maintained as much for those families already struggling with rising costs everywhere. All this will achieve at this time is a visual divide in the community. I understand other areas already do this so you want to make it fair across the board, but unless you reduce everyone bill by the amount it will cost to subscribe this is just another money making scheme.

I currently have to pay to maintain the housing estate I live on because the council will not take it on, yet I have no reduction in payments because of this. Are you also going to remove this service for every household, to make it fair as well? While you are at it I haven't used most services so are you also so to make it fair are you going to stop providing any service and just move to a pay as you use system? Of course not, everyone contributes to the system, it is fair so those who need services can use the irrespective of personal circumstances. And those who don't, understand that they are part of a system but also know that the service is there when needed.

You can't play the to be fair card, unless you make everything fair. Why not move to allow all garden waste to be taken as part of the the NN scheme, so no longer household have to pay extra for garden waste.

- Garden waste removal should continue to be paid for by taxes not a subscription service but better managed. Collections March to November instead of year round would cut costs.
- We all pay for services in the community that we don't use. It is part of contributing to society and the communities that we live in.

I think that the two above options are not the only ones we have.

Monthly collections included in taxes would be a middle ground that would prevent those needing the service being charged more (especially in these times when prices are rising so swiftly) and reduce costs by half/emissions) but we sure that those who do not use the service are not over charged for a service that could run monthly and still be efficient.

These collections should only run during the months they are necessary- we only use ours from April - October so would not want to be paying for a service year round that I only use for half of the year. I am sure many others would agree with this too. Those who need more, would just have to use the recycling centres which are all accessible and close by.

- 3 areas already receive a free collection so ENC area should be offered the same terms
- Collection between March & November as in Wellingborough and remains free makes sense as the need for collection of garden waste is at a minimum in the winter months.

If needed household could take any waste to the local re- cycling centre

- If you use a service you should pay for it. If you don't use a service you shouldn't be expected to pay for it on behalf of others. Maybe if you live in accommodation which does not have a garden then a total exemption clause could be used
- I believe the grey bin collection should be covered by the council tax fee as is the other waste collections. As our waste is sorted and put in the appropriate bin does this mean other charges will follow as we attempt to recycle. It is all household waste and should be treated as such. If charges are implemented people will stop sorting their refuse and put it all in the black bin to avoid paying extra. We are told to recycle and dispose of thoughtfully. Now we are told we must pay for doing it. What a waste, everything will go back to how it was, dumped in the black bin!
- The brown bin is easier for me to use as I have painful arthritis in all of my limbs. I can take care of my garden knowing that I will not have to load and unload my garden waste in and out of the car and go to the tip. I have nobody to help me with this if the service stops. I think the current charge is fair but fear it will soon double like everything else is.
- My household currently pays the community charge which includes many services we do not use ourselves. However, rather than lose this free service altogether it would be better to provide the service between March and November, as adopted by Wellingborough council.

- If you suddenly add a charge does that mean you'll discount or refund everyone that doesn't use it, I doubt it
- Those in flats with no gardens should not be charged the subscription charge should be part of the general taxation and not optional
- Not everybody needs to use the service and there are other ways of discarding of garden waste for some people ie if they have allotments/composting etc. I do think it could be reduced to a 6 or 9 month service as we do not use ours between November and March and the price could be adjusted to reflect this.
- If you wish household's to encourage wildlife Gardens for natural habitats like frogs and hedgehogs then households should nit be penalised. If a charge is goingcto be upheld this may encourage the removal of essential vegetation and trees to support such treasures. Also Gardens for children to play in rather than vandalised, aged, run down parks which the council seem to neglect and never improve on. Garden waste is another stealth tax to line the pockets of the greedy while putting mire financial pressures on the home lovers.
- I already pay £55 a year and happy to continue providing it is all year round. Our local tip in Rushden is open very inconvenient hours so having garden waste collected all year is very important to us
- Live in the Wellingborough area at the moment and we have a limited yearly period which is acceptable. Any further requirements we take to the tip for reclining.
- The service has not changed.
- I believe it should only be paid for by those using it, however for those who have previously had it free, their fee should now be split across everyone using the service making it cheaper for those of us previously paying £55
- A lot of people who don't have a garden waste collection still have some garden waste and this gets either disposed of in their black bin, or tipped over their fence, or just left to build up in their garden.
- This is what currently happens in Rushden. I think if more people join the scheme the cost could be reduced accordingly. I use the service all year and do a lot of work through winter in my garden.
- The onus is on those who like me have a garden and not on people who do not. I pay to have garden waste taken by the Council and this should be the same across the county.
- I currently pay for my bin and like that the council have adapted the route to collect bins from paying members of the public, rather than hauling a diesel truck to each house needlessly (especially when bin lorries achieve about 4mpg avg when working)
I would prefer to keep it this way but would also prefer to have the option to spread the £55 charge over 12 months. Currently it's only annual/half annual
- I don't bit in having to pay for a service I don't use
- Whilst I would love all households to contribute and bring the cost down for my household it hardly seems the right thing to charge others that are not using the service.
I would like to see garden waste as a subscription service, but if it becomes chargeable whereas at the moment it is included for Kettering, I would like to see the council tax charges reduce as a result of charging extra for green waste.
- I feel it would be unfair for people with no garden to have to pay.
- If a person only has a small garden, and doesn't compost grass clippings, leaves etc, and who only puts out the green bin once or twice a year, that person would surely object to paying a subscription charge. The temptation would be for that the person to dump his green waste somewhere and forget about it.

Also what would you do with the Green bins that would be surplus.? You could hardly leave them where they are as non-subscribers would probably still put theirs out for collection on the odd occasion being well aware the collectors could not check that every bin belonged to a subscription holder.

I suspect that some would decide to opt for more paving, for patios etc, possibly causing more problems with water drainage.

- It appears it would be unfair to make other districts to pay; but also unfair to make us in ENC to carry on paying. I would save money by only offering the service at certain parts of the year.
- All households contribute to many services they don't use themselves, why should this service be different?

Council's waste a lot of our money in many ways this should be looked at first.

- If the council reduced everyone's council tax by £55 a year for the service that they want to make chargeable. Then the people who want to use the service then sign up and pay £55. Simple. Not a stealth tax that you are trying to implement.
- dont agree with either - shouldnt be charged to use it, pay enough in Council Tax
- Some households do not produce any garden waste so it seems a little unfair for them to be charged. For those of us with a large garden, and consequently a high level of waste all year round, a subscription charge would be acceptable together with the option of a second bin. A year round collection would be greatly appreciated and reduce the need to drive to a re-cycling centre especially now that Wollaston is no longer available.
- We all have different services we don't use. It evens itself out. We're supposed to be encouraging recycling not encouraging people to put in their black bin or drop it off somewhere in the countryside
- Waste collection is paid for in the council tax and as such should remain the same. If you drop this service I would expect to see a reduction in council tax.
- This would make it completely fair if everyone contributed. We don't always use services covered by council tax yet we still pay it.
- Taxation contributes to a number of services I don't use, for example adult social care - I still pay for it. So use it or not residents of the unitary authority should all be paying for it. Make the service free and then us in old East Northamptonshire can be treated fairly
- I appreciate that not all households have a garden, and some are able to compost all their waste, and feel that it is quite reasonable that I should pay something towards this cost.
- We pay £55 a year for our Garden bin and I have no problem with that. I think it's fairer that all in Northants should only pay if they need the bin. But I would expect to see a drop in rates. I noticed you only mentioned a rise in rates? Surely it works the other way round too!
- Because we live in a democracy- I haven't had a fire but I am happy to pay for the fire service
- The council presumably make compost from their collections which they can turn back into a revenue stream? If not. Why not?? Therefore they should encourage contributions of garden waste via free collection to feed into their green recycling scheme. Otherwise SHAME ON YOU!!
- I have a garden but I am a single mother and whilst working full time I struggle to make ends meet. I cannot afford to pay for the service. A charge will affect people like me the most who simply cannot afford to pay.
- We need waste removed and disposed of correctly. If individuals are allowed to opt out we will have garden waste dumped and that is not acceptable.
- Makes sense for there to be one way to do things across the whole area. I don't see why we should be charged extra when the cost of this is already being covered by what we pay in council tax.
- If you do not have a garden you should not be expected to pay

- If the Garden waste scheme is harmonised what will be next, charges for emptying the recycling bin or big charges if you fill your black bin regularly?
Fly tipping, despite what the council says will increase as it did when the recycling centres changed their hours and restricted what can be tipped and the ridiculous types of vehicle restrictions that can use the recycling centre.
If households opt out of paying for green waste, will the recycling centres relax the current draconian regulations with the amount of visits/vehicle types you are allowed?
I also cannot see how, when the council clears up fly tipping, its comes to £1000's. It would make sense to allow people to use the recycling centres, hence less fly tipping and saved revenue and cleaner country lanes and gateways.
- Personally I will not pay £55 a year for my garden waste to be collected I'm not that into gardening. I think having a set amount of months to access the service is much better then charging people for a service they barely use. At some point we all cut our grass / weed/ tody our garden . By beginning to charge people for this service your encouraging people to pave over their gardens which will mean less vegetation which means less bees and wildlife and a negative impact on our environment.
- It's important that this service is freely available to all.....as are many other services that we don't all use, for example Adult Social Care! After all people's circumstances change through their lives, so someone who maybe doesn't value this service at this time could do in the future as their circumstances change. Also what would be the impact of more landfill, either the council is really committed to reduce the impact on the planet or it isn't, don't let more garden waste go to landfill, in the black bins, as it surely will if you impose this charge! Then there is the, as yet unknown, cost for clearing up the undoubted increase in fly tipping. Do not let that be a risk. Further how much revenue does the council receive for the collection of garden waste and turning it into compost? This will reduce markedly if there is a charge for garden waste collection on top of the thousands collected by the council from each tenant through council tax. From Me alone some £2850 per year, that I have no say in how it's spent and given to a council that has no accountability for how hard they make that money work.....enough is enough, please do not take any more money, you get more than enough!
Keep cars off the road who'd have to go to the recycling centres, or worse fly tip, and collect your council's residents, your customers, garden refuse as part of the service funded by the extortionate council tax system.
Work hard for your money and don't simply reach for the low hanging fruit.
- I think I pay enuff I compost what I can have vert little household waste..only put out other 2 bins once a month ad I am a widow in poor health it wud save me going tip but I think it's unfair I shud pay even more.
- That's how it's always been. Same as, for instance, our taxes pay for schools even if we have no children.
- In my area I know that nearly everyone puts a garden waste wheelie bin out most weeks. I am 75yrs old, there are many pensioners and families on low incomes around here, in Burton Latimer. We are already facing huge bills over the next year and already have problems with fly tipping. The recycling centres have reduced there opening hours and already have queues of cars, assuming you have a car and are fit enough to lift bags and boxes full of garden waste out of the boot of your car and lift them up, over the side of the recycling containers.
- We already pay council tax for kerbside collection of green waste I doubt very much that our already expensive council tax will be reduced to offset the additional charge. Perhaps a reduction in council members to fund the service, we knew this new north Northants council would be bad for corby this is no doubt the start of it. Disgraceful
- In general those who do not have a garden already pay less council tax by default i.e lower band

- No appropriate answers... Tax is going up for less service, the roads are in terrible condition, towns are going down hill. Yet it's now being considered to charge us for bin collections... I think a petition for a wage decrease for all politicians and top council bosses could be a option if this goes through.
- Not all properties have a garden, those without would unfairly pay for a service that is of no use.
- An extra charge for garden waste will cause fly tipping or cause people to remove greenery and slab their gardens, this will increase flooding risk and cause our area to be even less green, which will eventually be an increased cost in the local area.
Maybe look at making grey bin collections once a month? For most people that would be plenty, the grey bins are large after all
- I don't think anyone should have to pay for this service, surely it is paid for in council tax payments, but if they do I think only people who use the service should pay.
- We pay for this already in our council taxes. Charging for the green bin to be emptied will simply result in an increase in fly-tipping. If charges are levied, will those who don't use the service get a decrease in their council tax? I doubt it very much. We must continue to get our green bins emptied as the current system, i.e. NO EXTRA CHARGES.
- Its a slippery slope to charged individuals on a per service tariff. Please opt me out of charges for police, fire, child services, services for the elderly, contributions towards the current swimming pool, all libraries, anything relating to Wellingborough, parish council services etc etc etc. I have not used any of these.
- Its the society we live in and I do not expect that to change. I don't expect to pay less tax or NI if I or my family don't use some services.
- Current council tax currently pays for these services so additional subscriptions should not be required.
- If people are paying they will not use the service, but will just put in black bin or fly tip. Also if like me I only need to put the garden waste bin out occasionally why should I pay for a full subscription.
- If people have an option, they won't pay extra and will dispose of their waste in an unsuitable manner and cause harm and disruption to the environment.
- I have not answered the above questions as I do not agree with any of them, we pay our council tax every month to have our bins emptied, ruffle £1,400 a year and I say that amount for bins, as the council or police service do nothing else for us. I think it's a complete insult to the people of Northamptonshire that we are paying the price for people that stole from the NCC. Now the New Council wish to do the same.
- Everyone already pays within the tax for Kettering and Corby all year round. Wellingborough March to November.
Stop doing all year round for Kettering and Corby and include east Northamptonshire March to November.
The way you worded the question... clever, very clever.
Just say you want to charge us all.
- To encourage everyone to get rid of any waste responsibly
- There is no reason why houses with gardens should be subsidised by houses and flats without gardens. Houses with large gardens can pay for two bins as required. The cost of green waste collection in East Northamptonshire is very reasonable and the service is excellent.
- No garden, no cost. Council tax gone up again and this always covered refuse. Council bill just arrived and is now exceptionally high and there is no way pensioners can find extra money for garden waste and the rise in food etc. Garden waste will end up on the roadside or in black bins if you charge.

- My garden waste is collected as part of the council services for which every household currently pay council tax. I would not pay any extra monies to have my garden waste taken away as we pay more than enough as it is, especially with everything else going up
- As an old age pension I strongly disagree that I pay for. Garden waste to be collected when others don't have to
- Introduction of a charge could reduce the quantity of garden waste recycled, and could lead to an increase in fly tipping
- I feel that we should continue to have all waste collected free. Garden waste in spring to autumn.

If the argument is to provide a uniform collection then this is possible. The money saved from collecting all year round will offset the loss of charges from the area who have paid.

This is just an excuse to get more money which will result in overgrown gardens, blocking paths and waste being dumped in ditches causing blockages. Very shortsighted, as always, sadly. Our bones men are amazing and collect green bins one week and brown the next, it works very well.

- This is just another way for the North Northamptonshire Council to rise the ever increasing rates bill.

In my view the NNC should be focusing its TOTAL ATTENTION onto DECREASING the rates BURDEN for all citizens NOT FINDING WAYS TO INCREASE IT.

The idiotic ways that the Previous Council has supposedly saved money in the past has just led to increased expenditure down the line. and we are all aware of the total failure of the previous authority in almost every aspect.

Drop this proposal and concentrate on making efficiencies.

Sadly Kettering Council which had previously run a very tight ship has now been drawn into the soaring bills regime, very sad.

- As I pay £55 households should not be getting the service free otherwise I will be contributing twice. The charge plus council tax contribution. Conversely households that do not use the service should not be expected to subsidise those those that do.
- Every household generates household waste. Not every household generates garden waste. Therefore this should be a subscription service for those who want to use it. For those who do not want to pay, free disposal at Recycling Centre is available.
- Some residents already pay for services that they don't use (e.g adult social care and children's services). Everything should be treated in the same way.
- all services provided are paid by wider taxation, if not I could opt out of paying for schools or roads as I don't use either.
- I compost as much of my garden and suitable household waste as possible. This results in large quantities of excellent compost which goes back onto the garden, improving the quality of the soil which was naturally containing high levels of clay. Yes, of course it takes effort to generate this compost, but it is satisfying to see benefits of being bothered to help the environment. So why should I be asked to pay for other peoples laziness!!! This would be the case if kerbside collections were made free because the council would have to cover the costs by increasing the council rates.
It is probably about time that the council had another initiative to encourage people to do more.
- I have faith in the Council and am very happy with the current services provided.
- I live in an area which backs onto one of your conservation areas. The majority of my Garden Waste over the September to February period are the leaves and branches that your trees lose (which currently is a lot).
Why should I have to pay extra for collecting your garden waste?

I can resort to dumping this back in the conservation site, but then this would create dangerous and hazardous conditions for the locals that walk their dogs through that area, and would also hide the fact that this has currently become a dumping ground for rubbish (empty cans, food packaging, dog fouling etc) which you are already choosing to ignore.

- We use very few of the facilities that we pay council tax for. Most of the facilities we use are in Market Harborough 3 miles away. Collection of our waste should remain free.
- If you partition this service off for separate payment then you should only bill each household for the services they use. I do not use Adult Services, The Library or child services but I still have to pay for them.
- There are many services that do not apply to all households
- I believe the collection service should be available to all residents at no extra cost to anyone. This wasn't an option to choose so i feel that if it's still going to be a chargeable service, it should be paid for by those who use it only.
- I do not mind paying for my waste as I hate going to the dump, but I do mind if there are only select groups paying for it whilst other areas have it for free.
- **NO ONE USES ALL THE COUNCIL SERVICES, BUT WE STILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THEM IN OUR COUNCIL TAX. GARDEN WASTE SHOULD NOT BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY**
- It seems only fair
- A lot of services are paid for by wider taxation even if all people do not use them so I don't think some services should be separated out for additional costs to a household.
- I do not have any garden waste as I have a block paved driveway and my back garden has no grass or any garden waste in it, so I will not be paying for this service.
- While it may be the case that the council has received representations about garden waste collection being, currently, "unfairly" charged to residents including those who do not generate such waste, I find this argument unconvincing and, to an extent, specious. For example, I, through the benefit of not having school age children and being able to live within my personal means, use very few of the limited range of services that the council provides, yet I have to pay for all of them. In fact, the only services that I receive are street lighting and refuse collection, the costs of providing which are barely £100 of the over £1500 per year that I pay in council tax. So, if I was to make representations about wishing to be allowed to pay less council tax, on grounds that I have no access to the majority of the services provided and that I currently pay for, will I be treated as seriously as those complaining about paying for garden waste disposal but not having a garden? I think not!
- I wouldn't be without it, I know some people have not paid for it previously but I would rather pay.
- I like to use my garden waste bin all year round, if it was limited to certain months I would have to go to the tip.
- The waste collected will be recycled more efficiently and could be resold to fund services. We pay enough rates already. We all pay for different services we don't use so this is no different
- This is the simplest administrative solution. Sorting out who is entitled to the service will be nightmare for the collectors particularly in dark winter mornings.
- Pay for it if you use it is the fairer option
- It is an add- on to normal domestic and recycling services and not every household, especially poorer ones, has the luxury of a garden which generates green waste.
- I answered as I did because I attempt to be be as green as possible.
- Because some people dont have gardens or use the bin so they shouldnt be charged.
- New builds only have tiny gardens so owners will not want to pay extra for the relatively small amount of garden waste they create so it will end up in land fill.

I don't get my green bin emptied 25 times a year. it's seasonal. I only put it out when it's full. The compost pile I contribute to is either used by the council. Which saves them buying compost or sold by them to make money.

A large number of floral displays are supplied by and looked after by volunteers.

If I choose not to have a garden waste bin will I get £55 reduction in my council tax bill?

Will those on benefits get a reduction so I will be subsidising them as well as contributing to their benefit in the first place?

- We all pay for services we may not use already through our council tax, This makes it fair and easy for everyone.
- It's a council service included in our council tax payments. We can't afford any more unnecessary bill increases.
- There are a number of services that we are taxed for as a whole that we don't use so to me this isn't any different.
- I don't use all services that I pay council tax for.
- We already pay council tax and in our area the fortnightly collections are included at no extra cost. If you start to charge households, there will be more fly tipping or people will just put in their black bins instead and not pay for the green/grey bin!
- Council Tax is used to fund a wide range of services that are not required or utilised by all residents e.g. some children's services, libraries, of which garden waste collection is one. Therefore, our view is that the collection of garden waste should be covered by Council Tax.
- It seems equitable that service users should pay for this particular service
- The garden waste service is already included in the Council Tax charge. If I were expected to pay an additional charge, I would reasonably expect to receive a reduced overall charge to compensate i.e. I would not expect to pay twice for the same service. Wouldn't it be nice if a Council for once harmonised bills by reducing them. Now that would be a novelty wouldn't it(!) Also, why isn't there an additional option to 'keep the services as they currently are'?
- If you charge residents separately for the collection of garden waste, you will encourage them to put it in with the general waste collection.
If you want to be a 'greener' Council you should be encouraging people away from putting their waste in landfill and into recycling.
The questions above appear loaded in favour of the response you want, which is to charge all residents for the collection of their garden waste.
- If everyone who uses the service pays with a much reduced subscription more people might be encouraged to use it.
- You state that the Corby and Kettering green waste is collected at no extra charge, sorry I pay my council tax and this service should come directly from this source of income. The council tax revenue must have increased hugely over the past ten years from all the new build estates that have sprung up ie Priors Hall. The coffers must be full from the council tax revenue so to ask residents to pay a one off levy is shameful.
Lots of the old Lloyd houses have bigger gardens than the new builds and therefore require a green bin pick up on a regular basis throughout the growing season and I am in favour of this option as gardening in the winter is very sparse.
- It would seem fair that those needing collection should contribute as long as it is a reasonable fee; should it be universal taxation then those without a garden could not possibly use. A garden produces a mixture of waste some of which can be composted at home and waste which is not suitable for home composting which is usually the bulkier trims which do not easily compost down and not everyone is able to take to a waste site themselves, perhaps due to transport, amount of waste and clients age. Current waste sites are miles away from areas since Recycling

centres were closed some years ago. Perhaps they could be more of those reopened closer to each town.

- Using the garden waste collection only once a year I object to paying extra.
- This seems fairer to me, may encourage home composting too and will save on creating thousands of wheelie bins and hundreds of thousands of bin emptying visits (often to nearly empty or empty bins) in the big carbon footprint creating bin lorries.
- All refuse collection should be covered by the Council Tax we currently pay, not just Blue and Black box items.
- households do not have to opt in or out for other council services, whether used or not. There would be more fly tipping.
- We pay Council tax for services from the council. this includes emptying our bins the council provides us with a brown bin for garden waste a green bin for recycling and a black bin for general rubbish. it would be totally wrong to start charging households for emptying individual bins.

We would be paying twice for the same contracted service. Our Council tax has and continues to be increased by a substantial amount each year and we expect the service we have been receiving to continue.

Wellingborough Council delivered an excellent service. We did not vote for a North Northamptonshire council it was imposed upon us and if some other areas in the county were managed by none effective functional councils their failing should not be thus upon residents in our area.


- It is only fair that you pay for a service you use and don't expect other households to subsidise your use.
- If charges are introduced, there is a strong risk fly-tipping, which will cause more distress & more cost to the local council to clear up (unless the fly-tipping is on private land). Most people will revert to putting garden waste in the land-fill bin which is crazy.
- It would be unfair to increase taxation for people who have no garden in order to cover the cost of collection for those who use the service.

Even though I compost much garden waste not all waste is suitable for home composting. Therefore the service is necessary.

Might we have a collection point for treated garden waste which is turned into compost as in [Redacted]. This might offset a little the pain of paying for the collection service.

- Maintain the status quo.
- Because people not using the service are dumping their garden waste in public places. Such as Thoroughsale Woods & Rockingham Triangle under bushes.
- I feel the council should pay for the bins to be collected, what are we paying council tax for. But everyone should have it free, not some parts paying, some not.
- Garden waste collection should only be paid for by those who use it. However, the cost should be reasonable. £55/annum is too much. £30 is reasonable.
- It is totally spurious to say that people will pay for a service they don't receive, this happens with any taxation. However I appreciate that after the savage cuts from the last ten gruelling years of a Tory government and the incompetence of the now defunct County Council that money is tight and I would be prepared to help out.
- Not everyone can afford the subscription charge. If you do this you should reduce the council tax. So we can afford the subscription.
- I agree that those using the service should pay but I don't agree that those residents have to pay more. The council tax should be reduced to compensate. Corby has had this service provided for within the council tax fee. Its not that we've been getting this for free.

- Its included in our bills now. Unless your going to reduce the council tax for everyone who dosent use it then leave it as it is. There will only be more fly tipping if you start charging for it.
- Not everybody has a car to use on roads but they still contribute taxes. I believe that more people would be willing to dispose of garden waste properly if they don't have to pay for the service and therefore won't use their black bins or dump waste elsewhere.
- I hardly ever use my green bin and if I do have garden waste it's either composted or I pay for removal at a small fee.
I do not wish to pay anymore money for a service I don't need.
Council tax and tax in general is so expensive at the minute and surely the council tax we pay at the minute is more then enough to cover costs at the households that require it as we sure can't see the money being spent anywhere else.
- I rent my house, and due to pressures of housing stock didn't have much choice in the house or size of garden and hedges, which need lots of maintenance.
I can't make it a lower maintenance garden as it's goes against my tenancy agreement.
It also seems unfair that most of the rest of the county have it included in their council tax and for us it's an added extra. We also have to drive a fair distance to take it to a recycling centre, which with current fuel prices costs about £5 round trip.
- I don't see why we should pay for it. We already pay enough council tax and see no benefit from it. By charging people you risk people dumping it on road sides because they don't want to pay, just like I have seen in Northampton.
- The vast majority of residents have some sort of garden and resulting waste. To charge for disposal of this waste would discourage the correct disposal of the waste and disadvantage those residents who do not have the means of getting the waste to a recycling centre.
- I would rather a mix of these! But, whichever it should all be the same!
To think that some have to pay and others don'thow incredibly undemocratic and unfair!!
Perhaps reduce that bill by missing the winter months.....we had virtually empty bins to be collected through October to February!!
- This is an appallingly drafted question designed to drive one response. Very few fair minded people think that someone should pay for a service they don't use, yet all council tax is paid by all irrespective of whether one uses all the service! The fair way is to charge all and offer a discount for those with no garden, flats/apartment etc.
- If a subscription charge is made to householders who use the service, bins on the road would be filled by near neighbours who do not pay, or they would dump their waste by the roadside.
- If there is a charge many people would not pay but instead put the waste into the black bin or worse dispose of it by fly tipping. Keeping the countryside free from waste benefits everyone. No one uses all the services that the council provides so why should that matter.
- Because the cost of living is rising considerably, plus those who are elderly/have health problems may be unable to afford the costs, which may lead to unkempt properties. This could lead to an infestation of rodents. And gardening is also proven to be good for mental health, which is vital at present.
- Council tax has increased quite a lot with services reducing, you will have to send a vehicle to most streets anyhow as you are likely to have one to two people in it so you might as well offer it to everyone as otherwise you end up putting it in the black bin. You could ask people to opt in for the free service to see if there are streets you don't need to go to.
- Waste collection has always been part of the charges paid for annually through the Council Tax. If you wish to make it a seperate case within the Council's budget it should be identified as a seperate charge but maintained as pert of the Council Tax as other services are. The psychology of paying a further charge can be accepted easier within an existing charge rather than highlighted as an extra service, which it is not.

- I believe all cost should be shared. We contribute to education and other services that we don't actually use.
- Because what happens when people who don't pay suddenly find they have some waste to dispose of? - some will just fly tip it!
- Obvious way to harmonise garden waste collection across the area is to make it free for everyone, it only needs to be collected for 6 months of the year, the income from the people who already pay must be minimal and will also cause even more fly tipping than there is now.
- collection in the winter months not required
- Our council tax already pays for things we don't use, so this is the same principle
- Garden waste collection should come under the collection of black bins and green bins, paid for by the council tax applied to each property. But to cut down on the amount of streets covered by vehicles people should be able to opt in to this service (at no extra cost).. I see green waste dumped by the roadside near my village obviously by people avoiding the direct charge, this would avoid people fly tipping..
- A charged service should be provided on request.
Residents without gardens or who do not need garden waste collecting should not have to pay for it in their rates.
- Multiple services are provided by the council, and we don't get a choice whether we use them/need them or not, and yet all of us have to pay.
- It's unfair for those who don't use the service to be subsidising those who do.
- Already paying council tax, which currently includes garden waste collection, apparently would not be reduced if charges introduced. Can't keep asking residents to pay more and more, that is simply not affordable.
- I don't agree with either of the above. My council tax is horrendous as is everyone's, and this year it has gone up by far too much. Garden kerbside collection is in our council tax and we shouldn't be asked to pay more. We don't even have collections all year, and each year this fee will go up along our council tax.
- I think a subscription service would discourage people from using it, leading to more waste into black bins and/or fly tipping both of which are undesirable. I also doubt that any 'saving' from it being paid for by subscribers would actually make its way to the council tax we pay.
- Kerbside waste collection is already paid for through the council tax
- I don't put out much black bin waste, but still pay the same as those who fill it to the rim and beyond.!
- I feel this is the safest way to dispose of the garden waste
Unless it's everyone's responsibility it will cause a chaos and people can then fight to pay for things that they don't use or have access to..
- We have a hard landscape garden and paved front driveway. As a result we do not have grass to cut, however we do have cuttings, dead leaves from surrounding trees that the wind blows in. We only have our green bin emptied 4 times a year if that, so why should we pay for something that we seldom use. We compost and do a run to the local recycling  centre if cuttings are too big or look like filling the green bin totally .
As a local resident I feel the charges within council tax is sufficient to sustain free collection. We are happy with the way we do things now. We do not agree with this charge being applied to all property and homes.
- Garden waste should be collected at no extra cost too all
How is it you can collect brown and black bins at No extra cost
Then you want people to pay for green bin waste the bins are only collected every other week so what's the extra charge going to be for a part time service

Council tax has already gone up as well

- A paid for service might mean some don't or can't pay and then may dispose of garden waste in a way that is not environmentally way. Whether this is by driving to a distant public amenity site or putting it in another collected waste stream.
- People who do not want to pay separately might use the black bin instead, defeating the object of recycling and adding further costs to the environment, council etc
- The £55 current charge is too much for some people who need to have their garden waste collected but can not afford to pay a subscription.
- Because we already pay you enough tax. If you want the county to become carbon neutral then you need to continue your provide the service that allows resident to recycle. Also people will just start out garden waste in their black bins instead.
- People with no gardens should get a rebate.
By doing it this way, it will encourage everyone to segregate their waste appropriately instead of potentially adding garden waste to land-fill.
- I think it is only fair that residents that do not need to/ want to utilise the service do not pay for it. As an owner of a garden, I understand it is our responsibility to get rid of garden waste and even at £55 a year this is still cheaper than travelling to a recycling centre regularly or paying a private company. Although I can imagine this may be frustrating for those we do not produce much garden waste.
I feel it is also worth noting that although garden waste does generally decrease during winter months we still utilise ours most of the year round so would prefer it still ran as an annual service.
- To continue to have free and universal collection is my preferred option. The reasons I have are; Some people have occasional use of these bins, if they were withdrawn I feel that many people would not use the recycling centres but just dump their green waste by the roadside, as many now do. This still incurs a cost to the council and ratepayers, by having a special trip out to remove this often enormous pile,of debris, often mixed with non green waste
- As the council actually use the waste to make compost which is used on their sites it has purpose for services.
I do not agree with separate charging for garden waste services, I don't use a whole a number of council services but have to contribute from general rates so I feel it wrong to charge for garden waste as an "extra" service. If such charges are made then perhaps lots of services should be charged as "extras" so their would be opt in and out. That would be very messy.
If every household using the garden waste had to deliver to a recycle centre it would unnecessarily adds to both pollution and traffic congestion.
- The facility should be there for every resident, regardless of whether they use the service or not. If it were a chargeable / subscription only service, you would get more fly tipping from the minority who won't pay. Also there is no facility for those who cannot / do not drive to take their waste to a local recycling centre.
- Seems unfair to those who don't have garden waste to pay for its collection from others. On the other hand I know there are those who won't pay & put it in the general waste which is not environmentally friendly.
- If the kermaids collection discontinued this would only create to the fly tipping problem for which we all pay for.
- No additional payment for garden waste collection
- You already charge very high council tax with larger houses (which usually have large gardens) paying substantially more. There appears to be no correlation between what they pay and the services this covers. Charging to take their garden waste away is double taxing them for a

service that should already be covered, when they already pay more. It will also encourage them to find alternatives that may not be desirable (like burning).

- I do not agree with either statement.

Absolutely ridiculous to think it's ok to to start charging existing residents.

That said you will find some way of offsetting the cost so you get what you want anyway

- Payment should only be by revenue generated from recycled garden waste. Profiteering from our want to be greener is a disgrace. If the proposed subscription charge is introduced I will discontinue use of my garden waste bin and place my garden waste in plastic bin liners for landfill.
- My garden waste also includes the leaves etc from the trees in the street. Why should I have to pay to dispose of this when the trees are not on my property? As a community resource, everyone should contribute
- We have hardly any garden waste as our front and backs lawns are artificial grass. I will NOT pay for garden waste collection as we do not generate any. In fact if you decide to charge everyone (ours is free at this moment in time) you can have my bin back with pleasure also you can pay me for it as I was charged for it when we moved into our new build house.
- All garden waste collection should be FREE
- There are navy services paid for by all council tax payers that are not used by all. General taxation is fairest.

If a charge is applied dumping of waste and fly tipping will rise with it.

People will see dumping green waste as not a serious thing to do as they will think there is little environmental impact.

- At present we pay more than enough through varied means and if used correctly the council get money through composting the garden waste and selling on - why should we pay even more?
- Not everyone has a garden or one that needs garden waste removal.
- A Subscription charge is already included in our council tax
- The council tax rates have already increased and those of us in a higher rate band do not qualify for the £150 refund from the government. It is very unfair to give us another charge on top of what we are already paying especially when pensions have not increased enough to pay these extra charges for all our bills including the increase in electricity and gas. Another charge could send us pensioners without enough money to pay for food. The alternative would be to burn the garden waste that does not fit into our compost bins, thus causing more damage to the environment and neighbourhood. The service that the council provide should be the same for everyone.
- Administration costs of identifying which bins should be collected.
People that don't pay will flytip and burn their waste.
- I think more people would have a brown bin if it was in with the taxes we already pay like the green and black ones.
- We are all being encouraged to recycle and whilst composting is possible it is often not practical in all properties for reasons of size, type of green material etc needing to disposal, size of property, security - ensuring compost heaps are safe for children, pets and wildlife. Safety concerns regarding gases produced and their carbon footprints. The alternative disposal methods suggested include 'burning', which is not carbon friendly, can cause health issues for residents with pulmonary concerns, social considerations such as smoke and smell and alongside the inalienable right to enjoy ones habitat The Village where I live has a "no bonfire" imposed by the Landlord and The Parish Council due to the proportion of thatched properties. The highest percentage of my annual green rubbish is tree and shrub cuttings which are not compostable and for reasons above I cannot dispose of in anyother way than the current system.

I have lived in the village for [redacted] years and in my current property for [redacted] years, the service provided by Kettering Borough Council has always been included for all in the common Council Tax and has been convenient, simple and effective.

I suspect that if the general provision is removed then many residents will dispose of green rubbish in either the Blue or Black bins, or both. For them to work effectively and efficiently it will be necessary to scrutinise personal rubbish with a means to identify miscreants. This has not only privacy issues, but certainly will have additional costs to the Council or their agents, which I think may outweigh any savings which are suggested to be made by having Collection Vehicles visiting only subscribing properties.

The service has worked well within Kettering Borough Council area for a long time, to change it now seems to be a rationalisation exercise too far. Try reviewing the need for possible excess properties and staff of the former individual councils to maintain the services enjoyed and appreciated by the Council Tax Payers for many years, without complaint.

- As I live in East Northamptonshire I have been paying for my waste collection. I choose to pay half yearly usually in March as it's not a service that is usually required during the winter months.
- It should be a service that is not just available if you want to pay for it as an extra. We all have to pay through our taxes for fly tipping to be cleared up. A kerbside service reduces the likelihood of fly tipping. I think, anyway. It would be interesting to see the stats for each council.
- My council tax is based on the value of my property
- I feel it is unfair that I pay such a high amount of council tax yet I have to pay to have garden waste emptied even though others in other areas do not. It should be fair for all.
- It is not justifiable to charge a cost to someone who does not use the service. For example you live in a flat and have no garden, so why should you pay anything additional to subsidize those with gardens using the service
- I think the current Wellingborough situation works well, it operates between March and November with no additional cost for users of the service.

Given a council tax E customer, there are many services that are paid for that I personally don't use, therefore to pay additional for garden waste collection is quite expensive.

I also pay estate management fees, all adds up.

To truly harmonise, it should be something that everyone participates in the cost, just like all the other services provided by the council.

- I won't use the service as I compost at home. I don't feel I should pay for a service I don't use.
- The majority of NNC residents did not pay for this service under NCC - so unless there is a reduction in CTax to NOT use the service it is an increased charge to thousands of people.
- We currently pay for subscribing to the Garden Waste Collection service which is very fair and would be sorely missed.
- Through tax and other bills households are paying enough
Especially in current climate people can only just afford put food on the table
This will put more pressure on families and peoples mental health people just cant afford to pay extra for this service
- There are a lot of households who do not have a garden so it seems unfair for them pay.
Although I think more people would use the service and dispose of their garden waste appropriately if the service was included in everyone's current CT bills.
- Cost should be spread. One rule for all and not certain parts of northants getting it for free
- We pay more than enough council tax to cover this already. Same council tax as in the rest of Northamptonshire. We should not have to pay a fee for this service just because we live in east Northants.

Majority of councils in England collect garden waste for free/included in council tax. It should be the same everywhere, not a postcode lottery.

- Regarding the environmental issues, this would benefit everyone in the reduction of miles travelled. As with all community services, there will always be some people who do not directly benefit from a particular element ie childless couples still pay towards schools.
I also think that many more people in this area will have gardens, than not.
- I don't think any North Northamptonshire residents should pay. We have been paying for years, while others have not. Even out the playing field and give us the as the other residents that have never paid anything.
- The cost is / has been included in the poll tax we already pay. Making it an extra charge is not acceptable
- You moved other bins to Fortnightly to do green so it you could do green ? now you want to charge do it free Corby Kettering Wellingborough free do not charge them make East Northamptonshire free that is the way to harmonise it
Ministers are also considering free garden waste collections for every home, which could save householders over £100 million a year in green waste charges. Currently, councils have discretion on whether to provide the service, which is usually charged for on top of council tax. Environment Secretary [redacted] said:
- This service has been available for many years now and is extremely valuable. It is felt that the annual Council Charge should cover this
- The cost should be borne by those using the service
- We have always been lead to believe that waste collection is included in the rates we pay at present, so asking us to pay more is a extra Tax.
We feel we are to be penalized for caring for our garden.
This proposed Tax will do nothing to encourage residents to care for their gardens and some residents to Fly Tip which will bring extra clearance cost to the council .
- Because there is no option to say harmonise but that does not mean you need to introduce a charge. It should remain free for all.
- I think it would be a fairer system and it would still be value for money rather than having to drive to a recycling centre.
- And that charge should be a token amount - I am angry at the injustice of being in an area where I am forced to pay for a service which is free 8 miles away in Corby. The broken bin is never replaced despite requested. I only ever pay for 6 months as it's too expensive otherwise but the same
Council closed the recycling centre in Oundle and then wondered why there is more fly tipping locally!
- Doesn't seem fair to pay if you don't have a garden. However, I pay for services that I don't use
- From my point of view it is the status quo.
Many services are provided through taxation of users and non-users of the services, e.g. education or parks,
- With very high council tax in this rural area I am disgusted to find out others areas in Northamptonshire were not paying for their garden waste collection.
Out of absolute courtesy we should now have our garden waste collection brought into line with the rest of the county! We are not rich just because we live in a rural setting, we get very very little for our massive council tax rates.
- It is the same as paying for services you getno benefit from
- We hav no garden got stones slabs make life easier in old age haven't used green bin 5 yrs
- If it were available for all at no cost, I think more people would use the service even if just available from March to October/November. People could then use it as and when they need to.
- Encourage those that currently do not dispose of garden waste correctly do so.

- Kerbside collection should be available to all residents and the cost should be incorporated into Council Tax. It does not matter that some people do not use the service. The Council provides a wide range of services and not all people use all of those services.
- Single parent in a rented property with a small garden and no transport to dispose of garden waste myself. My garden bin doesn't go out every fortnight as it is not required and this will differ from property to property. If reductions are made to the subscription charges for benefit holders, again, I would not comply as work full time and not entitled.
- There shouldn't be a subscription because the council tax is already high enough
- I think the financial benefits of reducing landfill are clear. I pay for my collection and I should be treated like others.
- Should be free for all and would stop a lot of fly tipping in the area.
Why should some get it free and others not. (Total unfair).
We all pay a lot of council tax.
Beside I have to wheel my bin 100m down a drive before it is collected.
- The cost of fly tipping because waste is not collected from kerbside. The disparity of access to the local recycling centre, ie some people do not have transportation to take waste there. the increased environmental costs of individual trips to the recycling centre versus regular organised kerbside collection.
- It would have an affect on fly tippers making laybys cleaner
- Since the "Brown Bin Collection Service" started, it has always been included in our council tax. I would like the service to continue, but if we were to be charged for this, then our Council Tax would need to be reduced first, by that amount, so we don't pay anymore
I don't see why we should pay extra if we are already getting this included in our Council Tax bill.
- To avoid the inevitable fly tipping that would occur if waste collection is charged to individuals.
- The same charge (saves going to recycling centre) should apply county wide and be paid by those who use it
- It is fair that those of us with gardens should pay a modest annual sum for the fortnightly collection, so that those without gardens or who would not use such a service do not have to contribute to the cost of the service.
- In a village location such as the one I live in, green bins are used by most residents within the village alongside a recycling collection. I compost as well as receive collection as 2 weekly pick up is not enough in the summer months.
- Should be a collection service on par with recycling and garbage collection.
- We have never paid an extra charge for this service and with the amount the Council charge has risen I think it is appalling to ask this of residents. It will also increase fly tipping which will cost the Council to clear.
- I think it's a fairer system, why should everybody pay for something that many people do not need ... people who live in flats for example
- I live in Oundle where we are charged. I believe that there's charge people in North Northants & not Corby, Wellingborough etc areas is discrimination!
Furthermore I'm a wheelchair, do not have a vehicle so am at an unfair disadvantage as almost forced into a corner to have to pay!
Make it a free service accross thd entire area.
- We used to dispose of garden waste at the Oundle Recycling centre. This closed down. We started to use the services of the council for garden waste disposal, and we pay for that.
- Neither answer is applicable really. I don't mind paying a small amount for collection; it doesn't seem fair that people who live in flats have to subsidise my gardening, but I DO object strongly to paying for something which others in the same county have been getting for free! If those people do start paying then I would expect the overall price of the subscription to drop.

- Some people may not even have a garden, it's not fair for them to pay for something they will never use, and it's different to people without children paying for schools or paying for the police when you may never call them. I'm not against paying a subscription for garden waste collection
- If there was an "optional" charging system many would opt out of the system but would either place the green refuse that they create into their black bin or would fly tip it where they would justify it by saying "well it will rot down".
- Residents with gardens usually have a property in a higher council tax band. They don't generally produce more black bin waste or recycling waste than properties in lower bands, so the cost for garden waste should be covered by that higher CT band.
- We were told that some of the benefits of merging with the other councils was to provide more efficient service delivery and increase value for money. Our domestic rates went up over 4% last year and 1.99% this year. I cannot see that any cost savings have been made and therefore do not feel there would be much of a financial burden to increase the service by providing the service FOC for the old East Northants district and extending the service in the Wellingborough area, especially as we do not form the larger portion of the new council area
I also feel that there are services that I pay for such as schools and play areas which I do not use/access and therefore it would not be unfair to expect others to contribute to a service they may not use.
- I have used the service for several years now and I am very pleased with the way it is run. I am a widow with a fairly large garden . I have 3 compost bins, and I used to take the large waste to Weldon but I now find this too much for me and the service suits me very well. I do not think the cost is excessive for a fortnightly collection.
- unfortunately if we pay for the service to harmonise the different approaches, will we get a rebate on our council tax, how do you expect pensioners to pay for this service with the current inflation forecasts,
we were told that there would be no changes in the services once the councils were absorbed into one unitary authority.
- I don't think households should be taxed again when their properties are higher council tax band to stem art with.
If not, do only house with children pay for school?
- We already pay council tax for many services. What next do you strip out recycling and start to charge more for larger families etc...I'm also worried that you then employ less staff and so the bin collection people lose jobs/hours. Why complicate things, it is a good service, leave it alone and just add in a minimal extra to the council tax!
- You should pay to use a service that's not free. I why should thousands of people in flats and other like properties have those council tax raised for the benefit of those with gardens
- Residents who do not have a garden should not have to pay for a service that they cannot use.
- If garden waste is not collected at no additional cost much of it will be placed in the black general waste bin. Thins is ecologically and environmentally undesirable.
- Not everyone has a garden and needs to use the service
- Feel this is fair . Should stay at the rate i currently pay
- It is likely that the users of the waste collection, by implication living in houses with gardens will be more able to afford to pay for the service. Funding through wider taxation implies that less affluent households living in proprties without gardens would be subsidising the service.
- Neither of the above options are right.
People who have a gardens are likely to pay a lot in more council tax anyway so ought not to be required to pay even more still for garden waste collection
Areas that have provided a free of charge garden waste collection service hitherto have not found it necessary to invent such restrictive options.

- Many people may not pay a subscription charge and will then dump their garden waste anywhere accessible or put it in other people's waste bins.
- We are already paying for this service in our council tax, and with the increase in council tax, utilities, fuel, food, etc it would be impossible for a lot of families and pensioners to find the additional cost
- This would be fairer.
- Because we pay for lots of other services that not everyone uses - eg schools, kids play areas - why should this be different?
- People having houses with gardens pay more Council Tax than for example someone living on a flat with no garden. so it is quite right that they should have the facility of having their garden rubbish collected at no extra charge.
- I have seen people drop garden waste in other peoples bins
- It sets a dangerous precedent if we only pay for the services we use. Are you going to allow people to opt out of funding education etc if they don't use that service.
- Subscription is fine BUT the cost must be reasonable. The current cost in ENDC is acceptable but any increase would discourage me from using it.
- Any action that is likely to encourage residents to look after their gardens and avoid fly tipping is beneficial to the general environment.

Financial 'penalties' for using the approved disposal system are likely to have unwanted costs and damages to the environment, if people are deterred from using those systems.

I found the argument put forward on environment and cost savings through charging for kerbside rather superficial and naive and clearly based on untested assumptions. For example to the extent that people are deterred from using a green bin what happens to that waste and does that impose larger costs than the savings? Also the idea that the green waste contractor will be down less streets and therefore better for the environment seems naive, if you picture this vehicle driving for longer distances between collections as less green bins and spaced out more the noise and fuel pollution per ton of waste will increase.

The question is what are the more beneficial ways to help residents add to the attraction - including the flora and fauna - of the local environment through their use of their garden spaces? For me the kerbside scheme is likely to be efficient in delivering preferred outcomes.

- I don't see why people without gardens should subsidise those that do.
- I agree that there is no point in sending lorries to areas that don't use the service, so a small subscription fee for those who require the service would be acceptable. (Maybe £30 annually or £3 or £4 per month would be acceptable)
- Because you have not given the option of a free collection.
- In you live in a conservation area you will have more waste from trees and garden as you have rules and regulations to live by. This is not true for all areas.
- The service should be available to all
- There are many Council services that are not used on a regular basis but we still have to pay anyway. This is one just one of these services. Being pensioners it is difficult to deal with garden waste any other way.
- I buy composts from the council as I can't get my composted to work properly so I am paying for my garden waste to be collected.
Another thought I can buy my compost cheaper from the garden centre but I buy it from the council so I think I'm paying for my garden waste to be collected!!!!
- Having used the scheme and having to pay for it with a lot of collection issues, I have stopped using the service. I feel that if the service was offered as a free collection, more households in the north northamptonshire area would use it. This in turn could give more waste for recycling, thus further income when selling the finished product on. This could help offset the costs

incurred for providing the service. Also if there are more bins to empty, this could mean employment for some people. If a lorry is coming down the street once a fortnight, surely that is more environmental than 60 cars queuing up to use the site.

- The [Redacted] bin is larger than the council bin which is an advantage to me
- The problem with the paid for option is that some get 'value' in having large gardens and fill their bin every collection, whilst others like myself may use it 4 to 6 times a year, mainly for grass cuttings. This is a really expensive cost in Oundle for so little use, especially as the local recycling centre was closed some years ago!

It is also unfair that those who don't have a garden to have to pay, and even more annoying to have an extra bin imposed upon them, so I'd suggest that anyone who wants the service pays for a bin, but collection is 'free' paid by all in order to meet CO2 targets which are in effect collective.

- the higher the council tax bands are more likely to have gardens requiring garden waste collection and pay more tax anyway. An included priced service is more likely to be used even if the user only needs it less than fortnightly.
- If you use the service then pay something towards it ,otherwise people who haven't got a garden would have to pay for something they can't use .
- We have been scrutinised in this area for many years and been charged for a service that others in local councils do not pay. As one unitary council it should be a fair system whereby no one is penalised for the location in the county that they live.
- I think we pay more than enough already that the brown bin should automatically be collected along with the green and black bins.
- Promotes recycling
- The Council tax is high enough to cover garden waste collection. At a time when the cost of living is rocketing, it is hardly an appropriate time to ask residents to pay more.
- As stated in the above text, not everyone needs or uses this service.
- Bit of a leading question this, making us agree to your options.
- We pay enough council tax.

But I don't agree to paying separately for collections, it sets a precedent.

The only way this can be seen as fair is if those without a garden see a reduction in rate but I hardly believe that'll happen.

It's currently covered by the large amount we pay and should continue to be so.

At a time where households are struggling with unseen rise in costs including an already inflated council tax bill it's not the time to be adding to that problem.

Disposing of green waste in a proper fashion is good for the planet and so should be continued to be supported. It should not be made inaccessible to many by adding a surcharge.

The council will likely spend more money clearing fly tipping issues created by this proposed fee than it'll make.

- If charges are made it will result in fly tipping, dumping grass clippings in bushes etc
- All counties under the same council should have the same collections,we all pay our council tax
- Council tax has risen now they want to do less for it fly tipping will only get worse
- Why should you pay for a service you don't use.
- To spread the cost of services. A collection only from March to November seems a great option to follow
- Because there was no other choices and wouldn't let me continue unless I chose
- We should be encouraged to separate garden waste from household waste. Putting separate charge on collection would just encourage people to put waste in black bin so no recycling.
- Council tax already covers this service. If you make residents pay for it there will be more fly tipping which will cost us, the residents, more in the long term.

- We have always had garden waste collection collected with household waste, and now is not the time to raise additional charges. In addition, the council is asking people not to go to the tips at bank holiday weekend due to problems with queuing; every weekend will be similar if charges are introduced.
- There will be a number of different services that only certain people use, are we going to cut council tax for those who don't use the library service or the council one stop shops?
- There are many services which we all pay for; several of them are not used by everyone. Part of living as a community is taking responsibility for others needs as well as our own
- I do not think we should be paying extra on top of existing council tax which has already just increased this month
- I don't think you should pay, we already pay enough
- If this is chargeable, recycling will diminish as people will fill black bins instead
- Because it is completely impractical for people to only pay for those services they use personally and not contribute generally.
Also I have heard that people who don't pay for garden rubbish removal dump their garden waste in the bins of those who have paid!
- Neither represent my point of view
- Council tax can cover the cost. Fly tipping will increase if you have to pay extra for the collection. The issue can potentially be solved by having a different council tax band for those with a garden over a certain square footage. However the increase should be much, much lower than £55 p/a.
- The cost of multiple cars taking their waste to recycling centre uses more fuel than. 1 single collection. I pay my council tax for not only a service but to give people jobs.
- I Don't use kerbside collection therefore will not pay for it if I don't use it
- Gardening can be a very positive therapy for lots of people including the elderly and the some of our vulnerable residents. Should it be made more difficult for them because of their limited budget. I live in Kettering and happy to pay to support them with regular collections without extra cost.
- Why pay for a service you don't need.
- Hardly anyone puts the grey bins out every week and with the economic climate and harm to the environment that driving that great hulk of a lorry around causes I think it should be scrapped and it be a paid for scheme by those wanting collections just like the man coming round to jet wash bins
- I dont believe there shpuld be a charge so this answer was the lesser of two evils
- The service should be free for everyone. How is it fair to charge just people in North Northants and all others get it free
- I think council tax is high enough to cover this charge at 1700ish pounds how is 55 of it not acceptable to use to pay for it?
- There are many services that are not individually used but the council tax is an umbrella amount that is divided between them. We cannot all just choose which bits we want to pay for as individuals. For example the household refuse tip, there will be many people without cars that have never gone there. As a civilised society we share the cost of certain things for the greater good.
I'm sure if you introduce a charge, people who won't pay, will just use the black/grey bin.
- I feel everyone should contribute to garden waste collection. I dont agree with targeted charges for anything it makes things to complicated. The March to November collection sounds a good idea, and msy be more economical.
- Equality

- As far as I am aware we already pay for this service in our council tax and it has worked this far
- I pay then £55 a year for my collections but do not use the service between November and March. I think you should adopt the Wellingborough approach of free collections between March and October.
- I don't understand why we pay council tax, if the council are going to charge us again for each individual service!
- We pay more than enough for council tax monthly. Not fair to pay more. Get rid of some Councillors that don't contribute anything except to collect their huge salary.
- We pay enough for the poor services we already get from you! You only collect twice a week as its which is why already end up having to burn some of it as a result as I have nowhere to store it. I pay you extra via council tax ALREADY for having a garden via tax banding, so you can't justify charging more. If you truly want to say 'only pay for what you use' then make EVERYBODY tax band A and I will then happily pay for the garden rubbish removal like those in a flat would. If you start charging I will burn it ALL and you can deal with the stink of all the smoke and the complaints if brings from neighbours. If you start charging, other people will also burn it or dump it on the roadside or pay gypsies and the likes to remove it and they will dump it causing you even bigger costs to clean it up thereby saving you NOTHING.
- Many residents have no garden and generate little, if any, such waste. There is no benefit to those people, in paying for the service. There are lots of options, and probably not much fly-tipping, to dispose of garden waste by those unwilling to pay.
- Because it should remain as it is now in Kettering
- Discourages people burning waste in their gardens which is not good for the environment.
- The increase in compostable waste from a service available to everyone, would make the composting more efficient.
- Should be consistent across the whole council. Either no fee or lower fee but subsidised by council. Would encourage reducing carbon impact of travel to waste sites and improve neighbourhoods as easier to keep tidy. While reducing cost to residents with fuel costs spiralling. And reduce fly tipping issues and expense to council while reducing environmental issues attached.
- I have been one of the fortunate residents who have not had to pay for collection of garden waste. The garden waste used to be collected all year round but then changed to March to November but the council tax never went down to account for this change. Fair enough some of the other boroughs have charged for this service and some have not. Yes it should be all the same for each borough and also for each council ie North & West should be the same. Also all bin collection services supplied should be the same for all boroughs & councils. I currently live in an area that does not have a food bin collection but other boroughs do and they are not charged for this service, so If the council is stating that the charge is to make all boroughs the same then I would expect to have a food bin collection too like all the others. Works both ways council!
- As a local resident I already pay for many community services I don't benefit from personally, for example education. Green bin collection is a community service that enables local residents to maintain their homes.
- Seems fairer, but there is a risk that some will then not wish to pay and will put it in their black bins or fly tip. If I have to pay I'd like to pay it through council tax, seeing those not paying having a reduction. I don't see an argument for it just being an increase in charges for those helping the environment by gardening.
- This is how the service has been provided to date. The services we are provided are gradually being reduced and yet more money is constantly being taken.

- I personally would not pay for this service as I currently compost at home. However if it was a free service then I would use it.
- Otherwise it is the start of privatising waste collection and other council services.
- This service should be treated like all others. Users of Social Services or Education or other services provided by the Council do not pay for their use, we all pay for them.
- Already pay for the service. Only fair that those who use it pay towards its cost. It means it is not a cost taken from the general council budget.
- Because it is fair that people who use the service pay for it.
- The service works well , if you use it you should pay!!
- Not everyone has a garden so it's not fair on others to take their money for a service they can't utilise.
- If the service is more freely, widely available...more residents would make use of it... rather than expensive trips to the recycling centres, or fly tipping.
- Kerbside garden waste collection is ALREADY being paid for in our tax when we pay for refuse collection in our tax. Why should I pay twice for a service??!!
Stop being money grabbers, manage your budget more effectively and actually do what is expected of you without trying to charge more. Kettering town centre is dying on it's [expletive]!
The last time I went in was when it was free parking during covid. Make the car parking free like in other towns! I know other people who won't use the town centre because they don't want to pay to park, preferring to go elsewhere where it is free. You continue to ruin everything with your greed!
- Those that don't use, shouldn't pay. BUT, generally people are saying if you charge they will just put it in their black bins anyway so will this lead us to greater fly tipping etc?
- The majority of people have a garden and those in flats usually have grass around them that is cut by the council.. so all benefit thru the council tax
- I don't go to school but I pay towards that and other amenities that I do not use . You should only have one bin. Collect. Every 3 weeks and not fortnightly.
- Should stay as is
- We shouldn't have to pay extra, that's what we pay our council tax for!!!
- I haven't answered this question because we pay for this device already within our council tax
- I make the effort to separate my recycling garden waste etc. why should I pay when others will sneak it into black bags and put it in there black bin?
- Nobody should pay, just another tax,why not harmonise it so nobody pays,but oh no we have to pay,well mine will go in the other bins,I'm not paying
- Households will be reluctant to pay further subscription, on to of inflated council tax already this will most definitely result in fly tipping. There's always a black bin to overfill plus the eyesores of unkempt gardens as people won't bother
- I THINK IT IS TOTALLY UNJUSTIFIABLE THAT A FEE IS PAID ONLY BY CERTAIN AREAS, IT IS ALSO TOTALLY INSANE THAT UNLESS YOU PAY THE FEE YOU ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE YOUR WEEKLY GARDEN WASTE TO A TIP CAUSING TOTAL CHAOS, THIS PRACTICE MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL TO ANYONE WITH A BRAIN
- Because there was no answer for GARDEN WASTE SHOULD BE FREE FOR ALL USERS PAID FOR BY CURRENT HIGH LEVELS OF COUNCIL TAXATION, AS CURRENTLY SEEN BY THE MAJORITY OF NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ALREADY!
- Since the majority of domestic properties have a garden I think one grey / green bin should be emptied free through out the year. People with larger gardens should be able to request additional grey / green bins for which they would have to pay a collection charge.

- I guess this is the fairest option, many people have small gardens and probably don't create much waste, we have a large garden, allotment and paddock so create a lot of waste in managing it, I would really miss the service. But also there are months when the bins stand empty so a bit all year round option could also work
- Neither keep it as it is
- I strongly object to the charging proposal, the questions above are leading questions implying that the charge has been agreed. During times of increased costs and a lesser service I strongly object to this!!
- if you make a separate charge this will only encourage people to dump their waste anywhere but in the correct places
- I feel my council tax should cover this cost whether you choose to use the service or not. I disagree with paying to have my garden waste collected, as the compost made from this the council sells on and I don't get a rebate from the sale of this compost.
- All households contribute to other council services even if they don't use them so garden waste collection should be the same.
- Council services costs should be shared by the whole community otherwise we might as well have nothing provided with everyone buying what they need which impacts on the underprivileged and those on low income.
- Council tax has gone up which in my opinion should include ALL bin collections. If this EXTRA cost is introduced fly tipping will increase and you will put an extra burden on people who are already struggling just to line your own pockets. Shame on you.
- It should be possible to pay for the service for the months required not always for 12 months
- This service should continue to be free
- I believe that the council tax in this area is high enough. We were not consulted when the councils merged. Our council had a good track record for dealing with its finances. One might argue that those who don't have gardens should not pay. But I believe the majority of them do not contribute anyway, as they would generally be in a lower council tax band, those in higher bands do not receive an enhanced service or any benefit for paying a higher rate than those in the lower bands. I also believe that if a charge is levied, a lot of people will begin to dispose of it in their black bin or use the recycling centre more frequently, this will undoubtedly have an impact on those services.
- Council tax covers many things including waste collection
- If it is being charged as an additional service, people that don't require the service shouldn't be made to pay.
- We pay enough council tax
- We use our green bin all year round, could get away with it not being emptied between November and February. As for paying I thought the waste was collected to be composted which the council could sell on to gardeners so there would be no need to pay extra
- As someone who doesn't have access to a garden, I have no garden waste to dispose of. So it makes no sense for me to pay for a service that I won't ever get to use?
- Not all of us have large enough gardens to put grass cuttings into a compost bin. Neither do we have shredders to turn pruned cuttings into mulch. Also, garden waste collection will prevent people dumping garden waste along country lanes.
- I strongly believe that a garden waste collection service is a great thing for those who have gardens but that it is unfair for those who do not (e.g. those in flats) to have to pay for this.
- Disagree with both options.
Have you not considered the option we have in Wellingborough of a free garden service for the months of March to October. Those residents in Kettering and Corby switching to this option and

East Northants not paying at all. £3,000,000 seems a high price the Council has to pay for this service.

- No extra charge doesn't mean it is free. I'm paying for it already via Council Tax, it is included in the price. If you do charge for it, everyone's Council Tax bill should be reduced. People clearing their gardens also contributes to cleaner streets / less vegetation in drains or at places that could contribute to flooding or other environmental risks. There is an element of mutual benefit for everyone, including neighbors without gardens (or smaller gardens) and the council street cleaning / drainage services.
- Any charge would be an effective increase in my Council Tax
- Residents should be encouraged to dispose of garden waste properly, reducing fly tipping. The Council can recoup some costs by selling compost
- So that this argument can be used for all services. If a household doesn't use them, they shouldn't have to pay for them. Council tax should be itemised and broken down to show where the money goes. If a household can justify they don't use a service or, shouldn't have to contribute to certain costs, they shouldn't have to pay them.
- If this has to be paid by individual users I would be concerned that those who can not afford it (due to the rise in cost of living and utilities rising extremely) or those who do not want to pay the cost of the service will then dispose of the garden waste via fly tipping. Not all residents of NNC have a vehicle to take the garden waste to the local recycling center.
- Houses with gardens are in a higher Council Tax band and already pay a lot more Council Tax!
- I don't mind paying for garden waste services (just the people who want the service pay for it) BUT why do I have to pay and other areas do not ?? could we have it uniform across this new council area please.

- I think that if there was a subscription charge there would be the possibility of dumping on verges and more trips to the recycling centre which is already very busy in the summer and autumn as people wouldn't want to pay more. Also there are those with small gardens who perhaps only have a bin full every so often so they might complain.

The service is good for the environment.

The bin lorry is already coming down every street for the blue recycling bins so it isn't an extra journey.

- It seems fair to only pay if you use the service. Many people don't have gardens.
- Whilst some people may not have a garden others do not use adult social care services or schools but still pay
- We pay council tax it should be used for services that residents need
- The introduction of a paid for service will lead to a number of unwanted domino effects such as; dumping of garden waste in local areas, those who do not pay putting their garden waste in the bins of those who do pay, garden waste being disposed of in black general waste bins, etc.
- Beautiful this charge is paid already via our council tax which is already too high. Plus living in Desborough we already pay an extra precept
- Until April 2021 ad Kettering Council tax payers our green waste bins were collected as part of the service.

We are still paying the level of Council tax yet it is proposed that we should pay EXTRA to have the waste collected

This means we are paying for it twice

- We would like to keep our current services without paying extra for it
- Kerbside collection should be free of charge
- I believe that as a council tax payer, I am already paying enough to cover this.
- Some households will not be able to afford a subscription so spreading the cost is more inclusive

- Not all residents will have gardens or garden waste. It seems unfair they should pay for this 'less essential' service.
- It should be no different to the recycling bin.
- Living in east Northants we have always paid for this service. This should be harmonised across north northants with residents paying for the use of this service only if they use it.
- Garden Waste is a method of recycling and should be dealt with in the same manner as plastic, tin etc. recycling.
- Should not pay for this service, surely comes under the council tax that has just been increased
- I don't agree to either question, it should be free for all how do you think people are going to afford it anyway with what's going on at the moment, I will have to make a choice of heating or going without many things I despair of what the future has to hold.
- I think you have hiked our council tax up enough without trying to provide less service for more money
- The waste collection service is the only Council service which benefits me directly. It is already costed in the Council Tax which I pay. There are no grounds for increasing yet further the burden on taxpayers and I feel very strongly that the position should remain as it is, or provide a 12,month service.
- I have no strong feelings either way but as I currently live in East Northants and have been paying for this service for years I have no objection to continuing to do so.
- Since most other taxes collected from me are utilised to furnish common facilities for other sectors of the community that I don't benefit from, I think it is only fair that some others contribute a fair share to let me have my garden waste collected fortnightly.
- The service should be provided to all as it is increasingly difficult to dispose of waste
- It seems it would work well for the service to be opt in as there are likely plenty of properties with minimal garden waste that do not require regular collections.
- I feel it should be free for those who wish to use it.
- Only applicable if you have garden waste to dispose of. Not fair on other households if they have no garden waste
- I don't mind paying for garden waste collection. It wouldn't be fair for residents with no gardens to pay for others to have theirs collected.
- Reductions should be made in the council tax for those services not used
- We are now one council and the same rules should apply for all.
- I don't mind paying a small fee for an additional service however if we are already paying for that service within our council tax then we should all benefit and not just specific areas, it is so wrong
- If you start to charge already stretched households for garden waste collections then you will see an increase in fly tipping and / or black bin waste. The cost isn't £55 either. My dad lives in [redacted] and is being charged £80 for the service.
- If it comes down to cutting costs we should continue with the limited months of collection and keep it within other costs
- We pay council tax at a premium because of where we live and the collection service is covered within this charge. Introducing a separate charge is in fact cutting services and doubtless council tax will still increase despite the additional revenue available.
Any claim that this service detracts from other services is a nonsense I have to pay for all kinds of services that I don't use all of which detract from the services I do use.
Presumably the council generates revenue from the sale of compost and any charge is merely to make up any shortfall from cutting the service.
This is another stealth tax rise dressed up as environmental improvement.

- Because those of us who have gardens contribute to the enjoyment of all - trees, wildlife, open spaces in crowded areas, less cars parked on roads, less dumping of rubbish etc.
- If you have a subscription service I would predict a high increase in fly tipping which would cost the council more to collect and dispose. With the recent high increases in the cost of living, specifically fuel and all utilities including council tax, many households are already financially stretched to breaking point, not just those on benefits but working people too.
- I read that by charging residents the truck only goes to households that pay therefore saves emissions and fuel. I do not agree, my next door neighbour pays for this service and they are the only ones in our street so your truck is in my street yet all the other households must put in black bin (you said that costs council money) or drives to the recycling centre-this is more emissions and a bigger carbon footprint.

The same neighbour doesn't recycle the food waste, yet I do so that truck comes to my street and everyone is entitled to use that service.

I also struggle to understand why I am not allowed to put out 2 recycling wheelie bins. I have to buy see through PLASTIC bags to put my extra recycling in. This is a higher carbon footprint and expense, a wheelie bin is something that can be reused time and time again, therefore better for the environment.

Same can be said for general waste. I struggle again to see why if I have extra bags (Christmas/birthdays) how it is better for the environment for me to get a permit for my pick up (which is not used for business) drive to the tip when your truck has drove to my house. When I have rang the council I was told to buy less! Surely it's the manufacturer's that should produce recyclable packaging.

For some areas to get this service for free is ridiculous.

The council should be encouraging every household to recycle as much as possible and in the most efficient way and one that is consistent for all residents, this includes food waste, recycling, general waste and garden waste.

- Because you will get people putting stuff in your bin as it already happens with other bins!!! I have to cut back council trees that are by my property that over hang and we pay enough council tax as it is
- It's not fair on those who don't want the service. Although more people would use the service if it was covered by wider taxation.
- I would love to use the garden waste bin but unfortunately I cannot afford it.
- I dont have an issue with paying for the service as we do use it I don't feel everyone should pay for it if they aren't going to use the service. But before a charge can be implemented then all households should have something to identify they pay for it so people that don't pay for it get it for free.
- Not happy paying 55pds.
Would be happy paying say 25pds but then all of nnc paying the same.
55pds is to much
- Garden waste collection should be free for all residents
- We have trees that line our road ([Redacted] Road) , which branches constantly break off and leaves fill our driveways, we collect these and put them in our brown bin, so helping the council rather than dumping them outside our property to blow everywhere, I do not think I should pay extra to do this as my own garden waste is manageable by odd trips to the tip
- I do not agree with any of the last 2 questions, everyone should be treated the same, we all pay our household taxes , it should not be charged as extra to certain areas .
- I do not agree with those two points above it should be freely available for those that wish to use it like our dustbins, I do not agree with the council tax in any event it was much fairer system

when it was done on quantity of persons living in a home that created more waste, and used more resources.

- I have no children but I happily pay for nationwide education.
- Those with larger gardens are usually those who pay the most council tax
- We pay our council tax , I'm in a higher band than some other households and now you want to charge for the green bin ,definitely not
- Not everyone accesses all LA/government services but still contribute towards them.
I think this service should be accessible to all. Some ex council houses have large gardens and small homes and these people will need the service but may not be able to pay
- I believe that the garden waste should stay as it is, people can not afford the rise in bills, tax and food as it is. I can not justify paying for a service I use only a couple of times a year and my neighbours would put there garden waste in my bin like they already do now
- Should not have to pay for collection of garden waste when it is composted and then sold for profit. The sale of the waste should cover the cost of collection
- Although I agree that garden waste should be paid for by those that use the service. I also encourage the council to think about the extra cost of processing garden waste through the black bin collection as there will be people that either cannot afford or do not want to pay. This could prove more expensive to administer than the wider taxation option. Therefore to help reduce to subscription burden it may proved more prudent to introduce a hybrid of the Wellingborough system and the taxation option. Only subscribe for 8 months rather than the whole year.
- I'm todays economy I think it should be a free 6mth service that comes under council tax, people on universal credits and low wage income want to keep their gardens tidy and want to help towards the changing climate but at 26.50/55 is what east Northants charges, cost are not always easy to find it should Come in with the council tax payment
- Timepoor and not cost effective to collect from certain addresses. And to collect money from certain households.
- Since when did council tax charges differentiate between black bin, recyclable and garden waste collection? It's a ridiculous proposal to do so. You don't charge people additionally if they have 1, or 2, or 3 blue bins emptied every other week, same as you don't offer discounts for households who only put their black bin out once every 4 weeks rather than once every 2 weeks. What you are proposing is essentially an additional "garden tax" for households. Utter nonsense.
- I pay a Council tax which includes collection and disposal of garden waste. If garden waste is to be charged for separately, there must surely be an equivalent reduction in my Council Tax. I do not support a scheme where I will be charged twice for the same service.
- I have a medium sized garden and pay the full subscription of £55 and would like the garden waste collected as now e.g. every 2 weeks. I am quite happy to pay a fee for this but would obviously like it a bit lower, say £25 per annum. I don't think it should be free to everyone as I would rather the money it would cost the council be used for social care. I also don't think it should be charged through wider taxation as a large number of people don't have gardens and would not benefit.
- Most houses do have gardens and use the bi- monthly service in my area. Also most would use garden waste collections at some point. Not sure subscription service would work as others may put their green waste in others bins.
- If I had to pay a subscription, I probably would choose not to pay as I have a modest size garden and I do not think I would get good value from it. Most of my garden waste is limited to spring and autumn. I would choose to take my garden waste to a HWRC instead. While I would do this, I do not think everyone would do the same and more garden waste would end up in black bins.

- I think it should be included in wider taxation as most households with a garden do use the green bins (in Lloyds area of Corby anyway). However I agree with the Wellingborough approach of March- November as I don't think I've ever put my bin out over the winter period.
- I was not aware that Corby and some other local councils were not paying for their garden waste collection. As an Oundle resident I am very annoyed by this, The garden waste recycling unit in Oundle was shut and i was being forced to go to Corby with my garden waste. How ironic that we in Oundle are now paying for waste collection and Corby residents, who have a recycling unit close at Weldon, do not. Seems like discrimination to me.
- I use this service and many others do not. It is my choice and I have no problem with paying £55 per year for it.
- I have a large garden. If I didn't use the garden waste collection I would not see why i should have to pay.
- I currently have to pay for several services that I do not use as part of my council charge, effectively subsidising others. Therefore it does not seem reasonable that I should have to pay for the one that I do require.
If I could opt out of the services that I do not use with a respective reduction in my council charge then of course I would be happy to pay for this one.
- No additional charge should be the same in this north northamptonshire area.
- those who do not need the service should not pay through their council tax
- I don't use social care at all presently but I still have to pay for adult social care in my taxes, so why shouldn't people have to pay for kerbside garden waste collections even if they don't use the service. It's reflected in the council tax money anyway so asking people to pay more is a bit of a joke.
- It will certainly reduce the weekend queues at HWC's in the summer months. This would then allow them to serve those needing to dispose of items that cannot be kerbside collected a lot better
- It's not fair in the fact by parents live in corby and do not have to pay anything where as half an hour down the road we are expected to pay £55 a year. I'd understand if this was a one off payment but to be yearly charged for half a years service is disgusting and daylight robbery!
- It occurs that people should pay for services they use. The uptake for a pay for service will be dictated largely by the cost to each user. If those areas who have enjoyed free service are now asked to pay it may lead to a lot fewer taking up the service. Will this lead to more fly tipping?
- It is unrealistic to expect residents who live in flats or are without gardens to pay for the service.
- We pay extortionate amounts of council tax as it and seem to get [expletive] all in return, so I begrudge paying even more just to have my grass cuttings collected
- Differing households will have different sized gardens from massive grass lawns to tiny courtyard gardens but will need collection, even people with flats may have window boxes that produce garden waste
- I understand that some households may not have a garden or have limited garden waste to dispose of. Therefore as a resident who does have a garden and wants a council hun collection I do not mind paying a small subscription charge for this optional service. However, I think this should be charged to all households who currently get the service included in their council tax and the cost be lowered and applicable to all those who want to opt in. There should also be consideration given to those who have limited funds or are elderly who might struggle to dispose of garden waste with out the free service.
- It would probably make people who can't afford to pay to have collected use the service rather than dumping & having fires
- I have paid council tax for all children's services but have never used them (childless), so the green bin collection should be all encompassing.

- I have paid for this service for over 20 years to know that neighboring towns and villages have not had to pay is very annoying. I would suggest a free service that people have to subscribe too so the council only provide bins to those addresses
- Kerbside garden waste collection should be the same for all. not payment for some and free for others.
- Everyone should pay the same. All bills should be fair
- A reduced subscription charge should be levied across the whole of the area. It does not seem equitable to charge those who do not use the service albeit all benefit from reduced flytipping of garden waste.
- We pay enough council tax, so the garden waste collection should not be an extra charge. Households with a garden that use this service are being responsible anyway. It is also difficult to make an informed decision when we have no idea of the previous cost of collection in those areas where it was charged. I have no objection if collection is discontinued over the winter period.
- I look after my garden and like to keep it nice. But I struggle to pay I'm disabled and on benefits. And after late September I don't use it again till feb/March so that 5months. If we do have to continue to pay then I would happy to pay for 6 months.
- I think that it's fair that only people with a garden should have to pay, however I think that the charge should be reduced. I'm a single parent so cannot afford the £55 charge. I use the bags provided from the council but then my garden looks a mess as i cannot afford to buy them more often.
- To spread the cost to all householders; as some low income families and elderly resident on pensions may not be able to afford the cost of an annual subscription.
- Kerbside garden waste should be provided free of charge. No wider taxation. The council tax is already too high and ever increasing. Alternatively, provide local compost bins (every street) and collect from those. Otherwise, expect grass trimmings in the black bin. Nobody should be forced to drive to the local refuse centre on a weekly basis to dispose of simple garden waste. (It's not good for the environment and it's too expensive).
- Keeping the service going would reduce fly tipping which is bad before a payment might be imposed
- Please do not change the current service NNC provides as we already pay for it through the £3.5K we pay the council this year. Please avoid developing further stealth charges - as it is a sneaky way to increase already overtaxed people.
- In Middleton I would estimate 99% of residence have gardens.
- To avoid residents thinking they can put their garden waste in other neighbours bins
- Garden waste affects everyone and should be free to everyone. Charging will mean more flytipping
- I strongly believe that we should not be charged for garden waste collection! This should be covered by the existing Council Tax and not to be given as an excuse to increase the Council Tax which is already high.
- In my location the Recycling Centre option requires a not inconsiderable round trip mileage and cost multiple times per year. Alternative is to pay the £55 fee and only take excess waste to centre. Those in the local Recycling Centre area get no cost (free) collections currently.
- if people have to dispose of the waste themselves or pay a charge it will increase the incidence of fly tipping
- We already have this service provided inclusive of the council tax.

Originally we had a weekly service of general waste.

Replace by bi weekly service, with a garden waste and dry recycling. On alternative weeks. There will be more fly tipping as a result of charges.

- Garden waste is created by keeping our local environment well manicured and pleasing to the eye. This is of benefit to the entire community. By finding an excuse to not collect garden waste or making select citizens pay the council for the collection of natural waste is reneging on a responsibility to the wider public as well as the targeted individuals who will be disadvantaged by having to pay.
- As long as costs for collection are very reasonable, then I'm fundamentally in agreement as it seems unfair for those without gardens to contribute.
If you do start charging however, I can see many people who do in fact have gardens opting out and dumping greenery in hedgerows, ditches etc...
- Both my husband and I are disabled and unable to get to the tip to dispose of our garden waste. We are also only in receipt of Universal Credit and disability money which specially in the present economic climate doesn't cover another £55 a year for garden waste but we still have hedge trimmings and grass to dispose of.
We have been over run by rats the past 2 years so self composting is not an option open to us and we end up with piles of dead garden matter laying around until we can get someone to dispose of it for us by which time its smelly and full of garden insects etc. and very unpleasant to take in in their car.
- Because other areas have their waste collection free
It's totally unfair
- I currently pay and have no issue with the current rate, but may have to reconsider alternative disposal routes if cost increased
- I don't think it is fair to levy a charge on people if they don't use the service.
- I believe all waste garden / domestic/ household, whatever should be collected free by the council . It would help stop fly tipping and stop extra clearing up by the council.
- The majority of households in this area both use and present their garden waste bins on collection day- even the council flats on the estate have their own garden areas so have garden waste (however little) to be disposed of.
- The survey forcing us to agree to paying more. It should be free to all.
- Cost effective and focuses on users
- Not everyone has a garden and therefore it's not fair for everyone to pay.
- Peoples circumstances change all the time so standard services should be provided for and not charged separately to spread the cost across all
- I don't use social care, schools, libraries etc yet I pay for them through high council tax costs. One of the few services I do use is the brown bin collection. Making me pay extra for this is only fair if you let me opt out of services I don't use at the same time
- My one problem is, the grass cut by the council (now sub contracted out and no longer picked up) where would you like me to put it after I have tidied up after them if I don't have a garden waste bin? Do I charge it back to the council? What I pick up is 4 times the size of my garden.
- Many people do not have gardens and it seems unfair all should pay for garden waste removal
- If you opt for a subscription service you will end up with some residents paying for it and some not... and the collection lorries will still have to drive the same routes as they do now. There will be no saving of collection miles and there will be an increase in private miles taking the garden waste to the recycling centre - and/or an increase in fly-tipping!
- Garden waste collection is not a mandatory service, to my knowledge. And many properties either have no garden or create minimal waste for collection. It would be unfair to charge them through taxation for a service they cannot access and have no need to. Furthermore, there is no

guarantee that that funding will be forthcoming from central gov't, so the service would have to be paid for from the current budget which is already horribly exposed. However, a subscription based service would only be paid for by those who wish it, and could actually raise revenue within the authority for other projects which are also underfunded. Finally, it would actually cost a significant amount to roll out a "free" service to the residents of the former East Northamptonshire, further impacting budgets, whilst reducing income from their already highly successful subscription funded service.

- It's a common service
- Whilst I agree that it's not fair for everyone to pay for a service that not everyone gets to use, I'm concerned at how easy it would be to service a subscription only model, you say that a subscription model will stop lorries driving down every road, but how will they know who has subscribed and if just one person does in a road then the lorry will still be going there. My concern is that it won't actually give the benefits you would like.
- A large percentage of my garden waste is from council trees. The leaves/blossoms/seeds/twigs and branches fall over about 10 months of the year.
- It's tax that pays for the household recycling centre too, why should I be funding Wellingborough's kerb side collection yet I have to drive to drop my grass cuttings off. Also, I don't want elderly folk burning their garden waste because they can't get to the household waste centre
- I currently have my garden waste collected every 2 weeks. This service helps the environment and helps me maintain my garden.
If this service was removed, more garden waste would be in correctly disposed of and wouldn't be a good use of the service.
- There is no reason why residents why do not require this service should subsidise those who do.
- Do you start weighing bins and people who generate more waste pay more? Will people who are in the unfortunate position of having to call for help for an ambulance or police have to pay more than those who don't? Should criminals pay more for the police.....
- It's a basic necessity to have garden waste collected with other waste. We paid a levelling up increase in 2021/2022 on our council tax - it should be free across the unitary authority.
- I have to pay towards all sorts of services that I don't use so I shouldn't have to be penalised because I keep my garden tidy
- The existing free collection system in the Kettering area has worked satisfactorily for many years. There is no need to change it for so called " Harmonisation". That is just a euphemism for collecting even more money from mostly hard pressed residents.
- I in a time when people are already struggling to pay mortgage/rent, council tax and utilities just to keep a roof over their heads, I feel the timing of this proposal is appalling.
More directly to my own situation, I don't have easy ability to take my garden waste to the recycling centre, particularly with how much maintenance my garden requires.
The current set up works for me, and means I can keep on top of my garden as requested by my landlord, without incurring additional expense.
I have lived in a flat without a garden before now, and it did not bother me that my tax was going partly toward garden waste collection that I wasn't using as it has always been this way. I do not trust that I will see a reduction in my council tax to demonstrate that a garden waste collection changes to a subscription service, and feel that the whole concept is open to abuse from those who chose to opt out of the subscription, but need to clear garden waste.
- It is only fair to treat everyone equally.
- The lack of free bin collection will result in:
 1. Possibly more fly-tipping - greater costs, counter to Green initiative
 2. Burning garden waste counter to Green Initiatives

3. Greater burden to civic amenity tips, increased traffic to tips counter to Green initiative
4. Will not reduce fuel costs as irrespective of number of subscribers as travel will be the same
5. More financial hardship on households in which in the current climate will increase 1 and 2 above

- Only East Northants residents have to pay for collection of garden waste. The majority of former council areas prior to unification last year do not pay. Any change should be applied as to how the service is enjoyed by the majority. Those in the former East Northants district should be reimbursed to maintain equality and fairness.
- Residents who choose to use an environmentally sound approach to waste disposal should not be fiscally penalised
- It would be lovely to opt out of paying for all the services we don't use! Why should garden waste be treated differently from other services we don't use? Majority of my council tax goes on expensive services I don't use but I accept that all households should contribute to all the services available
- As we currently have green waste collection paid for as part of our council tax, I would expect this to continue without a further rise/ subscription. I think there are better ways to unite services across the council such as green waste collection end of March- October with the possibility of a one off Christmas tree collection early jan? I don't think this should be used as an excuse to charge households more money, especially since the majority of the green waste is sold on to make fertiliser (presumably the income from this can part subsidise the collection service as well as the current council tax)?
- Because this is a fair way to harmonize the green waste collection throughout North Northants. Doing it this way will reduce the temptation for people to fly tip as they do not want to pay.
- Kerbside garden waste collection should be the same for all Northamptonshire householders. I paid for my garden waste bin collection only last week, so I have lost out for another year anyway, but we should all be treated the same in Northamptonshire. We either all pay (only those who require collection) or none of us pay.
- It is my belief that council tax should cover cost for all waste and recycling whatever the source. As it stands there are many items of waste that still require personal visits to the recycling centre i.e. timber off-cuts, garden waste that exceed (logs over x wide) permitted size. For too long now the service offered by the council has continued to be reduced with continued increase in tax charges. In addition there is a discrepancy in council tax between areas. I live in Higham Ferrers and have higher council tax than equivalent in Rushden, plus I pay for garden waste collection and additional cost for Higham Town Council; who do nothing.
- Resources are short at the Council and Council Services should be used for the most important areas such as funding social care, youth clubs etc..
Many residents do not have a garden (or only a small one),so should not have to pay for those who do.
Composting will dispose of much of the waste for many people.
It is essential to have collection of garden waste so that it does not go into general waste which is environmentally unfriendly as described above. Those with the most garden waste are the most likely to be able to afford to have it collected. This is more eco than lots of cars driving to the waste site.
- Taxes are universal, we dont pick and choose what we get to pay for. If only those who use it pay separate charge for it, what can I stop paying fir that I don't use?
- The same policy applies to all council services. We don't all drive, have young children, use healthcare etc etc but we pay for them regardless. One day we might need them. Part of living in a society.

- Well really I prefer the current free collection method in Kettering, but that wasn't a choice so I went with not penalising people who don't have gardens or use the service.
- Garden waste charges should already be covered within council tax.
- It should continue to be a free service but there is no option for that
- I don't use a library, a swimming pool, or a host of other services my council tax goes towards - but I do use my garden refuse bin. If you plan on charging each service individually then scrap the council tax altogether and let me choose what I'd like you to provide for me individually. What you are proposing is selfish idiocy - a typical piece of Tory incompetence.
- 1 In the old ENDC it has always been a paid service, and those using the service generally support the policy behind the charging. The problem arises with this is that other councils now under North Northants, having had it as a free service for so long will undoubtedly not support a new charging regime and will (I believe) just dump green waste in the general waste bin.
2 The fairest system would be for all users to pay but for reasons mentioned this may not sit comfortably with the other 'old' council areas where it is free! although this was obviously factored into the taxing structure there.
3 From an environmental perspective it would be the best option for all households to have a green bin collection (whether used or not) and that this be factored in to the Council tax as it was for the other old councils.
- Not every household utilizes the services equally with so its difficult to distinguish who should pay and who shouldn't
- Where we live the vast majority all have gardens so need this service. Do not have children & therefore what I pay in council tax should be used for this service.
- I would recycle my garden waste if I could using kerbside collection as part of my normal council tax charges. I used to live in Wellingborough and under that local authority I was able to fill a normal brown bin. If I had more garden waste than my bin could take then my neighbours didn't mind if I used theirs. This is because we all paid for it whether we used the bin or not. Wellingborough also have normal sized household (black) bins unlike the former east northants council narrow hold hold bins.
Normalisation of the garden waste across all of North Northamptonshire is fair. There would be an uproar if the residents of the other former councils had to pay extra. There would be so much more garden waste going into household bins.
The reduction in hours / days recycling centres to save local authority money has meant people have to dispose of their waste not just garden waste on days they can get to the centres. Not everyone is able to drop things off as not everyone has access to a vehicle. Plus the queuing at peak times is horrendous. This puts people off from going to recycling centres.
Having a garden waste bin will allow those that are not able to get to a recycling centre the opportunity to participate in reducing waste going to landfill. Plus the carbon footprint of people's vehicles going to the recycling centres will drop. Potentially the demand for the recycling centres will be eased as fewer residents will go to them with just a couple of bags of grass cuttings.
- I think it should be free for all. Included in the council tax payment. Like it is for Wellingborough and Kettering
- Garden waste should be part of the bin collection rota, most people have gardens, it is baffling that it's considered a 'value added service', it needs to be apart of the wider taxation
Also garden waste is often seen on the side of roads being fly tipped!
- Once you start suggesting only households who use a Council service should pay for it, where do you draw the line? We don't use Adult Social Care services, so why are we paying for that? We don't have any children, so why are we paying for schools?
- Because tax will not be reduced for those not using the service.
We will all be subject to garden refuse being dumped on the road side

- I had a compost bin in my garden at my last house and became overrun with mice & rats, as did my neighbour. I now no longer have a garden big enough for a compost bin if I wanted one and don't feel I should be penalised with another extracost because of it
- The recycling centre in Rushden is usually very busy and I use petrol to get there
- None of the above we have massive trees in front of the house that are rarely cut the grass when cut is left so grass is trailed everywhere for weeks there are als loads of leaves during autumn so I'm picking up your waste from the trees which need tooood as they are over 150 and twenty feet from my front door you don't see the gardeners in the autum
- This would be fairer but, of course, would suffer from the possibility that having to be paid for, people will opt out and have nowhere to dump their garden waste other than in the hedge also depriving the Council of composting material.
- Providing a cost free service will avoid issues of residents choosing not to pay disposing of their garden waste in an anti-social manner e.g. burning and creating soot and smoke, putting it in general waste, making numerous trips to the tip, and fly tipping,
- The 2 answers on cost are a joke, either put council tax down and charge people for there garden waste collection or leave it as it is! Council tax goes up every year and we get nothing extra! Now you want to take something away from us for more money!
- It has always been part of the council tax which was paid by every resident and I don't believe this should change. This is like the rest of our system everyone pays for part of a service even if they don't use it
- if you add a separate fee for those who will use it many households will opt out and then place green waste in the black bin or then have to visit the tip to unload larger items. this will increase the risk of fly tipping as people look for cheap alternatives. in the surrounding lanes around wilbarston we see a significant level of fly tipping and quite a bit of that is garden waste. while most of that will be from commercial enterprises there will be some that's not. don't give an option but base the cost within council tax - as per now - higher banded homes tend to have larger gardens so will pay more relative to lesser ones. alternatively offer the option for homes to opt out if they can prove they don't have a garden - rather than if they don't want the service.
- Everyone should pay that is the system whether you use it or not there are services that I pay for that i don't actually pay my taxes council tax Ni like most people whether you want to or not
- It will lead to an increase in people dumping waste in order to avoid the charge
We already pay council tax for services which are linked to property size -this charge should be included and not added as an extra after!
- Whilst I am more than happy to pay (if only they would deliver a bin) if some areas are free then it should be the same for all and also not everyone needs or wants a bin
- It is fair that the people who use the service pay for it. However, if an optional charge is introduced for green waste collection, many people won't pay and will just stick their green waste in their black bins, which will be detrimental to the environment.
- Residents are encouraged to dispose of waste properly, by maintaining this unfair extra charge to END residents it will encourage more to dump illegally and cost the authority more money to remove.
- Should not be a charge at all and certainly no charge for people who do not use the service
- We need to encourage recycling and safe disposal of garden waste and not encourage dumping or putting it all in the black bin. Please think wider than saving money - there are bigger issues here.
- I need a green garden waste collection but can not afford it. North Norhamptonshire Council lost the county millions and nobody answered for it. People in the county are living in povety me included and the council give a football club 50 million pounds

- All households pay council tax and all access different services. We need to dispose of garden waste but do not need to use some other services provided by the council, so feel it would've fairer if all services were free to everyone, especially to encourage recycling and reduce fly tipping of garden waste.
- A subscription service, whereby only those who need the service, pay for it, is fairer for residents throughout North Northamptonshire. It is also more efficient and cost effective for the Local Authority in scheduling and organising the service. I subscribe to the former ENC green waste service, and also home compost.
- I feel it's unfair to ask someone to contribute to a service they do not use. However, my under is that whilst I pay £55 for the service, several areas of Northamptonshire get the service for free. I do not agree with that. All residents should have the same service. Maybe if the ones who enjoy the free collection made some contribution, then the cost could be reduced for all the users who currently pay.
- The old Corby Borough Council always handled its finances well and always had a surplus to carry forward not like most if not all the Councils in the Northamptonshire area particularly Northants County Council and as a result the Corby area residents have been forced to join the new NorthNorthants Council which is strangely headed as Wellingborough, Kettering, Corby, EastNorthants but in most NEW schemes they are in alphabetical order - is this another example of Corby being inferior to others !!!!!. In respect of the survey, why should Corby area residents suddenly, due to mismanagement of funds by others be charged for a service just because others are charged - the payment scheme should be scrapped and funded through the rates as they have been since the collections started or is it because too many people are being paid excessive wages for the job they do. Hope this will be taken in the intention it has been submitted.
- Increasing costs will lead to increased fly-tipping, increased paving over of rain absorbing surfaces such as lawns & borders, possibility of dumping in the bins that have been paid for.
- Residents already pay council tax to cover the cost of waste collection which is a legal obligation of the council. If councils start charging for this service with residents approval then does this set a precedent for other charges to be added (eg other waste services, use police service more than others so you have to pay more). Council tax bands are based on property values which already reflect if properties are flats/ apartments or have garden space so those using the garden waste collection service already pay more based on the council tax rates. The third option of a reduced service is not provided in the question above.
- To avoid fly tipping, which I have witnessed in our cul-de-sac by residents of other streets (!), if all waste was collected by the council hopefully it might make people more responsible.
- I don't think it's fair that people who live in flats without gardens have to bear the cost of those who have gardens and want this service. That said, my council tax pays for services I don't use...
- There are other services I pay for and don't use social care and education. If there is a separate bill for garden waste I would want a discount on my council tax for the services I don't use.
- I think it is disgusting that I and a lot of other residents in Higham Ferrers have to pay for our garden waste disposal and others a couple of miles down the road do not. It should be free for all. Our tax money should be used for this and not I'll spending elsewhere
- Should be the same for every resident
- In today's cost of living crisis, there will be many residents who decline to pay, and will therefore use their black bin.
The vast majority of the 4 former sovereign councils receive this collection under wider taxation, so they are already paying indirectly.
If a charge is introduced fly-tipping will increase, and more trips to the tip will be made.

- I don't use libraries, schools etc. but I pay for them. Either we just pay for what we use, or we pay one fee for all services. Why is garden rubbish unique? Makes no sense whatsoever.
- People will either fly tip the waste, not cut the council grass and dispose of it, let the grass grow make the place look untidy. Take it the tip adding to long queues and increasing carbon footprint for local government.
- I do not mean to increase council tax. I believe this service should be provided free of charge to all residents. This may encourage more people to dispose of their garden waste.
- Seems fair to pay for the service if you require it. Households not requiring the service should not be charged for it (either directly or indirectly)
- Ultimately people will fly tip if you take away a free service and that will only cost the taxpayer just as much. Fly tipping is not only unsightly but it presents its health and safety risks as people don't care where they dispose of there rubbish. Alternatively people will put it in the black bin or green. With the soaring increase in the cost of living many are going to choose not to pay a subscription and you can't really police the general public on how they choose to get rid of there garden waste . True some do not have us of the service but not do some has have a use of the other council services but they still pay there council tax
- I agree that the environmental impact of having vehicles driving down every street in case there is garden waste should be minimised. Therefore, it is sensible to charge a subscription in order to "target" collections. However, that subscription should be subsidised.
- Garden Waste Collection service is a very useful asset and I have no problem paying for a service such as this. I saves me frequent visits to the local recycling centre. Alos I dont have to clean the inside of the car so frequently.. I have been using this service for several years now and I think everyone who uses the services should pay for its use. The current situation where one area pays and another doesn't is titally nonsensical and the scheme should be the same for everyone.
- Should be paid via council tax, we all pay enough. If gardens are not maintained in rural areas there tends to be more vermin in the area. I have this problem with a neglected piece of land near me and since it has been left in this state we have been plagued by rats in the warmer months.
- It's in the wider public interest to encourage green waste composting and should deter those who selfishly flytip green waste. Also 3 of the 4 former districts offered a universal kerbside collection service of some sort, so bringing the East Northants area into line will be the least disruptive option.
- I think it is grossly unfair that east northants (as it was) should pay whilst the rest of the county get the service for free
- I object to the principle of separating out the costs of the Garden Waste Service in this 'pic 'n' mix' way. I believe the fairest system is to include the cost of as many local services as possible within the Council Tax - even for those who don't use particular services. For instance, I don't personally use the library service, Social Services, or local schools - but I am happy to contribute to their funding for those who need them.
I don't suppose you will be offering a rebate on the Council Tax for the costs of the services I don't use - but that is the logical extension of your proposal!
- I consider my council tax payment to cover the cost of garden waste collection (as with other waste collection services) - if there was to be a charge created I would expect my Council tax to reduce and if the service was to be brought in part way through the year for a rebate on my current council tax.
- It's not fair for people to pay when they don't use the service
- Because it will encourage everyone to recycle their garden waste. If there is a charge some might not be able to afford it, or will happily through garden waste in the black bin.

If people want another garden waste bin then a subscription charge could be set up for that.

- If it doesn't stay as it is for us we will pave our garden to cut costs (we will ask in free sites for slabs people are giving away) we cannot afford any further increases. If others do the same I fear it will cause substantial impact to our wildlife
- Subscription charges will mean that there will be a huge rise in fly tipping of green waste
- I currently use the East Northants scheme with an annual subscription. I know exactly what my £55 is used for and should I feel it becomes too expensive I have the ability to stop using the scheme. If the garden waste collection is paid for through wider taxation the detail of the cost is not visible and I would have no ability to opt out.
- There are plenty of people who will try to use the service and not pay for it. It will push more people to fly tip.
- There are services provided by the council that I contribute to but don't use, why should garden waste be different.
- We already pay enough and have paid for private company ([Redacted]) in the past. we now have to take it to the council recycling facility which costs time and petrol. If more is collected kerbside there will be less in the black bin and less fly tipping.
- This should avoid any garden waste being thrown into general waste bins and allow more recycling to compost.
- I think the garden waste service should remain a free service because it is used by the majority of residents in this council area. However, the service could be stopped over the winter months when it is not used that much.

A charge for this service would effectively penalize those residents who have gardens, and who cannot, or do not want to compost their garden waste.

Also, I think that the survey should have provided a breakdown of the cost estimates for the various options (eg, the cost for providing the 'base' service which would be required for all options, the cost savings if the service was stopped over the winter months etc). Without this information, the survey appears to be biased towards the introduction of a subscription charge.

- In order to prevent fly tipping of waste kerbside collection should be available. I do not consider that those with a garden should have to pay additional for the benefit of having a outdoor space
- If not collected it will lead to increased fly tipping or waste in wrong bin.

Not all gardens big enough to have a compost heap.

Much garden waste not suitable for domestic compositing - nettles, brambles etc.

- Garden waste is fine in landfill but is taxable by weight. Essentially removing it is a tax saving for the council.

Fly tipping and burning waste will increase. I will not pay extra. Anything I can't compost will go in my black bin.

- The kerbside garden waste collections should be the same for all of the North Northamptonshire residents. It is unfair to charge some and not others for the same service.
- Seems fair for those who utilise the service to make a contribution towards its operation.
- We already pay towards this collection within the council tax, why should corby and Kettering get penalised over a change that they could not control.
- Council tax has already risen and I have yet to see any improvement of the services given the amount paid.

Garden waste as house hound waste should already be included in council tax.

If a payment scheme is brought in more people will fly tip or burn garden waste which will have a greater cost to the council.

- Some properties do not generate garden waste so unfair to charge in general taxation
- We pay for schools even though we have no kids, hospital even though we don't necessarily use it.

Phrasing the question like that is a loaded question designed to elicit a biased answer.

- If you no longer provide the service for free. You will most likely increase the amount of fly tipping that happens. This will incur a far greater cost to the council.

I also live in a rural village where the distance to the local tips is reasonable. Not providing a free curb side collection would be detrimental to the environment as well impacting less mobile residents who are unable to travel to local tips.

Given the cost of council tax and the steep increases I find it terrible that we would be getting less services but paying more money.

- Not everyone has a garden. I pay and find it very reasonable. I have a very large garden and am very dependent on the service. Of course some people may find difficulty in paying so the decision will be difficult to make.
- I agree that the cost should be put onto the people that use the service, it's isn't fair to the people that don't have gardens to be paying for it. Unfortunately though, I think by only picking up the waste from subscribers you'll end up with overgrown gardens and more fly tipping from people that don't pay the charge.
- To the best of my knowledge, the service is already paid through via council tax and shared by everyone. Should this service change to a 'subscription' model, I expect to see a reduction in the council tax.

Many occasional users will not want to pay the subscription and may not have the means to get the waste to the recycle centre. Also, the local centre opening hours and access is not ideal. Should more people be forced to use the centre, this will have to improve.

All households are already suffering financially, another load in cost is not what is needed now. Expect to see more fly tipping of garden waste.

- I didn't answer the previous question, as I feel we already contribute to the costs through our council taxes, which increase each year anyway.
- Extra charges applied to garden waste collection services may well mean that some households will be obliged to dispose of garden waste in a manner likely to cause inconvenience or discomfort to other residents, i.e. burning in the garden causing smoke, or longer queues at waste disposal sites requiring the use of personal transport adding to pollution and traffic congestion.
- all waste collections should be funded from the general council tax as part of the service residents should expect from their local council. any move to segregate services or to make residents pay will only be retrograde and encourage other illegal forms of disposal.
- Council tax is already based on the size/type of property and those without gardens usually pay less so waste collection is relative. If we go down this route then why should a one or two person household pay the same as a large family as the latter generate more waste?
- Plenty of services are paid for by people that don't use them, this is the basis of tax. If this wasn't the case we would all pay privately to maintain only the roads we use, have our waste collected, use libraries, hospitals, doctors etc if and when we visit them. If it's going to be a public service it should be run as a public service.
Understanding this needs to be costed out. Having the service mid Spring to mid Autumn makes sense, has worked for as long as myself and people I know in the village have had it.
- I think most people have garden waste
- In view of the importance of recycling in this day and age, it is important to offer this service free to all households. There will always be some households who will not pay and therefore put their garden waste into the black bins. As this goes to landfill and brown bin waste is recycled it must be better for the environment for all to have and use the brown bins.
- Some residents with little or no garden would be unfairly taxed.

- Garden waste collection should be treated like any other waste collection, it does not matter that not all households use the service, I regularly do not need to put out my black or green bin for over a month, where others have theirs overflowing, don't hear you offering me a discount or saying they should pay more.
- Not all services provided and paid for through council tax are accessed by everyone. This is one of those services. I think a pick and choose system is unfair to those who would otherwise struggle to access it. Who would pay for the garden refuse removal where the council has to clear a garden to help a vulnerable person? Therefore a small contribution seem more fair
- If it is free to all there is no excuse to fly tip.
- All households should pay either through council tax or by subscription. I live in a flat so already have different amenities but still pay the same council tax as some living in houses
- General policy. You do not make adaptations to charges for those without children/who do not use libraries etc. Garden waste should not be different.
- the route I favour means that £55 per person in East N. needs to be recouped. I am sure someone has analysed the overall savings that a totally harmonised service across the region will bring. If this is the case it is the right and proper thing to do. It would be helpful for the purposes of understanding and transparency if the cost analysis could be made public. Asking people for their views without the correct evidence serves little purpose.
- Whilst I use the garden waste collection service a lot as I have a laurel hedge all round my property, I do NOT use the black bin service very much as I live alone and recycle as much as possible. If you decide to charge per bin, whether, brown, green blue, black etc.; I think it would be too complicated. Everyone paying the same but using the bins they need is sensible: the charges should be shared.
- If garden waste is not collected, it will be either burned or put in the black bins, or even worse, dumped in hedgerows along our country roads....
- Most people have a garden of some description and would probably use this service. We used to use it as a free service in Corby when actually there is a recycling centre in Corby, but now we are in Oundle we have to drive many miles to dispose of our waste or pay for it. It should be the same for everyone, either charge or don't. Environmentally it makes sense to encourage people to dispose of their garden waste in a responsible manner so I think it should be a free service. All recycling services should be free, and to the door, to encourage people to behave responsibly. I would add additional services for free not take them away, eg recycling of textiles. If necessary, other areas of the business should be cut back to save money in favour of environmental ones because the environment needs to be made a priority.
- I think that to charge separately will make people just use the black bin and make all the good recycling in the green bin obsolete. Especially with the cost of living going up so much.
- Garden waste should continued as present. You cannot split council tax into those who use the relevant parts unless you are hoping to create more jobs at the council topolice the scheme
- I don't think any one should have to pay extra we all pay council tax which includes emptying bins.
- As far as I am concerned we are already paying for this service as part of our council tax all of which has gone up for the last 2 years. You can't keep asking people to pay for a service they previously got included. And to be honest it's not been that reliable recently so how can you charge a premium rate for an irregular service?
- It will increase fly tipping, I can imagine seeing garden waste dumped in gateways on country lanes
I don't have a lawn so only have a small grey bin that I don't put out every collection
Will we get a reduction in council tax if we have to pay separately
- Some people don't have gardens and others take their garden waste to the recycling center.

- Kerbside collection helps stop people dumping garden waste in the local neighbourhood. Not everyone wants to or is able to compost their garden waste or can take it to the local recycling centre and the regular collection brings peace of mind that it will be disposed of in a responsible way.
- I believe that only people using the service should pay for it. However as this service already forms part of the current council tax payment then a reduced council tax should be considered.
- I think this should not be charged separately as I already think we pay for this service in our council tax. Disgusting
- The collection vehicles will most probably be driving past the non-subscription homes & wasting fuel in the process, so why can't they collect from all these houses. Subscriptions will promote fly-tipping & the cost of cleaning up the mess will be exorbitant.
We are currently paying for the collections in our monthly council tax, so why should we pay more ?
- I suspect charging will promote more fly-tipping.
- Because I contribute to services like library's and which I don't use, so I cannot see why green bins should be paid for by individual as with the two services I have mention, they are available if you choose to use them.swimming pools
- It's unfair on those who for example live in flats to expect them to contribute.
- I believe living in Weldon & paying to 2 councils in council tax is enough & that this service is used by most people.
Some people don't have enough room to compost on their property & that the council can profit from the sale of the compost
- We already pay for this thro the rates. Taking it away or making us pay extra puts up the rates by stealth. Watch the next local election results carefully. !!
- Many people pay tax for services they do not receive. Why treat garden waste collection differently
- Being a resident of Oundle I currently pay the £55/year charge, and have done so since East Northants closed the Oundle recycling centre - how shortsighted that move was!! I am happy to pay the charge for a fortnightly collection throughout the year (although there is short collection pause over Christmas and New Year). I find trips to either the Rushden or Weldon recycling centres onerous, particularly as they are no longer open 7 days/week. During at least 8 months of the year my garden waste bin will be +75% full every fortnight so that would require a considerable number of trips to the recycling centre if the kerbside collection was ended substantially increasing my (and others) carbon footprint.
- Waste collection is a social good that should be contributed as such. Payment by those who use it takes this from the remit of a council service to a private contract and is not the basis for council services. Otherwise the next step is people who do not have streetlights on their street demanding not to pay for any street lighting, people who do not use the education system refusing to pay for education services, people who do not need translation services refusing to pay for these. Taxation is always the means to pay for social services to equitably share the cost as a society.
- I don't agree that it should be charged at all. We pay enough in our council tax already
- So that everyone pays regardless of what services they use/require.
- Many things are provided by councils for things only SOME residents use: schools and social care but not all adults have children YET all adults pay. So why is rubbish any different? IF residents have to pay, there will be an increase in FLY-TIPPING. Please don't charge.
- Council tax bills cover a myriad of services not used by everyone, for example upkeep of children's playgrounds, library services etc
Why should garden waste collection be singled out.

According to the government website the council tax is used for:

Local services are funded by Council Tax. This includes:

police and fire services

leisure and recreation projects, such as maintaining parks and sports centres

libraries and education services

rubbish and waste collection and disposal

transport and highway services, including street lighting and cleaning, and road maintenance

environmental health and trading standards

administration and record-keeping, such as marriages, deaths and birth, and local elections.

So by changing this to a subscriber charge can we opt out of paying for any of the other services as I don't use them?

- It's not fair to charge for service if it's not being used
- Although we compost a substantial amount of our garden waste, we cannot compost everything and so we need to have our garden waste collected. Agree that the service could be restricted to March to November but strongly disagree that we should pay for this service. Surely this service is paid for within our council tax payments? Ours has increased by more than £55 per year so this seems like an extra funding stream for the council!
- My council tax is significantly higher than my friends who live in a flat therefore I believe that I am already paying over and above the average council tax for the area. We have a large house but only 2 of us live here, however I pay a lot more council tax than others in my street with smaller houses
- I would expect any additional charge for green waste collection to increase the dumping of waste in nearby ditches as an alternative to paying it.
- Garden waste collection has always been included within our local Council Taxes or rates. I have lived in Northamptonshire for most of my life. A move to charging separately based on usage is unfair and discriminatory.

Local councils have always decided what services should be included within their area and what service are included differs according to different councils and the needs of the population they serve. Under the new council, If the garden waste services are removed from the services that are provided then the council should provide a refund for that service.

If garden waste services are being considered for separate charging, what about all other services ? The new council should first consider the overall differences in service provision between the old councils and then identify those services that may require harmonisation, not merely focus on garden waste services.

The former councils had their own local requirements. It would be inappropriate for the new council to merely identify the garden waste services as an area to rationalise/harmonise without detailed consideration of the needs of the entire population. If all services are not considered then the new council will not be following good local Government council/authority practice and may open itself up to judicial review.

Larger properties in higher council tax bands already pay a disproportionate amount for the services they receive. If you start to charge properties that have a garden and require garden waste services, how far does the new council go in separating out other services and charging them accordingly ?

Some people do not use libraries or swimming pools or other services. Some people do not use adult social services. Garden waste collection services should not be singled out from other services that are provided ?

Northamptonshire is defined as a rural county where most properties have gardens. This is in sharp contrast to many cities where properties may not have gardens. Penalising those that have gardens (which probably represents in excess of 70-80% of all properties in

Northamptonshire), is viewed as merely another stealth tax and one that is not right for many reasons.

If charges are made for garden waste, people are going to be more inclined to minimise the waste that they generate, reduce planting of environmentally friendly trees, shrubs, and other plants. This outcome would go against the Council's move to being environmentally friendly. It is well known that centralisation of services brings with it benefits, particularly in cost savings. One of the reasons for the councils of Northamptonshire being merged was to save money and bring about greater efficiencies. Therefore, where are the cost savings of bringing together the old councils and why is there a need to reduce services if such cost saving existed ?

Charging for garden waste services appears to be yet another way that the Council sees raising funds. This is a short sighted approach lacking in detail or supporting costings.

Using evidence from other areas outside that of the council own area is inappropriate if the local requirements are not the same. Fly tipping will increase and justifications based on inappropriate evidence and different demographics is not appropriate. Each council area has its own set of circumstances.

The new council should first undertake a detailed analysis of the different services provided in each of the former council areas. This would highlight the differences in services provided and their cost. This analysis should not just be limited to garden waste collection services.

In recent years the cleaning of streets appears to have been reduced and in my own area people regularly clear up waste from their streets and community. Perhaps they should start charging for these services. Much of this waste (leaves etc) ends up in garden or other waste bins.

Does the Council want people to chop down the trees and hedges in their gardens to minimise the waste they produce ? Minimising garden waste through paving over areas and introduction of hard landscaping is also only likely to increase further risks to flooding.

The issue of garden waste collection is not simply a matter of raising further funding, it has wider implications which require detailed investigation and will differ for different parts of the county. The Government and others recognise the importance of gardening for many reasons, but one which was clearly missed from the council's assessment is that of public health. The benefit of gardening is not insignificant to the general well being/health of the local population. This fact is supported by the many TV and media programmes which highlight the importance of getting people outside through gardening. The benefits of gardening to physical and mental health are huge - if the council does not already recognise these benefits then something is wrong. The evidence to support the benefits is widely available in academic and other publications. Perhaps communicating with Health, Environmental or other departments should take place before going to the wider public.

The council implies in its assessment that a reduction in the collection of garden waste would be more environmentally friendly and states that this is due to reduced number of collection vehicles on the roads. This assumption is naive and limited. If garden waste is not centrally collected and gardeners do not all have the ability or space to compost, then what will happen to the waste ? The number of vehicles taking waste to the recycling centres will increase significantly, the pollution from these vehicles will far outweigh that from a centralised bin collection service. There WILL be greater fly-tipping - as evidenced during the lockdowns when recycling centres were on reduce working hours or closed. Regarding reduction in emissions, why cannot the waste collection vehicles be electric ?

In an attempt to reduce the impact of climate change, there have been many schemes across the country to encourage the planting of trees, supported by Government. The charging for garden waste collection is likely to impact on the number of individuals wanting to plant trees and shrubs so this is contrary to other policies. The approach being proposed would appear to be discriminatory against those that are trying to save the planet by growing trees etc.

There does not appear to be any thought given to innovative approaches to address the issue. Why cannot the council put in place a community based garden waste service that is almost entirely self funding ? There are many examples of community based garden waste recycling services, some of which include energy production units. Rather than merely contracting-out services to a limited number of providers; the easy option, why cannot the council look to more innovative approaches ? If charges are introduced, questions will be asked about what options were considered. No option appraisal exercise appears to have been undertaken.

There are many issues and difficulties with separating out garden waste services.

For example, what do you do with leaves generated from trees outside the curtilage of your property?

Many individuals sweep up leaves around their property to enhance the visual outlook in the neighbourhood. Most of this waste goes into their own garden waste bins. It is unlikely that people are going to continue this practice if they are charged for garden waste collection ? If the council looks at some of the streets within its area, for example around the Headlands in Kettering, the streets are tree-lined. Waste from these trees often blows into the properties along the street and much of this waste is put into garden waste bins. If the garden waste service is charged for, does the council think that residents will still be inclined to undertake this task. The volume of the waste is not insignificant, if charging is introduced there will be a reluctance to continue this practice and the council will be regularly contacted to clean the paths/roads. If the council fails to clean the streets and paths they will become a public hazard and the council will be at risk of litigation.

Regarding leaves etc originating from outside the curtilage of a property, what should be done ? Would it be right to take that waste and dump it into the street and ask the council to clean it up, or dump it over the fence of the neighbour's garden or onto some other land ? Who should the property owner refer their neighbour to at the council if they adopt this approach ? What happens when the neighbour is an elderly and vulnerable member of society or where neighbours become confrontational ?

With the cost of living crisis already testing many, is it right to start charging additionally for services that have traditionally been included within the council tax of the former local councils ?

How would this approach be viewed nationally if it were picked up by the national media ?

Is the proposed charging for garden waste not discriminatory on gardeners ?

The council tax was supposed to include those services that the population within its area required. Different councils have different services/requirements and these costs are generally included in the overall local council tax. If charging is to be introduced, there needs to be clarity about how this is done. Putting out a questionnaire for a consultation which will only be viewed by certain members of the community does not fit with good practice guidance around consultations. Such a practice is certainly not inclusive.

While the collection of garden waste collection may not at this time be a legal requirement for councils to provide, to remove such a service without following due process is not appropriate. The Government's response to the national garden waste consultation is still pending and the local council should wait until the Government's response is clear. Undertaking a biased survey and proposing the introduction of charging ahead of the Government's response is at best questionable. It is clear from the consultation responses at a national level, that it is the Local authority organisations that are in favour of charging, but not those that the council represent (their population/residents). To force charging through in the manner which appears to be proposed is undemocratic and against the ethos of local authority practice.

- There are many services that are provided in the cost of council tax that I don't require, children and school services for example as I don't have children, library, meals on wheels, I'm sure there are others.

As I won't receive a discount for services I don't use, I don't see why I should pay extra for services I do use.

- NNC don't do enough for the community in which I live at present, we suffer with high management charges for next to no service now, making our council tax amongst the highest in the area, any further rise would be unthinkable, especially with the cost of living index rising so fast.
- I don't have a garden waste bin - therefore I shouldn't be paying for the collections.
- I don't exactly think it's fair for people who don't have gardens to pay for it. However garden waste should be available just as recycling compost and black bin is. Especially if the council want us to dispose of items correctly just like recycling and black bins and compost compost should be available. Heavens knows people pay enough taxes to not have something as simple and waste be made a luxury.
- Those without gardens are penalised if everyone has to pay whether they have a garden or not.
- I live in a band e property and am already paying a significant higher council tax charge than someone who is living in a lower band property. We all get the same service regardless of what band we are in. To charge extra for a garden service is diabolical and the residents who are currently charged should have that charge abolished to bring them in line with everyone else. I think it would be wholly unfair to penalise those residents who currently don't pay the charge especially when much of the county disagree with the amalgamation of all council services in the first place. Enough funds are raised from council tax already, which doesn't represent value for money as it is. An extra £55 charge for garden waste is pure greed, especially for a service which is only part of the Year and no doubt will remain fortnightly collections. Shame on you for considering adding an additional burden to people in these challenging times.
- I presume that in those areas where there is no charge that their council rates were already increased to cover this additional expense. If not it reflects on a degree of incompetence by those who agreed to the policy. In addition it means that other areas in East Northamptonshire had increased rates to cover this free service to a particular area. If correct it further reflects incompetence or political manoeuvring. Either way disgraceful. If you now want to charge those who had a free collection many will not pay and just put the green waste into a black bag and put it in the grey bin.
Best of luck - a real problem of the council's own making
- It will be just as costly to differentiate between users and non users of the collection service! A reduced collection in terms of the months involved, I would think would be acceptable, alternatively if the service does not remain "free", then people will use the black bin as a countermeasure.
- Not all residents use garden waste service but as it's collected alongside recycle waste, the vehicles still have to drive down all streets - a service that all residents are exposed to so should pay for. Not everyone uses all the services of the council and yet we all pay for them all- garden waste is just another service. Properties with gardens are usually in a higher council tax band and so already pay more than smaller properties without a garden.
- People pay for schools that they don't use because they don't have children, we pay for nursing homes, services for the disabled or mentally ill or homeless services ect, if your going to start isolating services only for people that use them it should be the same for all services.
- In your blurb you didn't include fly tipping, which would become even more prevalent than it already is. Further more with the possibility of having to pay to access recycling sites there most certainly shouldn't be a charge for both with living costs already sky rocketing.
- I don't believe that every household that produces green waste would compost at home. I would be happy to pay for a service that would ensure that my garden waste went to a farm to be able to recycle and be better for the environment.

- Since North Northamptonshire council has taken over our rates have dramatically risen and now we are going to be paying more despite what we feel because you've already forced it in other areas of the borough. We all know it's about recouping costs from bad choices like the change to the Northampton bus station and other stupid, expensive ideas.
As a county, country and world going forward to be more environmentally friendly I see charging for collections will only encourage more people to not care for their gardens and/or be encouraged to fly tip or remove grass and trees in favour of paving and decking lowering the natural environment for bees, bugs and plants
- If you start differentiating between waste groups where will it end? Will recycling be next? I.e. cardboard & paper could be taken by households to the recycle centre and so on and so on. If you do not collect the garden waste you will only see it on the footpaths.
- The council should know using satellite viewing who has gardens and who haven't. Hence the council tax should be charged accordingly.
- Why should an annual payment be made by everyone for something that probably only 10 percent of the population use. I rarely use my green bin like my neighbours in my close. If the service is used then an individual charge should be applied.
- There are more front gardens being converted to hardstandings/driveways thus having little or no waste. Similarly with rear gardens. A few gardens in our area (including us) have artificial grass therefore no grass cuttings etc. Individual households paying for garden waste disposal seems fairer than asking all residents to pay regardless.
- If a charge is not taken from those with garden waste from their gardens this could be imposed in other ways which would effect those without gardens or waste.
- I'm not happy at paying for a garden service collection as I pay my council tax.
- Why should a garden bin be treated any differently to the the general and recycle bins. People that don't have a garden themselves are likely to have greenspace which is maintained by the council. To pay for green bin services will encourage fly tipping or incorrect use of the other bins.
- I believe a charge would result in more fly tipping, which is already a problem in the local area.
- We pay such a high council tax bill at the moment which should be considered in the garden waste. If people don't have a garden don't give them a bin ! But I do not agree with Paying anymore money out when a pot hole outside my house can't even be fixed !
- If the service is not free I suspect a lot of gardens will go un cared for as people will not want to or be able to pay. For many low income or pensioners gardening is a cheap activity that keeps them fit and provides a hobby for good mental health. If they can't remove the waste they will have to stop and health could be impacted.
- We already pay massive council tax and have a tiny garden
Am absolutely sick of variants of a 'Northamptonshire' council trying to extort more money out of residents because they have zero idea how to run a council
- We all pay already through our Council Tax for various services including garden waste. As I have a garden, I benefit from the garden waste collection service but there are other services I am happy to pay for through my Council Tax that I don't use! This system works for everyone as it is!
- No additional charge would be great considering the financial issues public is facing. The council needs to provide support while effectively managing the costs. So please provide some relief to residents rather than increasing costs necessarily.
- Council tax is already high enough and with an increased cost of living extra charges should not apply.
Plus fly tipping will increase if charges come in.

- We already pay for this service via council tax. If you implement another charge for this service on top of what we already pay, you are charging us residents twice for the same service! If you implement this charge, then people simply will not pay it & it will cost the council more in the long run with the increased flytipping, as if that isn't bad enough already!! Whoever thought up this idea clearly has not thought this through. People are already struggling with increased bills through utility, fuel, food etc. I earn a good wage but it is getting increasingly expensive to continue living in this country now. Garden waste is not people's priority so they will just dump it, it's not rocket science!
- People with gardens probably pay more council tax anyway
- have you seen the number of gardening contractors who fill their bin with waste acquired from paid jobs
- I don't expect residents of apartment buildings to contribute to the disposal of my garden waste.
- I can't afford to pay.
- The council receives money from the sale of the resultant compost which should be the service of garden waste collection. People would resort to fly tipping otherwise or at best local recycling which would create more congestion especially at the weekends.
- If people are charged for waste, it will encourage fly tipping.
Is this related to the possible removal of charging to tip plasterboard etc???
- Another possible outcome is that people just no longer look after their garden, or they remove even more greenery to reduce maintenance to almost zero, impacting local wildlife.
- It's what I'm used to and feels fair for something that is available as a convenience rather than essential service.
- If we do not continue to collect garden waste people will dispose of it somewhere else rather than pay the additional cost. This could result in more fly tipping or it being dumped in other areas which in turn will end up being collected by the council anyway.
- Although I pay for two bins I do not expect someone with no garden to subsidize for my garden waste through wider taxes.
- I don't think it should be an extra charge. I already pay almost 3000 pounds a year. I am a nurse, and I think council tax should have a NHS workers discount.
- Bin collection is already paid for from council tax money. It is expensive as it is already and to think that there would be an additional charge is unavailable. We already don't see much being done for that money.
- I believe all residents should be treated equally.
Cost of waste management is already included in council tax payments that everyone has to pay. Having to pay extra for a service that has been already paid for doesn't sound very honest from you.
On the second question, it needs to have an option that no one pays for garden waste collection, as it is already paid by council tax. This type of questionnaire is forcing residents into agreeing with an extra payment.
- Why should we pay for a service we don't use?
- We all pay council tax this should've included.
- 1) I've had this service covered as part of the service provided within my council tax since I owned a house
- 2) Council tax rises every year and I seem to get less and less for my money
- 3) There are many services which I don't benefit from but don't have an option to opt out of paying for them
- 4) NNC from what I can see has been since it was formed as a result of Northampton Council's poor decision making and fraudulent activity with no one being charged or imprisoned seems to think it is right to level down the services provided to the residents of Corby and I think it's wrong

5) I already pay a small fortune for the services I use with no option to opt in or out of other parts of the services so I strongly object to these plans

- Kerbside collection should not incur any additional costs. Our council tax has increased consistently over the previous years at a rate of 5%(approx) to levy additional charges on people at a time when many families are choosing between feeding their families or keeping them warm in the winter. It's absolutely disgusting that after Northants county council went into administration you merged the councils and have since embarked on a campaign to push price hikes on to the residents that had no influence into the county councils [expletive] poor financial performance and corruption. I personally live on an estate where my council tax is £2000 per annum and we pay a maintenance fee both to our management team and to the neighbouring village parish. I won't be paying this fee and instead I will bag up all my garden waste and deliver it to the council offices.
- Our council tax seems to rise every year with less services that are visible to each resident! By charging people to have the garden waste bin emptied there will be more fly tipping or a build up of waste that will encourage vermin to nest. I do not want that and I am furious about the extra charge that is likely to be imposed!!!!
- The council has made disposing of waste so difficult at the tip the countryside is now covered in people's waste. This costs more to dispose of than making it easier to use the local tip. It does not take a genius to extrapolate that the same thing will happen with garden waste. Just because some councils are so badly run, Northampton a case in point, that they can not run a garden waste disposal service is an absolute disgrace. We should not suffer just because they are unable to offer the services we are already paying for..
- I am a pensioner and feel that I am already paying the council to remove all waste products from my property. If this system is introduced I will dispose of my garden waste by other means and will not be paying the extra.
- Sorry to rant but the way things are going we pay more and more for less and rely too much on volunteers and donations. EG roads, litter picking up, poor grass cutting and mess left by contractors. Poor response from police.
I rest my case.
- Why should we pay? We have never paid before. Your customers even divide it as it is, this was never done in the past. You will turn the garden waste into compost then charge us for buying it. You might find people will place gardens and trees to avoid paying extra fees, not good for the environment. This also could end up with more illegal dumping.
- As an East Northants resident it seems as though we're paying twice. Unequal treatment for the service means we have to pay whilst others don't, yet we are presumably also paying to subsidise the free service for other areas.
We try and compost as much as we can at home however often have more than we can fit in our two large compost bins and/or clippings are not suitable for home composting eg hedge clippings.
Our option would be making round trips to the council recycling centres, but mobility and vehicle limitations mean this is a huge inconvenience therefore happy to pay for this alternative service. That said we see an increase in fly tipping of garden waste locally too which we assume is related to the service not being provided free to all.
- I don't see why we, who have a garden (be it a small one), should be penalised for wanting a private space where we can enjoy important time away from the busy lives that many of us have. Even people who live in flats/apartments can have a small garden area and still use the garden waste collection service.
If we have to pay extra like they do in Wellingborough, will we get reduction in our council tax? Wellingborough is just one town who has to pay for this service, whereas all the other towns in

North Northamptonshire do not. I think it would be grossly unfair to have to pay extra for this service, especially as a retired senior citizen, I am now enjoying my time in my little garden, my mental health is improving and financial pressures that we are experiencing now, will add to more stress to our everyday lives.

- Kerbside waste collection has always been a service provided by the local council and is one of the services that the local population requires. Taking away a service previously provided or requiring an additional charge, particularly mid way through a council term is not right. Knowledge of this consultation and survey is not widespread among the residents within the council area and many vulnerable or elderly residents do not have access to the internet or are familiar with completing such a survey. Others do not properly understand the implication of the proposals and consultation. A mail drop to properties covered by the council would have been more inclusive.

The council is supposed to be elected and serve the population within its area. The services provided within the council tax of the former councils recognised the requirements of that area. Why the former councils may have had their own arrangements for collection of garden waste, they probably had other services which our council did not. Each area has its own requirements and while harmonisation is the goal, taking away a service or charging for it separate from other services is inappropriate.

It appears that it was only East Northamptonshire Council that charged for garden waste collection. The other former councils did not charge or had different operating schedules. There are many services that residents do not use despite contributing towards the cost through council tax. For example many residents will never be eligible for social care because of the assets they have acquired during their life. Individuals contribute to the National Health System and we all have access to the services that it provides. Would it be right for those that get ill to have to pay separately to treat the services they require during their lifetime. The founding principles of the NHS and local authorities/councils are that they provide service irrespective of use or income.

If you separate out garden waste collection then the council should also consider other areas. However, to do so would question the central role of the council and cause absolute chaos. It would also go against the guiding principles that our country is based on. How far does the council go ? The services provided in an area should be determined by what the resident population requires. Harmonisation does not always work and very often leads to unexpected consequences/costs. The equality assessment has not properly considered the negative impact of the proposals and as such does not fit with best practice laid out in local Government guidance.

The proposed change in policy requires a detailed analysis, not one merely based on the fact that one former council charged for its waste collection. There are no costed details provided about the savings that the council might make, nor has there been any discussion about the use of savings that were supposed to be generated out of the merger of the councils.

- Even if people do not use the service, it is available to all. All other services are paid by everybody even if they use it, or in what amount
- Most households have some (however small) need of the service, and properties with gardens will already pay higher Council Tax. The collection service has to visit every area anyway. You have already assumed that all should pay - so the "survey" is of limited value.
- Can composting bins be issued to residents in order to encourage sustainability?
If there is a cost then there will be more fly tipping to avoid a collection cost.
Will be recycle centers be able to cope with additional demand if residents choose to remove their own waste?
What does NNC currently do with garden waste?

- It's to the council's and everyone's benefit to keep garden waste separate.
- Most people have a garden of some kind. Those who don't will invariably pay a lower council tax band. Also, by charging for waste collection it will certainly lead to yet more fly tipping which is rife in North Northamptonshire
- Garden waste should be considered in the same way as waste that goes into landfill bins and recycling bins - it is a waste product so why treat it differently?
- Refuse (black bin), recycling and garden waste should all be funded in the same way as an integrated service.

If there is a charge then I would disagree with a standard charge, irrespective of whether a property generates a large or small amount of garden waste and whether the owner/tenant is able bodied with transport or is old or infirm without transport. Another consideration is whether the garden waste bin is put out for collection regularly or only occasionally.

- We're already paying hefty increases on government taxation, fuel, insurance, food, the list goes on and yet we haven't had any pay increase so this puts more strain on household bills. To add another £50 a year seems a massive hike in price
- this service should be for all households as with all other refuse services
- If people have to pay a separate fee, this will encourage fly tipping (at an extra clean up cost to the council), people may then just use the recycling centre which will become even more overwhelmed than it is now and become a nightmare to get to as you can't queue to get in. Or people will just stick it in their black bin which is of more cost to the council. It seems that if we charge users of the service we'll end up paying for the fallout from people who don't want to pay the extra charge.

Our tiny gardens in new build homes are not big enough for a compost. Make gardens bigger and maybe people will be able to be more energy efficient.

Cut the service to only spring/summer months and not in winter when most don't need the service.

- Cases of fly tipping will increase when the charge is introduced so it benefits all to have this service.
- Unless you provide this service to all you will push people into less environmental ways of disposal, eg fly tipping, using the other bins etc. the council should encourage use of the kerbside green bin as they can compost the material and sell back to the general public thus creating an income, this is a common practice in Europe. Also the public would expect a discount if no green waste is collected, and reject a cost for those that have it collected. Good example of increased fly tipping is that fly tipping increased when Corby restricted the operating conditions at their public tip site.
- Kerbside garden waste should be provided by the local authority through wider taxation to ensure that those households with lower incomes are provided with this service particularly in the current situation where living costs are rising and low income families may not be in a position to pay for the annual cost of green waste disposal thus increasing the risk of fly tipping.
- Garden waste should not be put into black bins as will be the case if additional charges are made. I do not object to north Northampton being the same as Corby. I use my green bins all year round as leaves from trees still fall in November which are picked up in December. If the system ain't broke don't try to fix it. Corby have an excellent waste disposal system which has been absolutely fine for the last 20 years I have lived here.
- It should be the same across the county. However I would not be averse to a modest charge eg £20-25 p.a. (not £55 - that is excessive) for 2 years as a transition to free.
- I live in a village and have an allotment - it makes sense that I should pay, rather than someone who lives in Kettering with no garden waste.

- I haven't selected an answer because I believe it should continue as it is. We pay council tax already and this service should continue to be covered under that
- As usual this council is taking carte blanche decision that impact on peoples livelihoods and well being. Bureaucracy GONE MAD yet again
What about people who are on basic state pensions or those with only a small private pension and state pension? It seems to that this council only consider their own benefits and not those of the constituents.
Litter and lack of grass cutting (and its quality) is more important.
The synthetic grass area on [Redacted] Avenue is in a disgusting state. Holes in the turf and never ever cleaned correctly.
So get off your backsides and do something for the community, instead of feathering yourselves.
- Its the most fair way
- People could say they produce garden waste when they actually do.
can you have 2 bins or only 1.
How is it managed.
- I don't mind paying for garden waste to be collected everyone should pay if they want this service thankyou
- The system used in Kettering and Corby works extremely well. Why not "level up" so that all areas of North Northants have the best service available? It's good for the environment, allowing householders to dispose of garden waste without having to drive to the nearest recycling centre, and the alternative would necessitate the lorries to travel down roads and pick off those properties that are prepared to pay the levy, which is a waste of time and fuel
- It seems fair that those who take advantage of the service should pay for it. Many people do not have garden waste to deal with & this makes it different from other waste issues.
- The question is if you pay council tax then it should be covered after all the garden waste compost down and can be sold like grow bags most councils sell there garden waste or process it themselves
- Unfair that some people in the district pay for service and other don't
- We already pay enough council tax this should be included in that charge
- keeping gardens tidy enhances the whole area for everybody , making people pay extra would discourage people using the disposal (many people are struggling with money as it is without paying extra) . if gardens are left to overgrow areas begin to look scruffy and potential vermin infestation.
- All households already pay into the council for this service. Why should we pay more for being conscious home owners by looking after our green space? Why should we be made to pay to keep our areas clean and green? If you start to charge people the increase in messy dirty gardens and fly tipping will become the new issue.
- Home composting is not an option for many homes and also encourages rodents.
- Not all people will pay for collects and if green waste has to be paid for then it will encourage sections of the community to DUMP green waste all over the county.
- Council tax is paid in different amounts
This already reflects size of property so we are not all paying the same.
- I think this is the most equitable option. It also encourages everyone to use the service which should reduce fly tipping.
- We pay for education even if we don't have children who use the service hence my thinking is waste disposal should be the same.
- Not everyone needs a brown bin. Those who do should pay.
It should be a year round service.

- I think the garden waste collection should continue to be included in the council tax and not additional charges.
- Should come from council tax
- I don't actually agree with either. We pay council tax for waste collection so there should be no additional charge. When I was young there was one bin! You decided there should be more than one, you decided they should be collected on alternate weeks. If YOU want to charge me for more than one bin, I decline and will put everything in one bin like the old days!!
- There are those who do not benefit from this service but in the same way, I do not benefit from other services provided by the Council e.g child care services.
I do think that the service should be reduced to say the 8 months a year currently provided by Wellingborough or even 6/7 months and maybe only monthly collections.
I think that people should be encouraged to put the wheelie bin out less e.g I know of people that put their bin out fortnightly and it only has lawn cuttings in.
I have lived in an area where bins were charged for and people put in with general waste or fly tipped.
- My father was [age] and would have two bonfires a week. More when we were in lockdown. Or he would drive to the tip round trip 7 miles. Queue at the tip. To save money on paying for a bin Although he never considered the costs of driving to the tip or the impact of his fires of wet grass on the neighbours.
It's like anything once you have it for free then you use it.
Difficult for people who don't have garden to justify paying for a service they don't use. It will reduce carbon footprint therefore better for everyone.
Our neighbour has a bonfire every 4 weeks and it's truly awful.
- I am NOT in favour of charging for the collection of garden waste in North Northamptonshire for the following reasons:
 - North Northamptonshire in particular Corby and Wellingborough have a high number of areas of multiple deprivation. For many households having to pay for the disposal of garden waste will add to already increasing financial pressures and may lead to an increase in defaults of Council Tax and related charges.
 - A significant amount of Council Tax is not collected in the year it is owed. This can lead to an increase in retrieval costs of any arrears to the Local Authority and can quickly outweigh any potential for increased spending on local amenities.
 - Not every one is able to compost can lead to unfair charges/practices. Especially with an increase in compostable packaging that can only be put in the general household waste. By reducing the period of collection for garden waste and making it a free service can prove helpful for both the Authority and residents.
- Because I will not use the service therefore I don't see why I should have to pay for it.
- This service should remain as it is, free of charge. Only collect between April and October-which is when most garden refuse is collected.
- We are pensioners ([age]) one of which has severe dementia and we rely on our garden waste being cleared on a regular basis which allows us to maintain a respectable front garden etc which fronts the main road.
- It has always been paid for by council tax and I want this to continue.
- I think it is the same as saying only those who use the NHS, police, fire service should have to pay. The council tax is high enough as it is and this service should be provided free for everyone
- I already pay for mine

- It should stay the same as it is. I already pay my council tax and Weldon parish council and I also pay an extra maintenance fee where we live. What service will we actually be left with if you keep charging us for each individual service on top of the already extortionate council tax.
- Because then everyone has access to bins and can get rid of their garden waste. Some that would choose not to pay would then put it in the black bin regardless. I think all residents should be encouraged to recycle their garden waste without being specifically charged to do so. Kettering's system is great...Wellingbro should adopt that.
- This is the only fair way for all residents in the Council area. People without gardens do not pay, and those with gardens pay for the service.
- It is a service provided by the Council, and all domestic properties in any one council area should be treated in the same way (subject to different council tax bands, of course). It is one of many services provided by NNC. Not everyone uses every service. Not everyone uses the same services. But the council tax should cover all services irrespective of who uses what.

For instance, in over 40 years in this house, we have never had a child in the state school system. But we are happy to pay for children in other households to be schooled. On the other hand, we do use the public library whereas many other people do not.

Council tax is different for each of the tax bands according to property value, which in part takes account of different people's financial situation. Conversely, a charge for kerbside garden waste collection would be a flat fee/tax and would thus definitely hit poorer people more than better-off people. Charging for garden waste collection would be a regressive tax.

(Incidentally, a year ago we as former Wellingborough Borough Council taxpayers had an enormous 8% hike in our council tax. We appreciate that taxes had to be harmonised across the new Council area, but to be asked to pay yet more for our garden waste collection would be unfair.)

- Neither. It should be free as we pay council tax for these sort of things. Older people maybe could not afford extra charges
- I live on a private estate that we residents pay for the roadway maintenance, cleaning and street lighting, But we pay for these services within our council tax but do not receive them.
- We pay our Council Tax which covers services which we may or may not use i.e. if people do not have children they still pay towards children's education, plus use of public transport, libraries etc even if they do not use them. I think our Council Tax should cover this service as it has for the majority of the Councils now covered by the new North Northamptonshire Council. If costs have to be cut I suggest following Wellingborough Council's policy and operate a kerbside garden waste collection from March until November with no additional costs for the users of the service.
- We didn't choose to change the current council setup. We are being penalised for previous mismanagement of other local and county authorities. A subscription service will increase fly tipping, not contribute to your plans for carbon neutral, decrease recycling within the area and put additional pressure upon already strained recycling centres.
- Kerbside collection is the only council service my household uses and we are already paying just short of £2k a year in Council Tax. I disagree we should pay more for a service we already receive.

We have no children - so we don't use local education.

We don't use the library.

We don't use the Swimming pool - which demand an entrance fee.

We refuse to park in Council Car Parks as this is further cost.

We'd be happy for you to switch off the street lamp outside our house as we the last house in a culdesac!

On that point - you could save money by reverting to lighting every other street light.

If you want people to pay for services they use - you need to be looking at your full range of services not just refuse.

Something else you could do is to stop printing council tax bills and a booklet justifying the increase. How much does this cost? In this day and age - you could email this and this would save you several thousands alone.

- I already pay council tax as well as a land fee to a private provider (note that there is no reduction in the council tax even though the council do not manage all of the services) and I feel it's unfair to expect additional payment for a service such as emptying a bin.
I also think an additional charge will mean people put garden waste in landfill bins instead which is not environmentally friendly
- The option is there to use for anyone who chooses to. For people that do not, they probably use another service that someone else would not.
- We should not pay more!!
- Council tax rises every year by the full 5% allowed. What benefits do I see out of it? None! In Corby we are not charged and the council have always managed to get by so why should we start paying now? Rising taxes more to pay for this or adding an extra charge is not fair and not needed. It will add to more fly tipping.
- I think it should carry on the way it is that is to be collected with the other bins as we already pay for the council tax for them to be collected not many use their green bins going into the winter to early spring anyway so the bin men have next to nothing to collect every second week so for about 6 months of the year they are hardly collecting anything every second week I won't be paying for this service as I strongly disagree to a charge for it because as I already said we pay our council tax for our bins to be collected I also feel it's just another charge to rip people off it's like everyone is trying to make things harder and harder for people all you will do is encourage lots of fly tipping then you only have yourselves to blame also for Corby people you have massively raised the council tax bills are you not getting enough out of us already
- Some people may not pay, but then fly tip their garden waste.
- I'm quite happy to pay an annual fee to have my garden waste collected. It saves a trip to the local recycling centre & putting dirty sacks into the car.
- It is fairly obvious that not all residents wish to use the service, so it would be a waste of resources to provide everyone with a bin if they don't need it.
If everyone who wants to use the service pays a nominal amount it would be a lot fairer than just one area paying \$55 and the rest paying nothing. A fee of £30 for 10 months of collections would seem fair.
- I don't agree with any of the above statements, very poor questions. Q1, I wholeheartedly supported the annual £15 increase in council tax to support Northants police and fire services. My council tax has gone up circa £100 annually! On another side to Q1, not all areas of the county are the same so harmonising payment structures is not always the answer.
Q2. Wider taxation on those who do not have garden is a ridiculous concept.
Q3 was omitted, you haven't given an opportunity to oppose it outright. No annual subscription for garden waste should be implemented and one step further should be to harmonise in the opposite direction and end subscription fees to those that currently pay it. The cost of living is pinching everyone and the council is increasing their revenue everywhere. There are other revenue streams that could help fund these services that aren't ring fenced. Fines for traffic offences, bus zones, speeding tickets etc.
- Why don't you reduce the local tax for people that don't use the service but keep it the same for those that do.

- I pay council tax it goes up every year by more than the cost of inflation yet the services the Council provide get less and less. Too many people at the top of the Council are paid 6 figure salaries, the taxpayer is paying gorillas wages and in a lot of cases get monkeys, vast amounts of money is wasted by the council on useless projects, looks at the signs and wood posts erected around Corby at total waste of time and money. If you start to charge people for getting rid of garden waste they will just dump it then the Council will have the extra expense if collecting this, read the National Newspapers, this is already happening in a big way.
- Council tax has risen once again and surely included in this price is the green garden waste. I am taxed for public transport which I don't use. I am taxed for education which I don't use so surely council tax should include green garden waste services.
- Like everything we pay for not everyone uses it.
If we have to now pay fly tipping is going to be a problem
- Pay for the green bin then it all goes in black bin then you are empty fortnightly recycling Will be zero rats will pick thru extra bags causing disease.
- Happy to pay for garden refuse, but other areas should not be free. Its discrimination!
Houses,with no gardens or dont use system shouldnt have to pay.
- I have no lawn or any need to use garden waste collection any more so would should I pay a yearly taxation for it ? charge those that use the service.
- I already pay through my council tax and a management fee for services I do not use/want.
- Don't agree to either
- We pay our council taxes and they include garden waste collection. We have a moderately large garden and have 2 garden waste bins that are fully utilised in the warmer months. We are discriminated against at our local recycling centre by a trailer size restriction. Our trailer is 8' x 4' but we are only allowed 6' x 4' so our reliance in collection from door is important. For no apparent reason a large trailer is penalised. A trailer is a GENERAL purpose item intended for multiple use types not just garden waste. Our choice of trailer size is mandated by timber length for transportation of longer boards for diy work which we actively engage in. A longer trailer bed allows better support for longer timber lengths. In colder months we also include fire ash. Our council taxes are for band E. We already pay a premium rate and should not be further surcharged. If you intend to provide less service, reduce our council taxes pro rata instead of the cynical decline in service without also getting a decline in cost. As we age further, our ability to deliver to the recycling centre will be impacted by decline in mobility. I am [age] and very active now. Fly tipping is an activity principally caused by COUNCIL changing universality of service. Don't go there!
- I only households who have a garden have to pay, this will lead to a lot of falling-out with neighbours about the size of the garden that each have; thereby the amount of garden rubbish that they collect and the amount of times they actually utilise the refuse service.
It would also lead to a lot more fly-tipping (not just of the garden waste, but also bin liners scattered around the countryside).
- I already pay for this service and do NOT wish to pay more. Also I do not want to see an increase in fly tipping, which is a real risk if addition costs are levied.
If your true aim is equality, then simply reduce the tax burden on house holds with no garden.
- This service is already paid for through our council tax so it is a tax on a tax we already pay for .If you took the cost of the collection off council tax then gave the person a choice would be better way to charge .the council tax should be a total including the cost of bin then give residents a lower price for people who opt out of brown bin(eg so if council tax is £1200 a year with all costs included then the cost of bin collection should then be taken off the total cost of tax if people decide not to use brown bin so it would then be £1145 a year for tax)

- I only chose the above option as there was only one other choice, so 1/10 for that. I strongly disagree that there should be any charge for the collection of garden waste, especially in difficult fiscal times, such as we are all experiencing at the moment. The council has already raised rates this year and should work within its current budget as we are all compelled to do.
- People currently put garden waste in their black sack and therefore you are losing revenue on recycling if this waste
- Neither keep the collections every fortnight. Then maybe stop November through to March you need to understand many people and pensioners for example don't have transport for garden waste. To charge extra is terrible just don't do it.
- Everyone pays for things they do not use.
Totally unfair to single out services for additional charges
- We have a small garden where we are able to compost a lot of the waste, and take what we can't to the local waste tip. I feel that it is unfair to charge everyone for a service when there are those that will not use the service. I would happily pay for this service if our circumstances ever change.
- As a council tax payer we pay for services that we do not use. The closure of recycling in Oundle gave us an extra cost for the garden waste service plus an expensive drive to Corby with its somewhat limited opening times.
- Because the Council receives a revenue from the Green Waste as part of the reduce recycle and reuse ethos when it is taken to the Green Waste Recycling Centre.
- As some households do not have gardens it is not fair for them to have to pay for the service that is not used by them.
- Large households pay the same council tax as single people in similar properties, but they will have much more recycling and general waste. Similarly people in the same Council tax band should pay for garden waste whether they use it or not.
- If you allow a choice about payment you will get some of those who don't pay
FLY TIPPING
- Not willing to pay for service. Pay enough council Tax
- There are various taxes / charges that we have to pay but don't get benefit of, it's a fact of life & the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few. If you charge, people will fly tip, evidenced by the increase in fly tipping because people can't or won't take rubbish, large items to the tip or pay for council collection already, garden rubbish won't be any different. Or there will be more fires adding to CO2 levels etc
- Others will fly tip or dispose of it in the black bins. It's not fair if only a few pay & others abuse!
- Additional charge should not be made, this is covered in Council Tax.
- Kerbside garden waste is already paid for through our taxation. Garden waste is only collected for 7 months of the year in the Wellingborough area and, if residents have further garden waste, then they are responsible for ensuring it is disposed of correctly.
Our Council tax has risen sharply this year and it would be irresponsible of the Council to impose further costs on residents at this time.
- I feel that the Council Tax paid for by myself should cover the cost of the garden waste being collected.
- I have had artificial grass so have not used my green bin in the last 5 years
- A fair way
- if you take away a service you are ready providing in some areas, then people will just fly tip their garden waste or will drive to the dump causing more traffic and queues. It's also only fair what one gets the other gets too.

- Cost of living, now is not the time to add a charge. People will only end up putting it in their general waste limiting the environmental benefits of a separate collection.
- I agree with neither of the above statements. Residents pay a fair amount in council tax for council services across the board whether they use them or not...to be charged extra for an existing service is a disgrace
- I would not pay a separate subscription for garden waste collection. If we have to pay for this, how long before we have to pay for recycling or black bin collections on a subscription? What is council tax for?!
- Household rates are there to spread the costs that is why some people have to pay more because of different bandings
- I am a single parent who doesn't drive I do work, but I can't afford yet another cost to get rid of garden, waste we get penalised if our gardens are unkempt, how am I supposed to do this
- My personal view is that everyone should pay for garden waste service or free to everyone. It seem rather unfair that Whether you pay or not depends on where you live/postcode.
- Some people don't have children but are still taxed for others to go to school. Garden waste should be included in the council tax otherwise it will just go in the black bins
- Home composting is the ideal solution for garden waste but unless there is an incentive people are too lazy to do it.
Risks are - loads of bonfires and flytipping. Local tips aren't open every day.
- Makes sense not to charge people who can't or won't use the service. Leave it for the people who want it to pay for it.
- The council tax we pay is already high enough. I am happy with no extra separate charges for garden waste as it is currently where I live. Fortnightly collections work well. I oppose any change being introduced that would have me paying extra for the service that already operates the way it should. If anything, please change this for the other area so that they don't have to pay extra for it.
- From my security cameras I already see people putting their waste into other residents bins late at night.
This situation would get much worse if one neighbour has a green bin as others would help themselves to it.
Keep the system the same across the board!
- My council tax charges go towards services I do not use but I'm still charged for them!
- If people were made to pay extra for their garden green bin waste to be collected they wouldn't bother doing their gardens some at the moment do their hedges and leave it all lying over the street pavements as it is.if they have to pay then it will get worse
- It is a general service open to all and for the good of everyone, surely the waste is managed and goes through recycling processes to help everyone including the environment.
- The garden waste service stops people from disposing of waste indiscriminately, which affects everyone. If there is a cost it should be minimal. In these hard times people cannot afford any more costs. It is essential that a tidy and clean borough area is maintained and kerbside free collection helps this to happen. If a person does not have a vehicle they will not be able to go to the recycling centre to dispose of waste. I believe this service is essential and should be paid for in the council tax.
- Just because you do not use the service currently doesn't mean you wouldn't use the service eventually!! It wouldn't be long before people where not paying to have waste taking away whilst still using a green bin.
Though it's appalling for anyone to have to pay for this service to begin with.
- Because it's a service that benefits all

- I feel that if you were to charge people for this collection that it would discourage people from recycling their garden waste & just end up with more people putting everything in the black bin. We already have this issue with food waste collection as someone who uses the service but the only 1 out of 10 houses with the others still throwing it in the black bin with no consequence.
- Cost of living is high enough at the moment
- It seems only fair, though I couldn't afford £55 myself.
- Less beauracracy
- My Council Tax falls under Band E. I don't have a big garden and feel that I pay enough already. It should be covered in that. I'm not sure what else my council tax gives me in all honesty.
- There would be a case for households could be asked to pay a subscription charge for other services that the council provide! Council tax is there to provide facilities for ALL the community! Its a bad idea driven by cutting services by stealth!
- I do not believe garden waste should be treated differently from other waste - should be free collection.
- It is fair to pay a small subscription as not all have a need or a garden. I am an active pensioner but I need the service as waste too heavy for me to take to tip.
- Our existing contributions via council tax have covered the cost of garden waste collection. Should this service become a chargeable extra, will I see a reduction in my annual council tax figure?
- I think towns would start to become a mess bushes, grass, hedge, tree trimmings being dumped
- Large increase in flytipping is lead by the costs of waste removal, also our postcode is Kettering but yet we pay. The cost for the service should be born from council tax already paid.
- Everyone has some sort of garden waste, even flats have green space around them so the cost should be fairly distributed
- The cost of council tax continually increases, but from the point of view of a normal working resident who doesn't use additional services such as care services, it feels as if we get less and less services for yet more taxation. To the average person who doesn't have any real contact with the council, all we want is our bins collected, the town kept clean and the roads fixed. If we are made to pay extra on a subscription basis for garden waste collection, we could extrapolate that out and make those who receive extra services from the local authorities pay for it too, as the "why should I pay for a service I don't use" can be applied to almost every service provided. Either collect all bins at no extra cost to the Individual or the taxpayer, or start charging individually for many more services, allowing people who barely use any services to pay barely any council tax. You can't have it both ways.
- I think it should be included to encourage people to dispose of it properly most of us working at struggling big time with utility / food and fuel bills already and changes will just make people dispose of it I incorrectly.
A disgrace to take even more from struggling families.
- Fly tipping would increase, we've already seen a large increase in such behaviour around the village roads and lay-bys.
- We already pay enough in council tax so why should we have to pay more. What next extra payments for recycling bins
- I don't have any street lights on my road but I still have to pay for the upkeep of everyone else's!
- As east Northants member I have paid for garden bin collection for many years and I am very happy with the service for which for I am happy to continue to pay for as long as it stays all year round otherwise I would expect a reduction in cost
- The environment is everyone's concern. Reduce, reuse, recycle still stands for all forms of waste.

- We already pay in our council tax a disgrace what next charge for other bins too
- I feel the collection between certain months of the year is good.
Saying everyone should pay for it even if they don't use it is fair, as a person who pays full council tax on my property, I don't use other services I still have to pay for, so for everyone to contribute to all the council provides is fair.
- Because this means that people on low incomes can receive the service. It will also help too deter flytipping.
- I don't see how it's fair for someone living in a flat with no gardens to have to pay for my garden waste to be taken away.
- We pay enough council tax to have this collection covered. I disagree to having to pay extra for a service that should be covered.
You will get people dumping more rubbish by the side of the road or on the street if extra cost is applied.
You take take take and we see nothing back, tell me what my council tax is spend on!
- I pay for this service already in my council tax. Council tax has risen again this year. You can't charge more council tax and yet remove services. The current scheme has worked perfectly well, why change it? Given the amount of low income families in Wellingborough I can see that charging for this service will only result in fly tipping etc.
The council has a responsibility to the environment as well as its residents.
- I think the Green bin collection should stay as is for the time being. The extra £55 you are thinking about charging will put people into more debt. With the cost of all household bills going up steeply since the start of Covid another £55 on top of the utility costs will send families into more poverty. Also some households will opt out of the collection and some may start to refuse to cut grass and tend to their gardens and the neighbourhood will start to look unkempt.
- By making people pay an apparent additional fee you may run the risk of increased fly tipping. If you charge for these bins presumably you will need to reduce our council tax as we would be paying twice in Corby and Kettering. Is this charge going to be by the number of garden bins that you have or is it a flat charge?
- Why pay for a full year when only use it for a few months
- Although we have no children and have always had to pay for schools through council tax even though not using this service, so why shouldn't it be the same for people using or not using garden waste collection.
- All other spend by local authorities is paid by all, regardless of use. (Police, education etc). Why should waste collection be any different.
- Although not everyone uses this service. We likely pay for other things in the council tax that we do not use. It is already difficult to get rid of waste and you need to think of those who do not drive / are already on the brink struggling. Council tax along with many other bills are expensive and at this point in time with so many cost increases how much more of our wages do we need to give until we can't afford to eat / live?
- We don't differentiate how many times someone uses the police or NHS and charge differently, I think it could open up conflict about other services
- Is this not what we pay our local tax for ? Would the amount of fly tipping not increase?
- If you what to charge me I will not pay, I will take mine to the tip. Others will fly tip it. Both very bad for the environment.
- I have to pay for street lighting but don,t have any.
- Why change something that isn't broken.
- There are several services paid for by but not used by everyone
- Why should we pay because the can work won't work skanks will just fly tip it and you don't do anything about that

- As a pensioner my biggest hobby is gardening and as money is tight I have strong views on where my pension money is spent.
- Unlike street lights, social care, etc which can be accessed by all why should people without the benefit of being able to sit in a garden pay for someone like myself who has a garden? I say this as someone who has a garden and would be happy to pay for a green waste collection.
- We compost at home but we also use our garden waste bin. In my opinion it could be changed to monthly collections, not fortnightly, surely that would help with cost?
- I have answered with the answer I have because as far as i'm aware this is already the case?!?! I pay a wider Taxation called council tax which is to cover refuse and recycling. There should be an option for complete disagreement with a decision that it appears has already been made by the wording on these questions!
- I don't agree with either of the limited options. I think if you have no garden then you shouldn't pay anything BUT if you have more than 1 garden waste bin you should be charged a fee
- In a democracy it should be shared equally.
- It was your decision to introduce separate bins for different waste. This was paid for through council tax .

Now you want to charge extra for one of the collections.

I have a small garden and need to put the grey bin out 6 or 7 times a year. That's £8 per collection! Monstrous!

Others may use it more or less often, this should balance out.

Will you also then start charging for the other bin collections separately? What about other services? Will we be expected to pay extra for street lighting, road sweeping.

Could I get a reduction for all child related services as I have never had children?

This is the thin end of the wedge.

- I believe we pay enough in council tax and shouldn't have to pay extra for garden waste. Even households with no gardens still have food waste. As the majority of households have gardens surely if a house hold chooses to have no garden waste they should have a rebate instead of charging more to households that have been getting the service included within their council tax
- A difficult one this. Could there be a differential charge between homes with or without gardens? I'd pay if charged separately but worry about those who struggle financially and who may therefore flytip or put in black bin. At present most towns have service included, for atleast some of the year.
- I live next to a coucil field with a lot of trees. Most of our garden waste is the leaf litter from those trees. Why should I pay for the disposal of council waste? Maybe I should then invoice you?
- In Oundle I pay to have my garden waste collected, whereas in nearby places it is collected for free. This is unfair.
- This is the way taxation works. I don't use the majority of the services I pay for but it ensures free use for the end user.
This is a waste collection service and should be treated as such.
If a charge is put in place this is simply a stealth tax as I would guarantee there would be no discount applied to council tax for properties without gardens.
- It's a service we have benefitted from previously and I see no reason to change it. Introducing a charge directly to users will see people not paying the charge and an increase in fly tipping as those people who don't pay the charge dispose of their green waste anywhere they see fit.
- the principle of council services is that we all contribute even though we may not make use of all provision. Increasing the cost to individuals is likely to increase the amount of fly tipping particularly as in more rural areas gardens are more prevalent.

- I don't agree with wider taxation as the options suggest. We pay too much council tax as it is for the inadequate services we receive. Our roads are an absolute disgrace and the bin service isn't always reliable.

A 5G mast was built in Finedon and apparently North Northants benefited from the sale but I don't see any of that money coming back into the community where it is built.

You need to abolish the extra charge for brown bins across the county, not increase costs or charge us all. Enough is enough. We shouldn't suffer for the council's massive money management mistakes over the past.

- I do not think that I should pay for garden waste for other people. However, if a charge for bins comes into operation will it cause more fly tipping? That would be my concern.
- I think residents who don't sign up for the service will still sneak their garden waste bins outside on collection day - I can't see the bin men having the time or patience to check whether each bin placed for collection has registered with the council.
- Not to do so is likely to cause more illegal dumping which already seems more of a problem since the black bins went to once every two weeks. Of all the waste garden waste is the hardest to dispose of ourselves. Also the current method of collections only during spring/summer months is a good compromise.
- Council tax is high enough for some areas. With rising cost of living people just can't cope. Remember there hasn't been any pay rise. If you are prepared to see an increase in fly tipping then good luck.
- I do not think there should be any charge
- Collection of green bin waste as part of existing council services without any additional charge should be the default for the whole of North Northants for two main reasons. The first reason is that some people will fly tip garden waste if they have to pay extra. Even if they don't, it will encourage some people to take less care of their property as a result, making North Northants a less attractive place to live. Secondly garden waste can be recycled and composted. Some of the costs of this service can therefore be covered by selling the bulk material for composting, which Councils already do. By making people pay extra for the service you will receive less compost able material, reducing the viability of being able to sell the material for commercial composting. Keep green waste bin collection free for all.
- If the service is not available to all then I suspect illegal fly tipping of garden waste will increase significantly.
- We pay enough for council tax. Charging £55 is more than most councils. It will lead to fly tipping and increase in unnecessary pollution from bonfires.
- I completely agree with all the councils working the same way. But as I can see only 1 out of what was the 4 councils pay. 1 is free for 6 months and the 2 is free all year round. I think with the cost of living already at a record high and many family's already struggling. To ask people for money for garden collection is ridiculous, it will reduce people recycling and it will end up going to landfill via black bins or increase pollution with people burning rubbish. If you are going to charge people that pay for this service I think other residents will also use their neighbours bin. I have a small garden and use this free service maybe once a month in summer months. I really don't want to add yet another bill to my outgoings. I would be quite happy if this service was reduced to remain free for all, to cover the summer months maybe a free collection once a month.

I already live in a residents parking area because I live so close to town centre another expenditure I have to pay. What are we going to do to make it fair for all increase all areas around North Northamptonshire to pay for residents parking! As this is an expensive that I have to fork out for that many others don't have too. I have to provide my visitors on Sundays with a

visitors parking pass although it's free in councils car parks on Sundays, this has never made any sense to me!

- We already pay a high council tax for services so why should we pay even more it would be paying twice.
- There should not be a surplus charge. Council tax is high already and cost of living is going up as it is.
- Village properties tend to have larger gardens & tenants & pensioners already struggle to pay bills due to inflation & will either let gardens become jungles (leading to more rats under any compost bins they try to use), or some will feel no other option than to flytip costing the council tax payers far more money in the long run. (exactly the mistake that council recycling depots made in charging, thank [redacted] the government have come to their senses & U-turned on that ill thought out scheme.
- I actually think things should not change from how they are currently but this is not an option.
- I don't think there should be an extra charge for residents that have gardens etc. I think we all pay for services that we don't necessarily all use for example why should someone that cannot have children have to pay for education services.

I feel that by enforcing an extra charge to clear garden waste will result in even more fly tipping, the cost of which will then be picked up by the council. I should imagine residents would then start filling the black bins with garden waste.

I compost at home but this doesn't break down quickly enough. What happens to the green waste that the council take. Does this get sold on as compost? Or reused in the towns gardens?

- Or how about ,as we already pay council tax, for services, including having our waste collected, why should there be an extra charge, whether it be through taxes or otherwise??
- I would not wish to pay for a service I would not use. I burn about once a year. By far the majority of my garden waste is composted. Occasionally I use the Household Waste Centre.
- I don't believe that the service in my constituency is free of charge, this will already be costed into my council tax which has already been increased this year and we are struggling to keep up with costs. People who don't have a garden surely still use this service for their vegetable good food waste etc.

If you impose the £55 manual fee will council tax go down ?

- Free garden wate collection will encourage more people to use it, this has long term benefits for the environment which will benefit all, wether they have gardens or not.
- This should be a service to all residents of Northamptonshire. It is already part of my council tax
- This would require a additional dept to administer putting the cost up.

Different households have widely different calls on local taxation so the burden would roughly even out. High quantity composting is much more efficient and could be made cost effective by local councils.

Lastly many residents can't afford another bill and fly tipping WILL increase.

- There are always services supplied by the council that everyone pays for but not all use so why should this be different
- I don't think you can start charging individually for something that has always been included in the council tax. Are you going to offer a discount for everyone, if you are suddenly going to start charging residents who use the service?
- Council tax costs enough as it is why should we start paying when we have not had to previously.

I understand not to dispose of every fortnight as this is not viable, but certain months when leaves fall yes.

I leave on a street full of elm trees so like to sweep them up as they go all over the pavement and front garden . You do not have enough street cleaners to sweep on a regular basis

- I think that the council tax covers all off the waste disposal and a lot of other things that we don't all benefit from and if they want to split it down then it should be done to all services they provide
- I don't use all council services but if we start to pay for what you use only it ends up being more complicated and costly than just having a full range of services offered by the council that we pay for already through our tax.
- Only as long as it's using the Wellingborough model.
- Like most taxes we are unable to pick and choose. It is a consistent and clean way to dispose of waste
- Charging for this service is profiteering and a false economy that will result in fly-tipping.
- I am a single occupier so from a financial point of view, when I already pay £130 a month (including a very paltry 25% discount) why should I have to pay yet more money for a service that should be free. All that will happen is more fly tipping of garden waste. It makes absolutely no sense to me. All households on the area should have been invited to take a survey by post or email not have to search for it online. If you are not online you would not be aware even that this was all happening in the background. This is not being introduced from an environmental point of view, it's all connected with money. I am very disappointed.
- A lot of people have artificial grass.
And only have plants for decoration.
And six months of the year you don't have use for a green bin.
Plus old people don't use a garden waste bin.
If you use a bin it should be scanned when used and receive a bill.
- For those people who are unable to afford the charge or lack the means or inclination to travel to a waste disposal site will mean increased dumping or pollution from the burning of waste. The tendency of these people to dump their waste or burn it affects all residents equally.
Community harmony comes at a price and that means we all benefit from a universal service of which the cost is shared by that community.
- The way it currently operates for my area is obviously good for residents. If I was to have to pay an additional amount for my garden collection I would expect council tax to be reduced.
There should be no increase in my area on taxation as this service is already provided.
Given the high cost of living that is currently an issue, any additional charge I fear will make matters worse for many of us we will see an increase in fly tipping which in turn, costs the local councils in clean up.
- To encourage all residents to dispose of their garden waste appropriately.
- If people have to pay to have their garden waste collected then I am sure quite a few people won't subscribe and will fly tip instead, and we already have enough of that!
- It's not so much that the service should be paid for by wider taxation - it already is. For example, people living in a property in band A or B are less likely to produce garden waste, as properties in that band are likely to have smaller gardens, if any at all, and these people pay less council tax. People with gardens are already being taxed a higher amount through their property being in a higher council tax band. If councils are prepared to tax residents based on the value of their property, then those paying a higher tax are surely entitled to expect something in return for their higher contributions, otherwise, everyone should pay the same rate of tax, regardless of what their property is worth.
- This should be covered by the council tax
- Additional charging for the collection of garden waste would further discourage residents from having green gardens. I believe far too much green space is being lost to gravel and large paved areas in order to ensure low maintenance gardens. Charging to remove green waste would push even more people to remove their lawns, or incorrectly dispose of garden waste in their black bin, especially those with small gardens who produce only a small amount of garden waste. It is

really important that home owners maintain their green spaces, for the sake of wildlife and the environment, rather than replacing with gravel and other aggregates. Everyone benefits from the gardens around them, whether that's from an environmental perspective, or because they enjoy the aesthetics of the front gardens around them. If cost saving measures are required, I would prefer to see a less regular service than a charge for the collection of green waste.

- We already pay taxes and don't believe in paying twice. For those without a garden, maybe they should pay slightly less tax. There's nothing to stop people who don't pay, putting their rubbish in other people's bins. We pay taxes for services we don't use, and don't have a choice about it.
- I think this service should be free to everyone we pay enough money to the council for services. We are a low income family with a big garden that needs a bin but can't always afford the service again when our subscription runs out. If this service ran from March to September it would be great.
- All households have duty to keep the borough tidy. If free collection ends there will be more fly tipping of garden waste. I remember when going for a drive in the countryside you used to see dumped garden waste all over the place. The compost bins largely stopped that. I also feel that garden waste would be put in the black bins by many. I have purchased compost that comes from the garden waste bins and it's good to recycle.
- Costs, services and facilities should be the same across the Unitary. Our council tax already represents very poor value for money and removing services from this will only make this worse.

It seems from the very loaded question that the council believes only garden waste service users should pay for the service. Will this same logic be applied to all council service? Why should I pay towards education when I don't use the service? Why should I pay for the police or fire service when I never use these?

Will facilities also be equalised across the Unitary? Wellingborough and Corby have excellent swimming facilities and Kettering does not.

- I don't agree with any. The New energy prices have already put Many families in awful position we can't afford any more extra charge. The wages are not going up as the costs do.
- There are many services that the council provide that are open for all which contributes to the cleanliness and wellbeing of all the citizens in NNC.
- My taxes still pay for schools when I and my children don't go anymore, so why do only users of the service need to pay? I've never needed the fire brigade, but I pay them, my taxes pay for foreign aid and I don't want it to..... basically taxes are taxes, the money goes where the government want, end of argument. Why something as basic as waste collection, which you already make everyone separate for you, wouldn't it be a given to have?. I do however agree with the area that runs it only certain months of the year. I wonder if you had to book the collection to say you want it emptied on the next run in your area, would that help? Then charge people who book it when the bin isn't even 3/4 full. I'd assume you would have very little collections in the colder seasons, and even in the summer it may save driving everywhere since you will know in advance who has booked the bin to be emptied. To be honest you could do this with the recycling bins too.
- I dont agree with a charge being made, but if it has to be, better a small increase in the rates better than a "subscription". I understand that in some areas where people pay "if they use it" they are finding that their bins dissappear on bin day, and arrive back later with someone elses garden waste already in it.
- Keep the present method of refuse payment .
- Pay enough council tax now but council plunder it
- I pay my Council Tax towards the councils overall expenditure for all items - education, police, household waste collection etc irrespective of whether I use all of them. We are pensioners and

therefore have no education needs for any childrens schooling but people are not asked to pay for only the parts they may use so why is Garden Waste any different ?

- We are already paying for it to be collected currently so if you stop collecting unless paid for will we be getting a reduction on the council tax?
- Already the council tax goes up every year. Why we should pay extra for a service that we are already receiving and it's paid from our general council tax. The Issue it's the same like with the adult social care, I'm paying for it even though I have never received any adult social care. If we are asked to pay for garden waste collection because we are using the service, let's stop paying for adult social care as I am not using this service.
- I think that everyone is paying for this service through council tax. The council wants even more money from us so is prepared to add another charge. The question above does not address all issues. Everyone is paying so those people who do not use the service should get a refund. Not load more charges on us.
- The only issue here is that you will see an increase in garden waste going into black general waste bins. Can this not be a cost neutral service selling back compost? I like the option of March to November reduced service. Each 'district' should vote on what service they would like.
- Whilst worded in such a way so as to cause guilt in asking for residents to pay for something they don't use, that is the society we live on. Whether it is local council tax or national taxation it is to contribute for all. I have never had to call on many, many services - however I understand that I pay so that everyone can benefit.
- Everything about this council is negative. You are very quick to keep increasing council tax, very rare do residents see any for the extra though.
- I already pay council tax which includes collection of my garden waste. Indeed, rubbish collection is the only tangible thing of any benefit from the council that I get for my extortionate council tax bills. One only has to look at the state of the dying Kettering town centre to see just how inept the council is!

If you do wish to now charge households who use the green waste service separately then this would be fair but ONLY if you reduce the council tax by the appropriate amount for all residents first and then give the option to pay. I suspect that instead you will simply add this on as an extra tax to bring in more money to your coffers so something we already pay for in our current council tax payments will now be charged as an extra.

Now it seems that you want to charge us extra for this task.

- I pay for services that I do not use, such social services, street maintenance etc however I still pay, so 1 amount paid by all Just because you don't use a service does not mean you don't contribute. I pay for a overall service regardless of which elements I use. If I had to pay for garden rubbish removal I would expect a reduction in my council tax not only to cover the extra costs I will incur for rubbish removal but also for all the other services I do not use.
- You phrase it so it sounds like we are treating those without gardens unfairly. It's simply a case that we haven't been charged for it before so why should we be charged now!!!
- I already have to pay an extra management fee as I live in a new build and the council won't adopt it. Hundreds of Pounds extra every year on top of the ever increasing council tax. For which all I seem to get are my bins emptied. If the council started charging extra to empty one of those bins that hardly seems fair.

Its all well and good saying what about people who don't have a garden, which should some of their council tax pay for it, and my answer to that is, I don't use many of the services the council provide which I pay for. That's how it works.

- It's not possible to compost everything at home although we do have 3 compost bins and we're elderly with limited mobility and do not have a vehicle to take garden waste to the dump

- It is the same as schools (I do not have kids), libraries (I do not use them) and other services, I currently pay for a lot of services I do not need or use but accept that they are supplied out of my council tax. If a subscription service is acceptable then surely I should be able to decide not to subscribe to other services I do not use.
- The questions are loaded and unfairly written with deceptive multiple choice answers which do not properly represent the situation. Garden waste collection services have been provided by the respective former Council of Corby previously, why on earth do you now feel the need to charge residents for a service which should be included within council tax, otherwise what services are we actually paying for and receiving for our council tax? Furthermore, the main purpose of the amalgamation of the former sovereign councils was to save money - both from their budgets and the public's pocket - so why now are we now being faced not only with an increase in the rate of council tax but also an additional cost for collection of garden waste which is a service the council are obliged to provide as part of a waste collection service? The new council has a lot to answer for. It feels like you are trying to break residents financially, many of us are already at breaking point what with the increase in prices of many items, fuel, national insurance etc how on earth are we seriously meant to be able to afford to stomach all these costs? Get a grip and look after residents rather than piss them off by showing you don't care in the world except for how much money you can make. The green waste collection should be free of charge to all residents across the local authority area. This whole thing has been so badly managed thus far it's not surprising more low blows demanding more money from residents are now happening.
- I am a keen gardener, and I use this service regularly, it is vital that I can dispose of my garden waste by having a fortnightly pick up of my green bin. As more and more people are growing their own vegetables and flower seeds these days to try and save money, it's even more important, and with prices rising dramatically in so many other areas to even think of cutting it or charging for it is madness...It's a Crucial Service. Along with everything else that's going on...I think denying this essential service considering how much council tax we pay already is downright mean to say the least. And it's all recycled and we have at the moment the chance to buy it back to use on our gardens.... Green and Environmentally friendly I would say.
- It's always been this way why change it when everything is going up how are family's going to find additional funds for this?
- We believe we pay enough for council tax
- Garden waste should be part of the general household waste collection services.
- Council tax already expensive. Last thing we need is more strain on our incomes.
- Unfair to charge people for a service they don't use
- Because if the council do not collect it, it will be fly tipped and then they council will have to collect it anyway. Have you not learned the lesson from closing the recycling centres on certain days or charging vans. Fly tipping is out of control and charging for garden waste will make the issue worse.
- Taxation applies uniformly for all sorts of services such as education even though you might not have children. National insurance pays for pensions but you might pay this and only be 23. Waste garden services should be a service open to all unless you want to encourage fly tipping. At least this way rubbish is disposed environmentally friendly
- The collection of waste should be borne by council tax and not a separate fee. With the rise in energy bills, food etc and wages not increasing. To charge for garden waste will only increase the possibility of fly tipping, people can't afford another bill. Fly tipping would end up as an overhead to the council

- Not collecting waste, or charging for it, is likely to lead to more householders either having unsocial bonfires to dispose of green waste or not maintaining their gardens, which could lead to an increase in vermin. Personally, I use my garden waste bin all year round.
- We already pay for this service as part of our council tax. Are you seriously proposing charging residents more for this service that we already pay for? I guess you haven't noticed that people in northants are already struggling to pay their bills.
- It reduces the risk of fly tipping
- Because we all contribute to services we don't actually use and so we should
- Council tax is a central service. You cannot start to ask tax payers to opt in or opt out of services. Otherwise you could use the same principles for policing, education and road repairs. Recycling and waste collection should also be encouraged. By charging for garden waste collection you could also find fly tipping increasing and an additional cost to the public purse.
- The council tax banding is already reflective of property size and garden. If we are going to start picking and choosing services, I'd like a refund on last year for not using the local roads due to not having a car! Bin collection is still required by all regardless of what is being disposed of. If you charge for this service then you are forcing households already under a financial burden to dispose of garden waste via other methods which are neither green or controlled. Stop coming up with these ridiculous ideas that will just cause a protest where households will stop paying altogether. If a whole estate decided to stop paying as a because of you pushing people too far then it will cost you far more in legal bills. Just STOP
- Pay enough in council taxes as it is
- COST OF LIVING !!!!!
No more costs need to be added to our ever growing household bills.
We pay enough in taxes. It's a service we pay for anyway to take rubbish away regardless of what that rubbish is.
Will encourage people to put in wrong bin and fly tipping.
- I disagree with both statements. I thought council tax bands took this into account?
- I am torn between not wanting to impose extra charges on households who dont use the service, and on the other hand making it unaffordable to some people. My preference would be year-round collections, paid for by subscription with exceptions for financial hardship, as I think gardening is good for health and enabling elderly people to stay fit and well and living independently.
- General tax
- If you want to harmonise waste collection, let East Northants fall in line with the majority of North Northants. The councillors are too keen to charge people in areas they do not live in.
If charged (and it looks like you have already made the decision to charge) then most people, including my household will use the general waste bin
- There are many things we currently pay for under universal charges that we do not use and this is the same for everyone, why should we have to pay extra unless you divide up all services and we only pay for what is being used. This is the only fair and equitable solution.
- Having resided at this address for 22 years and the council having always collected the garden and recycling waste every other week funded through council tax, I see no reason for this arrangement to change.
- I have no opinion on whether we all have the same service within each area.
Also I do not agree that having one bespoke service for garden waste collection is the way to go. If you go along this route then surely you need to start shifting more services this way.
- There are services I don't use but still have to pay for. Garden waste should be no different. Besides council made compost should be an existing profit centre not a subsidised by resident new one.

- I pay council tax for such services. If the waste collection is not included in this, I presume that my council tax will be significantly reduced??
- Unfair for people who don't have a garden or don't use this bin, I use it and would be prepared to pay for the service or go to the dump if not.
- In Finedon the majority of properties have a garden, therefore a fee for garden waste would be like an extra tax that most people would probably pay. It wouldn't reduce collection rounds very much.

There are also many elderly people and low income households in Finedon that may not be able to afford a charge for garden waste collection, which could lead to more rubbish lying about, more traffic on roads as people drive to recycling centres (with resulting increase in pollution or fly tipping), or garden waste being placed in black bins and going to landfill.

Not every garden has space for composting, or the owner the energy/health/interest in doing so. Finally, through my council tax I already pay for services that I don't use, so why should I have to pay extra for one of the few services I do use?

- We pay a huge amount in council tax and get very few services for it. It is not good value and if we have to pay for this service, then the council tax should be reduced to reflect the charge.
- People without gardens ie. Apartments pay a much lower council tax so would contribute much less to the cost of the service, assuming a % of council tax is allocated for the service but would still benefit from reduced litter and fly tipping which would certainly increase with an additional cost to other households.
- People will say they have no garden waste and then use others who pay for it.
- We all pay council tax, it's up to you if you use the service or not
- Any other option will just result in INCREASED fly tipping! Very bad that residents have to pay through increased taxation for the incompetence and corruption of the previous Tory administration!
- People are already struggling with unprecedentedly high bills for fuel and food etc. so any increase in Council Tax charges will be a problem. Some residents will opt out of a garden waste collection if there is a fee & this will result in an increase in roadside dumping. I know someone who drove a bus and a couple of people regularly got on with large bags full of garden prunings etc. which they put into bins in Kettering because their home area (East Northants) had a charge for the service.
- In our new estate space is extremely limited. We do not have the space for home composting. Many people wrongly dispose garden waste in their black bin already which leads to more rubbish in the estate. If you introduce charges I can see many people will start to fly tip their waste in the green space areas.
- If you take away this service fly tipping will increase. Queues at household waste sites are ridiculous already and if we then need to go twice a month for grass cuttings- just adds to the problem
- we already pay enough council tax to pay more to just get the same service we are already getting is unacceptable. Fly tipping will increase if you start charging and people can't afford it
- I pay the yearly subscription
- We already pay a fortune in Council Tax. I see no reason why we should pay even more for a service that we already pay for. Another reason to rip off your customers. Get more efficient in providing the services that you do. No point throw good money after bad.
- I think that garden waste should remain as it is now eg paid for through council tax and no additional charge
- I feel its unfair that people who don't use the service should have to pay but I am concerned that some residents wouldn't pay the subscription and would possibly dump their garden waste illegally.

- Council tax is already a struggle to pay. With the cost of living as it is and being on a pension I'm already finding it hard to make ends meet. If a charge was introduced I can see fly tipping on the increase which would increase the cost to the council for clearing it up.
- The majority of homes have a garden and use the service. However, I don't generate a lot of garden waste and would feel it was unfair for me to pay an extra fee when my bin won't always need emptying but I would still have to pay the fee. Where I have lived previously there was the option to buy green bags for garden waste which meant I only paid for what I used.
- Unfair for those who do not use the service or opt to take to Recycling centres to subsidise those that want to use a collection service especially when every penny is counted by most people at the moment.
- Charging will lead to fly tipping and misuse of the black bins. There can be very few households that produce no compostable refuse, even if it's just dead cut flowers and cabbage stalks.
- I live in a rural location with no street lights but I still contribute to the costs. You cannot separate the services provided.
- I wish to retain the status quo
- I currently have my garden waste collected under the Wellingborough scheme which I think is very good.
the council should be helping people to recycle if a charge is introduced it will severely discourage people to recycle garden refuse.
a few people have said that if a charge is introduced they will go back to putting garden waste into the black bins
- There are lots of services that we all pay towards through council tax but some don't use, just targeting gardeners to cough up more is wrong when they are encouraging wildlife is not ethical.
- Think facility should be available to all but feel that subscription charge would probably be less than if costs were raised for all
- Some people would not pay for the service and fly tip it or put it in their non recyclable bin.
- We pay via rates the council split waste collection into three not use
- I already pay a ridiculous amount in council tax as it is and simply cannot afford to pay any more bills. I do not have grass, I have patio with weeds coming through. To make me pay £55 to have those weeds removed 3-4 times a year- totals less than a full bin so only required to be emptied once a year is ridiculous.
- Everyone should have free garden waste collection to stop fly tipping. If we are one council then we should all have the same opportunity for free collection
- We already pay a significant amount in council tax for services we may or may not use. This should be no different. If you start to charge you will just encourage more fly tipping which is a scourge in the area
- It would be unfair to households who don't use this service.
There is households that need and use the service regularly.
- We pay enough council tax as it is never mind an additional charge. It should be included in current charges between April and October . No need for green bin collection November to March.
- It should stay as it is in Rothwell Kettering. And all other areas in North Northamptonshire
- If a subscription is introduced what will happen is as follows -
1, people who have not paid will put their garden waste into bins belonging to people that have paid for the waste to be collected which will cause trouble.
2, Flytipping of bags of garden waste will increase and blight the area.
- A lot of taxes are applied to everyone, whether it is fair or not.
If you start picking different ways to do this collection surely more use of private vehicle will ensue, causing more pollution which is not the way we should go.

Also the elderly will be hit worse than anyone, as they garden more, generally.

- Having moved from Mears Ashby recently where a subscription charge is not paid and bins collected between march and october (which is the usual gardening season as noone needs garden waste collecting once autumn is finished) i feel this worked better for all residents. Admittedly if a subscription charge stopped i imagine it would be subsumed into the council tax but i have purposefully delayed re subscribing this year due to the psychological factor of paying £55 specifically for it
- Very few people do not use the to service even if it isn't every fortnight. If the facility wasn't available or if it was charged for more people would just dump it on roadsides as they do in Ecton Lane or they will burn it in their gardens causing nuisance and smoke
- This is a loaded question which doesn't give the opportunity to say no to a charge. Its clear that the council has already made the decision to charge for taking garden waste. ie democracy does not prevail and this is not a consultation
- So it's a fair deal for one and all.
- Garden waste collection should be free for all that need it
- I have artificial grass but I look after council land. I cut the bushes and cut the grass. If I had to pay I would not look after this land
- I pay for other services that I do not use but I cannot opt out and still have to pay for them-if this service is taken away there will be more fly tipping and garden waste in black bins. I feel that I pay a substantial amount of council tax already where this is included and do not understand why I will have to pay again for this service.
- As a home owner we pay enough council tax. I do not see why we should be paying more for a service
- If the waste is not collected at the kerbside by this method, the councils will have to spend more money because of fly tipping, which will be a huge problem.
- I am paying now, I don't mind this and I think others should do the same in different areas.
- Should be free to everyone
- I believe we pay for this in the council tax
- free waste collection is preferable to fly tipping
- Not answered as it is ambiguous. Garden waste is composted and sold on, so what is the issue? We already pay a substantial council tax with very little to see for it. If payment becomes mandatory it will only lead to further fly tipping and greater bills for clearance and garden waste may end up with household waste.
- It should remain as it is if it is possible. If not house holds with higher value should contribute via a subscription scheme.
- Because thats what we do now through the council tax and we use this service.
- We pay for other services we may not use. There is no a la carte system of chatging
- It's currently free I, therefor there should be no change.
- Did not give a option for a free service
- Already pay council tax which includes payment for all waste from property. Also the council make money by selling garden waste for composting therefore don't see why council should Levy extra charges. As your your policies already cause fly tipping. As for burning garden waste poeple in the neighbourhood already complain about this
- Don't think we should pay for a Service to help the planet by recycling garden waste Helps keep the country tidy avoids fly tipping and mess Know it didn't work in East Northamptonshire as lots of people dumped waste
- I have no children and fortunately have never needed a stay in hospital but I have paid my share towards these for the benefit of other residents for all my working life. I therefore feel the same

can be applied to garden waste disposal, our general council taxation covers the lot whether it applies to you or not.

- My council tax is very high on my property.
I not only use my bin for my garden, I also cut the verges that the council should cut. As do my neighbours. Making us pay extra for bins would be counter productive.
As the council would have to cut the verges, costing them more money.
Would also encourage more people to fly tip.
The motto here is, if it's not broke don't fix it!
- All in my household who work pay tax. The level of council tax charged is astronomical and waste collection is one of the few benefits we receive.
- It seems fairer that only those who use this service should pay for it.
- TO ENCOURAGE RECYCLING, DISCOURAGE FLY TIPPING AND DISCOURAGE MISUSE OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION
- If we only pay for the facilities that we use then why should I pay taxes towards schools, or the roads when I don't use schooling or drive. If you're going to start picking and choosing for one thing, then everything should be optional.
- I'm single so don't dispose of a lot of rubbish. I don't complain that I pay for others to get rid of more general rubbish.
The cost was included in my previous council tax so if it is now added this means another stealth tax increase.
- It should not be paid for separately at all. The previous question should have had 3 responses rather than you creating a survey to prove an answer you want
- Charging extra for garden waste will surely increase the amount of fly tipping in the area. People are already paying council tax for these services and those taxes have just been increased.
- If there is a separate charge levied on those who use the service I believe that this could lead to fly tipping by many of those who opt not to pay.
- We all pay council tax and it should be included in this fee for every household.
- Charging for the service discourages people from disposing of their waste properly, therefore contributing to environmental damage as well as littering waste around the area as alternative ways of disposing for free. Free disposal encourages people to dispose of their waste properly, I believe this also goes for food waste too. People shouldn't pay extra for food waste bins as it will discourage people from disposing of food waste properly.
- There are a number of services that I don't directly need but still have to pay for them. Why should garden waste be any different? I don't "use" the schools, can I opt out.
- Why why WHY even CONSIDER bringing in extra charges during a cost of living crisis??? Make it free for everyone and reconsider this when the people of this country actually have disposable income. Right now, so so many of us do not.
- I already pay enough in council tax and only put my bins out occasionally when needed. I compost most of my garden waste but not all of it, weeds and when my shrubs are cut down I only have a small garden and do compost as much as I am able too. If you choose to charge it will go in the black bins and you will not be happy about that will you. Also people will dump it in the countryside so more fly tipping. Need to stop paying exorbitant wages to those high up in the council then you will have more money too pay for the things council tax should cover.
People on modest incomes can only afford so much so stop hounding us for more money.
- I pay towards social care, but I do not make use of this service and no one I know makes use of this service, but yet I understand that my contribution benefits society and not just my individual needs. If the council wants to harmonise, then it should consider it to be free to all.

- Keep service inclusive within normal council tax annual charge, however operate service from the start of March until the end of October only. Thus saving on overheads for a service which is not needed 12 months of the year.
- I don't have a garden waste bin but some people have got 5 for their property this isn't fair
- We have been having the collection service for some years why change it. We knew you would start trying to charge for everything once you got going.
- Council Tax is a big enough burden to pay without asking for extra for garden waste. Surely the more waste that is collected at the kerbside helps to reduce fly tipping.
- This encourages usage, good garden maintenance practices, reduces fly tipping of garden waste, can be run environmentally at no additional cost, does not require expensive ticketing systems, does not cause neighbour disputes. In [Redacted] the paid service is now so little used it has become a financial burden and the City looks terrible. Give all NNC residents this excellent service.
- I don't think we should pay for it to be collected. Home composting now seems to encourage rats.

Where I live we have very poor street lighting so we have to leave house lights on and outside lights to be able to see to put a key in the door to get in.

I get my garden flooded all the time because someone lost the plans of all the culverts in the area. Old maps show a stream under my garden.. which is now a culvert and is obviously blocked as the water follows up hill in my garden, for 20 years I haven't got an answer.. only there are no culverts as we have no maps so I object to pay for garden stuff to be taken away, when the council give stupid answers to big problems. We should be able to see to get to our own house.

- With the cost of living going up and council tax going up too, why on earth would you like to charge more money for something that is already in the council tax. I cannot afford another 55 pounds a year for this. It is very unfair. I think if you want to charge then at least consider people's income too. Not everyone can cope with effectively another extra tax. Stop taxing us !!!! It is the wrong time to do so.
- We pay more than enough in council tax so garden waste collection should be free to all residents.
- If there's a separate charge it will lead to people dumping garden rubbish and costing council more to clean up x
- Other towns have free or subsidised parking paid for by all residents whether they use parking or not. Kettering charges for parking so we could get our bin collection for free. It will also hamper recycling as if garden waste becomes chargeable people will be tempted to put garden waste in another bin.
- We all pay council tax, should we only pay for hospital the police fire service schools if use them it is a service that the council provides and should do so for free by charging for this service could be the start of a slippery slope to pay for more services.
- If you insist on charging us then it should be subtracted from non-user's bills rather than added to ours. Also, how do you expect the refuse collectors to keep track of who pays or doesn't?
- I've been living in my home for 50 years and there has never been a problem.
- Disagree with both statements
- As far as I'm aware my council tax pays for this service so why do I need to pay an additional cost
- We are already paying for this service through our Council Tax. Everyone should get the same service without having to pay any extra money.

- We already pay a high amount for the service, and everyone should have the service as part of the tax we already pay. Garden waste will end up in black bins, which will be bad for the environment.
- This will allow environmentally sound green waste disposal for all residents regardless of income and paid for in a means tested manner.
- Because we pay for bin collection in our rates North Northants Council are trying to tax the overburden residents more
- Making an additional charge will lead to an increase in fly tipping which is already a problem in many parts of the county even where the service is provided currently at no cost. Charging for garden waste will lead to additional trips to household waste sites which are already busy and the additional trips are bad for the environment.
- This is the fairest way we all pay in for lots of things we never use, but we can't pick and choose plus going to the tip can be a nightmare with the stupid opening hours and days shut the council now have brought in
- Our bills have just gone up, each month seems more of a struggle to feed my family I live in a council house with a huge back garden which is as fantastic as that is I had no choice regarding this size it's a lot of maintenance which isn't a problem however paying for collection on garden waste would be an added bill I just couldn't afford and with a disabled child the garden is needed I can't let them play in the street like the other children so I'd be forced to pay for a service I truly couldn't afford.
- I think it would be unfair for households who do not have a garden to pay for this service
- I think we already pay enough money for our waste to be collected, and if it was a pay for service many people might just use their black bin
- We pay enough in Council Tax for very little service, the least the Council can do is continue to collect garden waste and recycling on alternate weeks.
- Waste collection should be from your council tax attempts to separate green waste from other household waste are just attempts to increase the tax take.
- We pay enough for our council services as it is especially as a rural area that doesn't get the same resources as the towns!!!!
I compost what I can but not all green waste can be composted in home composters as it needs a higher temperature. If we have to pay you will get green waste in the main black bin. I know this is the case as that happens in [Redacted] where my mum lives and therefore compostable waste will be wasted! It is so sort sighted of councils to make residents pay extra.
- Household collection services should be covered by our existing taxes, as they historically have been in Wellingborough. Limiting this service to subscription only will simply result in more inappropriate garden waste ending up in black or green bins, or flytipped.
- we pay enough tax to not have to pay directly for this. if the budget was managed in a remotely competent way and not wasted on vanity projects there would and should be a reduction in council tax. Fed up with having to pay for mismanagement and waste.
- Individuals driving to recycling centre does not make sense.
Would be happy to only have collection service between March and November
- I really don't agree everything has gone up it's impossible if it was 20 a year it's fair enough but not 50 a year or why don't the council have a field where we can go ourselves and grow only garden waste very important that will be only garden waste and opens 3 days a week from April till September only I think it's a good idea otherwise you will see more fly tipping something I do hate what people unfortunately do pls consider my opinion seriously
- If I pay for the service and put my bin out to be emptied what is stopping someone who isn't paying putting their garden waste in my bin?

- Putting a charge on collections will lead to more dumping of waste in black bins or dumping elsewhere. People are already being hit by increases to fuel prices and also inflation is high. Ordinary people do not want extra costs for disposing of green waste, which the council can collect and get a return on when they dispose of it.
- Banding for the council tax is generally higher for homes with gardens. Everyone who works pays tax for schools even though they don't have children. So what's the difference ?
- This should be one of the services supplied by the council. Just because one doesn't use it doesn't matter, what about people with no children ? They help to pay for schools. Also do you want more fly-tipping ?
- I have not chosen any of the above as I do not agree with either
- If it's included in with the council tax that we already pay, there is no worry about where the money for the extra payment will come from. With the cost of living rising faster than the rates of wages, then finding extra is difficult for a lot of people. To add to that will cause more stress for local people
- I feel strongly that this charge is only necessary because of past mismanagement, in particular the extortionate amount carried over from East Northamptonshire Council's so called unknown legal debts.....if anything a levy/precept should be added to East Northants only.....
- Council tax covers services that not everyone uses the services of currently, this doesn't only apply to garden waste. Council tax should cover a basic service such as emptying bins when it covers other unnecessary services. Starting a subscription service for services such as green waste emptying begs the question as why you can't opt in and out of other services CXX argues by council tax this enabling some people to reduce their tax bill when they don't utilise the majority of what it covers
- This service is already included in Council Tax and therefore it does not need to be collected a second time.
Council tax charges reflect property value and garden is included in that.
- Why should this service be any different of the other services I pay for but I do not use or have a need for.
- We have never been asked to pay for garden waste collection before and I strongly object to paying anything for garden waste collection. I assume the council can recycle and sell as compost so it's just an extra money making scheme and you think that I pay enough council taxes as it is .
- there are lots of council services that I do not use but I'm happy to contribute towards them
- I cannot afford another council charge on top of everything else.
- I do not use my garden bin I have fake grass and do not need this service so I don't see how it's fair for the people that don't use it have to pay for it.
- I don't see why people without gardens, flats for instance, should have to pay..if we that have gardens and subscribe every year to the garden waste collection should have lower council tax.
- This is not a fair question as my bin is not placed for collection each time it could be. If consideration is needed rather than subscription consider charging on a usage basis
- Fly tipping will occur if you charge
- Many people in flats, no garden etc, shouldn't be paying for those who do.
- I think if you start charging individual homes, then there will be a lot more illegal dumping.
- I need to maintain my garden and is large if not collected then I will burn it as bonfire or up my chimney as disabled and on pip etc will be better to be composted than burned or in the black bin but must do as I feel fit
- I understand that not every household produces garden waste and as such shouldn't be penalised for those that do. As more households join the scheme, the fee could be reduced.

- We contribute to council services that we don't use such as libraries and education so this is the same principle. If you levy a fee then that involves additional administration costs including pursuing non payment. It will most certainly encourage people to fly tip which affects the environment adversely and again involves enforcement charges.
- Council tax should be lower for properties without gardens.
Council tax should cover garden waste removal to reduce fly tipping and burning of garden waste.
Not everyone can take garden waste to the recycling centers.
- I do not agree with either of the above statements. I feel sufficient funds/taxes are being paid already. Especially from all the new inhabitants to the area and the new industries opening around here
- One should only pay for this service if it is used.
- Not everyone can afford to pay an additional cost which could see fly tipping increasing or gardens left unattended. Not everyone can get to the recycling centre.
- Because the ones who did not pay would still get rid of the garden waste another way. So fairest way everyone pays
- I pay £1900 a year council tax and collection of waste appears to be one of the only things I get from this money . I definitely shouldn't have to pay extra for it .
That said collection in the summer months makes sense as it's needed less in winter could save on costs
- We only been paying for the garden waste service for the last few years and it seems unfair to pay for this service because we have a garden.
Our council tax payments include services that we don't or have never used use like schools and libraries but we still contribute to them , the garden waste should be the same.
- I think this year with the mounting costs of gas and electricity and other costs going sky-high, if you start charging for garden waste you will just be encouraging people to dump garden waste everywhere. A lot of people can't afford to eat so asking people to pay for garden waste is a no. NO NO NO!!!!
- I have a small garden and apart from scraps of vegetable peelings my main waste is grass cuttings. These are too much to compost and would potentially cause issues with rats which I obviously don't want.
- I pay for my garden waste as I get older I don't have to keep going to the local tip. Not everyone needs garden waste kerbside collection so why should we pay extra council tax.
- As has been the case for many years, council tax should include waste collection. Council tax has certainly increased enough.
- We pay for other services in our council tax which we do not use, such as education children's services and libraries. Refuse collection is the same. If people fly tip because they do not want to pay for services then that affects the environment and all local residents.
- I see no reason for this to change... this a highly rural area so is service used by many.
I do not use some other services linked to city centre living but I dont think others should pay more as they access them more by living in a more urban area. This new change would encourage more people to not have gardens and just tarmac driveways it is surely counter intuitive given the green pledges being made by government. Encouraging people to garden should be a priority as it creates a haven for many wildlife that now only survive due to household gardens
- We already pay for waste removal. The bin collections have already been halved (ie alternative weeks) to pay even more for an already reduced service is outrageous

- We pay council tax to cover these things, stop trying to trick us into paying for it with your disgustingly obvious surveys. You're an embarrassment to us and a laughing stock to the whole country.
- This service has always been provided through the council and is part of what I pay my taxes for. I don't agree that we should need to pay extra for a service like this as the alternative is that it will add to the existing fly tipping issues and over use of the recycling centre.
I do think a March to November service would be a good compromise to save cost without charging extra. Living in a village I already receive less services than the local town despite having to pay a precept, and don't feel I should have to pay more for this.
- We pay council tax and it should be included in this. It has gone up more than enough.
- The downside of my choice is that if this scheme is selected it would lead to increased fly-tipping. By charging it could be seen as only be available to those who can afford it, more so with the recent ever-increasing living costs. To pay for disposal would not be high on many individuals priorities.
- as an [age] year old I am now have difficulty in take waste to a tip and with the cost of fuel I have to be careful with what fuel I use. also as a pensioner I think I am paying enough council tax now considering refuse collection is about the only benefit I receive
- Not having a collection for all at no direct cost will encourage fly tipping by those who don't wish to pay
- With the rising costs of gas and electricity plus other expenses many people can only just afford to eat. Another extra cost will only encourage many people to dump their garden waste rather than pay. So no NO NO NO!!!!
- I live in a village where almost everyone has a garden. I think the system of collections between March and November should remain for everyone. Surely areas in towns where there are flats could be avoided.
- We all use the green areas of Corby so as a resident I am contributing to the recycling of green waste which is used on these spaces so the charge should be accepted in to the current council tax
- I use my garden to grow vegetables to avoid having to visit food banks. I cannot afford an extra charge
- Its the only thing I use from the council, and I pay for outhur things, school ect ect , through council rates, I would pay for it if I didn't have to pay for things I don't use, th as t seams fair,
- Some people don't need the service so it's definitely not fair on charging every one
- It's seems unfair to ask everyone to pay for a service they may never use ... many families live in flats without garden space.
- To stop flytipping of garden/compostable waste.
- As an [age] year old I find it difficult to get to a tip also with the cost of fuel I have to be careful how i use my fuel
- Should be included within our current rising council tax bill already incorporated in waste disposal therefore garden waste should be disposed by the council. Or a reduction in all council tax
- It will be easy and cost effective for the council as it doesn't need to keep a separate list and monitor it.
- I feel that as I've always had free collection included in my council tax bill this should continue to be offered free .
- People who do not pay are more likely to fly tip or burn in their gardens creating air pollution or nuisance to neighbours.

Those not contributing financially may still put out their bins - the collectors will not know who has paid and who has not!! They may even decide to add to 'paid' bins which are not full, thus avoiding the charge.

- I actually think there should be no charge but there wasn't an option for this
- It was not the public's decision to merge authorities, therefore the existing brown waste collection service should remain.
- This would encourage more people to recycle if they knew it was already covered by their rates. I currently pay and do not object to paying to receive a year-round service but would look to encourage others to recycle.
- If residents were required to pay for the kerbside garden waste collection I feel that many would choose to opt out & either take advantage of those residents who have paid for the scheme by putting their waste into those bins. Also, I firmly believe that many would choose to 'fly tip' their garden waste thus creating more expense for the Council in having to clear it up.
- Should be built in to the rates not an additional charge on top of, or remove the charge from existing payers. Why suddenly does it cost where it hasn't before?
- Selective collection will lead to increased fly tipping.
As a gardener we have 3 composite bins at home and 4 at our allotment. However we cannot composite big items as we cannot achieve high temperatures.
- I do not believe anyone should pay.
We pay a hefty council tax that should cover this service.
- It seems unfair to make those without gardens pay for the service. Whilst we struggle to afford the current service it does appear fair. My comments would be that the amount of waste should not be limited, for example we have a garden that generates a lot of waste, it would be helpful if we could purchase additional bins and have them all emptied for the same charge.
- Although there should be corresponding services that typically benefit residents that don't use this service (e.g. multi-occupancy dwellings)
- Council tax is already astronomically expensive. We pay more and more and services are reduced, the tax paid does not take into account anyone's ability to pay. We are pensioners yet we have to pay the same as households with many persons.
Another £55 is just the start, this will also increase year on year.
We will not pay for this service
- Because quite clearly you intend to put people off by trying to insinuate that you will increase taxes if people don't pay. Well I hope you have plenty set aside to cover the cost of fly-tipping clean up
- Before this service was brought in there was an issue with fly tipping of garden waste. Introducing a cost whilst costs for everything else are rising will mean less people will sign up for a paid service and fly tipping of garden waste will increase.
- I take it to the recycling centre. Either way the council dispose of it. Roadside collection is obviously easier.
- Council tax is for local services including garden waste collection. Larger houses with gardens already pay more for their council tax and therefore garden waste should not be a separate charge.
- If it becomes a charged-for service, more garden rubbish will end up fly-tipped.
- My preference would be it is collected free during certain months - for example, April to September. Council tax bills are already high as are costs of living. If there are further costs, people will stop disposing of their rubbish or use their black bin. This will cause a hygiene issue.
- Many services provided by the Council are provided by general taxation.
This covers many services that are only used by individual sections of the community.

I see no reason why green refuse collection should be any different to the other services provided.

- We all pay for lots of services whether we use them or not, this is just one of those.
- Households that don't use this service may use other services that other households do not so all equals out. We pay an extortionate amount of council tax per year to add another charge is an insult.
- No information has been given on the income generated by this service (ie selling or composting the waste by the Council) which would be of benefit to ALL residents whether they use this service or not.

Will lead to people fly tipping in other peoples bins as well as in parks, roadsides and other open spaces that will cost the Council even more

To equalise the service, the charges could be abolished in the other areas....

- Our council tax is already high enough. Please do not make us pay a further charge for something that we don't currently have to 'pay' for.
- Not everyone can afford to pay for the green bin collection and is just tipping there garden waste on the fields as they have no other way to get rid of it.
- We pay for this service through council tax, same for all. It will end up the same as when water was included in the council tax and then it was separated with a promised that it would still be equal. They lied. It will just go up and up. Stop treating us like half wits.
- Many services provided by the council are not used by all who pay council tax.
Removing the current service will result in flytipping escalating to an even greater degree than it is at now, and this will cost a great deal more than the cost of green bins.
- Already pay enough for council tax and sometimes we barely use the service and sometimes more often
- Is council tax not enough. Why would you want to add a sneaky tax on us. What's the incentive to keeping a lawn/ garden. Thought you are meant to support green / eco friendly policies. What's happened to taking care of the environment.
- All Northants councils pledged for climate emergency, and maintaining individual gardens as green spaces is part of it- it would be hypocritical or simply money grab to ask residents to pay for privileges of rescuing the planet and councils taking a credit for it. Turning local land into green space should be advised, supported and encouraged- not taxed and treated as money pot- it's nearly like councils is trying to benefit from individual decisions to improve environment, and discourage those who tend to their gardens instead of filling them with plastic artificial grass or asphalt, but in the same time pretending about environment and climate.
- I feel there are lots of services not everyone uses but we all pay towards so garden waste should be not be different. Or we should pay for all council provided services on a use basis rather than taxation.

Recycling and composting, either by council waste bins or at home, should be encouraged not taxed. Food waste bins should also be available to all, we need to decrease what goes into landfill not add to it

If garden waste is taxed I think more will end up dumped at the side of the road. Or put into black bins which will end up in landfill.

- Council tax should cover all these services.
- Free collection aids recycling.
- Neither option is ideal as both are very loaded statements of options and very leading in terms of survey responses- 'wider taxation' means additional cost to an already increased council tax. Why should I have to 'subscribe' to a refuse service that is already being paid for through my increased tax - should I really have to end up paying twice! Whilst I appreciate that those without gardens don't need this particular refuse service as a homeowner with a garden I am being

penalised for not living in a flat! May I add that I also cut the grass verge outside of my property on a regular basis anyway which goes into my brown bin so I would have to pay for the removal of rubbish when I am doing the council's job anyway. Additional costs could well lead to garden waste being placed in black bins which is not a positive move if we are considering environmental impact or even an increase in flytipping which, in turn, will result in more expense for councils and residents in yet more council tax increases! This service currently works well in my area and I am not agreeable to the proposals being put forward.

- Council tax is already high enough and should include collection of garden waste all year round without an additional subscription cost
- My bin collections are hit and miss for any colour bin, most weeks I have to phone or email the service provider to get them to collect the bins. If I am made to pay for this kind of appalling service, then I want to be able to take the provider to court for charging for a service that they are not providing.
- This is the whole ethos of local taxation - those without children contribute to childrens services, those without a car contribute to road repairs etc, it's a general contribution towards the wider community and fair and equitable to all. To charge per services would be costly and impact on residents unequally.
- There are many services paid for out of the rates which I support being provided but which I don't use. The service benefits the community not just me.
The more difficult we make recycling and the more costly we make it will result in increased fly tipping with the resultant cost of clearing, and the damage to the environment.
- Because I am a disabled OAP and have to live off my pension. In the current situation I do not see how I will manage on my pension. I have no way of disposing of my garden waste, can not afford any more increases to my pension and can not do without my garden waste bin, a bit of gardening is the only pleasure I have, albeit a very limited amount that I can do because of my disability.
- Whilst I am happy to subscribe, it does leave it open for those not paying to utilise the bibs of those who are paying.
- 5 years ago before moving to irthlingborough we lived in Kettering where we had a garden waste bin for FREE I emphasise on free as our council tax here is more and we do not get a garden waste bin! Another money making exercise to line the pockets of the UK's worst council.
- The money we pay for council tax includes our waste disposal, paying extra is paying twice for the same service. I will not do that.
- It should be free
- This is a load of [redacted], you've already made up your minds to start charging Kettering and Corby. This so-called consultation period is a total scam.
- We already pay for this service within our council tax. If people don't want a garden waste collection give them a discount because the council will be making savings because of a decrease in workload
- I don't agree with either of these options. I don't understand why the garden bin collection is suddenly changing. I only have a small amount of grass in my garden and would probably only fill it 2 or 3 times a year at most. I have a big Oak tree that is on council land but hangs over my fence. The leaves from this tree is what mainly fills my bin. I think its terrible that I'm being penalised to clean up the leaves that belongs to a council owned tree.
- If the waste isn't collected by the council there will be more fly tipping more rats because the food caddies haven't been emptied. Not every household has a fit energetic person to make sure cutting weeds etc get to the right place.
- People will still put out garden waste even if they haven't paid for service. Can't see the collectors cross checking the house number when collecting bin

- The garden waste should be collected as it is now and paid for the way it is now through collection of rates.
- Across the town green bins are regularly picked up and therefore the service is used. With rising prices the cost of living is becoming unbearable and taking this service away in my previous town led to fly tipping and overload at the tip.
If you do not want to use the service we shouldn't have to pay. For those who only use the service one or twice a year will be paying £55 for one or two pick ups. .
- There has already been an increase in council tax so the garden waste should be taken from that increase.
- The idea of choosing what services to subscribe to is discriminatory and adversely affects the less well off.
- In my opinion different people use a range of different council services, unless all services are divided to be paid when used by each household, then why single out one.
- It should be a choice as to how you dispose of your garden waste ..I feel angry that some are getting it for free whilst living in East Northamptonshire I have to pay to use the service. I had to make a choice . Pay or take to the recycling . Which currently now we have less days 🧑🏻 locally when it is open 🧑🏻🧑🏻
- People who don't use the service shouldn't pay for it. Many don't even have an outside space and are struggling for money thanks to the rising cost of living and Tory policies, including Brexit. Those who use the service should pay.
- At present it comes from general council tax revenue you just want an increase in revenue by not providing what at the moment is included in council tax
As for consultation no doubt it will be the same as the block cleaning charge [Redacted] road estate residents are forced to pay that went thru so called consultation also,it's just a box ticking exercise,you will do what YOU want to do
- This is obviously a transparent attempt to introduce yet another charge. If it really was about harmonisation of services there are far greater priorities to work on first.
- Older residents who are no longer able to manage to use composting at home, usually will be pensioners who will struggle to pay the charge. They will end up putting it into general waste which as you state is not good. This is the worst year you could introduce this policy. Others more able will choose to dump it wherever it suits them regardless of how it affects lanes fields or gateways.
- There could be more fly tipping
- We have a large garden and we use 2 green wheelie bins most of the year. I am a pensioner and would be having to go to the recycling centre, several miles away probably once a fortnight and already, nearly always have to queue to get in and this will increase use of the centre by many more people. It is closed 2 days of the week and is always busy already without adding in more visits by gardeners. The result is more pollution by more car visits
- It's the fairest way to enjoy beautiful gardens
- If the desire is to level up services then this should be true for all services. I currently pay a service charge for the maintenance of the area I live in while the vast majority of north Northants do not. If you truly want a fairer system I should either pay less council tax or the council should take over maintenance. Also I pay more council tax living priors hall for my band of home than someone in Corby. You can not pick and chose what you want to make fairer it's all or nothing.
- Exorbitant Council tax should cover essential services such as waste disposal.
- We all pay council tax so this should cover the cost of emptying the garden bins.
- Making no extra cost will encourage correct disposal of garden waste rather than sending to landfill/dumping

- As a pensioner we pay enough council tax and other taxes plus with growing domestic energy etc payments are big enough.
We do not need garden bins in the winter so March to November is adequate
- If an additional charge is made for garden waste collection all that will happen is more fly tipping or garden waste being put in with general rubbish.
- Thinking of homes with no garden then if we're talking purely garden waste then they quite rightly should not pay. However if we're talking about kitchen waste like tea bags vegetable peelings etc as well as garden waste then I think everyone should contribute.
- We pay for all the services the council provide whether we use them or not. i.e we do not use schools or social services, but we still pay towards them
- I do not believe anyone should pay a subscription however we are taxed through the nose already, our roads are in disarray and practically begging for an accident to happen, children's play parks are a disgrace and litter is everywhere, more taxes to remove garden waste is unjust and will result in more households losing more of their little money they have left these days.
- There are many services provided by the council that I will never use but are paid for from general funding.
- If I only use the service occasionally, will I still have to pay the full charge
- I feel we pay more than enough for our Council Tax.
We do not have any children therefore do not use Education facilities.
We are both physically disabled senior citizens and have to pay a gardener to look after our garden for us so I think paying more for garden refuse disposal should be included in our Council Tax if you want our area to look well looked after.
- If all houses were to have a garden bin I'm sure it would be used and would stop people who don't want to pay for it or can't afford to pay from putting their garden waste in places it shouldn't be. Like the black bin or dumping it.
- The cost should be part of the council tax we currently pay.
- Because at some point people will need to use this service. With more people utilising gardens, balconies, and turning to green spots within apartments/houses/ businesses particularly since the pandemic, more green spaces are being created. Therefore we need to be collecting any green waste.
- Most people have a garden, it saves the emissions of all the different people driving to the local tip to dispose and would be more eco friendly to have it taken away at the same time other rubbish is already being collected
- The most efficient method of disposal is home composting, When I have generated large volumes I my system cannot cope with then reluctantly it goes in the grey bin. Although a specialist composting collection would be an advantage
- Family time is spent in the garden, helping with mental health. Cost of living is going to get worse, why add additional costs to the households and to prevent fly tipping of garden waste.
- Collection is already paid for with council tax
- Because the people with larger properties that need the service pay more council tax anyway. It's proportionate. Plus everyone around here will just black bin it if the situation changes.
- Those who do not use the service should have a discount on their council tax. the above question is unfair as only two options
- Why should people pay for a service they don't use
- If you don't use it why should you pay for it
- We pay for ALL our bins to be collected this includes the green waste
- I think this is fair. Ease of disposal of garden waste on this basis should continue.
It should be covered by existing rates rather than become another expense for people to find.

I hope things do not change for the worst.

- This is how it currently works and if it were to change to a fee for only those that use it I can't see an equal reduction in council tax to cover that amount so for those that use it will be more expensive and for those that don't they won't save the money they are currently paying towards it.
- We don't need any more bills to pay.
Green waste should be included in the rates we currently pay.
- We pay enough council tax so why should we pay....
- My tax bill is now £1900, a huge amount in my opinion. There will be parts of that bill where there are services I don't personally use but have to pay them anyway. Just because I have a garden why should I be penalised. I can guarantee it will encourage more fly tipping or people just won't bother with their gardens which will equal even more unsightly mess along our town and village streets, particularly in less affluent areas.
- I don't think we should pay extra for roadside service, we pay already
- I don't think charging for garden waste collection will have the desired effect of people composting at home. I think it will increase the amount of fly-tipping in the area and council workers (ground maintenance teams and street cleaners etc) will be diverted from essential jobs to clear this up, meaning the area will look messy and the council will end up wasting money and time in the long run. Also, at a time when living costs are soaring, I don't think adding an extra charge on top of already increasing council tax is fair to those living in the area.
- In the area I live is always been free collection of garden waste which was financed by our council tax. I feel that the cost of the council tax is already very high and extra cost to people struggling with the current financial crisis would lead to possible fly tipping or waste being placed into the black bins.
- If not collected it will create more fly tipping
Increase the risk of rats and other vermin
Offensive smells
We pay high enough rates and it will effect mostly the middle earners again
- If you start charging, it will increase the incidence of fly tipping and encourage unscrupulous "garden contractors
- Because otherwise those that don't pay will likely dump it else where that is going to ruin local beauty areas.
- We all pay taxes for services some of which we do not use and some services that we use more than others but as a society we should all contribute to a central fund for the benefit of all.
- I think the service should be 'free' And therefore hopefully encourage less fly tipping and maybe more local Authority tenants tending their gardens
- Would adding a subscription for garden waste collection result in the lowering of council tax for everyone? It would only be fair to pay a subscription if this is the case.
The cost of living is higher than ever right now. So I do not think paying more is affordable
- Rather than an annual charge, perhaps a monthly charge would be better. We use the garden waste bin infrequently as we have a small garden.
- All residents have compostable food waste even if they do not have a garden.
- I don't agree with any of the alternatives. Why would you start charging for this service? Is this just the beginning? Will next charge be for the brown and black bin? We cannot afford to pay for this , all the prices are up already, we don't even have enough money to pay for gas and electricity. I only have grass on my garden , I haven't even bought any flowers this spring because I don't have my money left from my salary now for that.
PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE... don't do that to us.

- I think we pay enough council tax already and this is a ridiculous way to get more money from us!
- Having a house with a garden we are already paying a higher council tax rate compared to the lower bands
- Waste disposal is being paid for through council tax anyway this just an additional charge to raise money harmonising goes both you could end the yearly payments for those paying it now that would harmonise the residents anyway

The question do you have a garden. Well if I didn't have a garden May agree to the extra charge even though I would be likely to be paying less council tax sounds like people are being nudged A better way to raise money would to enforce traffic restriction in wellingborough this would raise money as well as save money as less money would need to be spend on repairing public footpaths which have now become parking spaces in the town centre double yellow lines are ignored

It would also mean the council are doing the job they are supposed to do raising revenue and the increased income for local services I estimate in wellingborough town centre alone if all the vehicles that now park illegally £200000 a year could be raised after cost of enforcement

- It's important that garden waste is dealt with in an environmentally aware manner. If the service is paid for by subscription there will be incentive for some to dump waste in an inappropriate way, and for many more individual car journeys to waste recycling centres. This is bad for CO2 emissions and the strain on council services.

Furthermore, at a time of high inflation and strain on people's budgets an extra charge is the wrong policy at the wrong time.

- If it's available to all no one has an excuse to fly tip..
- We haven't paid it all our lives why should we now , it should be an option to pay
- If everyone pays then you're more likely to get everyone to use the service. If only those who use it pay, at some point if it is considered too expensive residents will find other ways of disposing of garden waste, either taking it to the tip or hiding it in their general waste.
- These points are both true, however the tax for this year was already set with this service included. So any changes should not take effect until after the tax year changes otherwise you are effectively charging people twice.

There is also no option above for adding one off collections so those that do use the service but infrequently are more likely to dispose of garden waste in a different way. We would likely burn ours which has an environmental impact. Others might more likely flytip. Keeping everyone contributing will reduce the liklihood of those outcomes.

- Neither! The only acceptable deterioration to this already paid for service is to stop it November-March.
- Taxation paid is through council tax already, therefore payment is already paid. To ensure costs are not added a more flexible approach could be applied. This could be include: reduced service through winter months, monthly visits for garden waste, or telephone service when required. If waste collection occur additional charges this could include fly tipping which has already happen when changes were made to our local tips.
- If additional charges if applied for residents wanting waste collection, there should be a reduction in the overall council tax
- My council tax helps pay for services that I don't use. Why can't it cover the kerb side collection? If you impose an additional charge, it could encourage people to dump their waste or use the bins of people who pay for the service.
- The Government are already looking to roll out free garden collections in 2023/24, so if other areas of the county are already receiving free collections then so should those from the East Northants.

- I don't agree with either of those statements. If you increase the tax for everyone so it 'contributes to the cost of the service', regardless of whether they use the service or not, you are still saying you are going to operate the service either way. Some people have low maintenance gardens and may not need to use their garden waste bin, yet you would increase the amount of tax they are paying. Furthermore, if some people have really high maintenance gardens, increasing their tax and paying an annual subscription; when they would put the bins out regularly for the council, most likely pay someone like a skip hire to take garden waste away, or pay someone to maintain their garden if they are unable to due to being disabled or elderly, would only benefit the council as household owners are already paying too much or may not even have the money at all. Not to mention the months of when the service would be operated, if it's like Wellingborough operating only 8 months of the year and the bins are emptied fortnightly, then it's only twice a month.
- Wider taxation is better as then everyone can use the service. I already find people put rubbish in my bin when it is awaiting collection. Another neighbour has 2 grey bins and still throws his rubbish over his fence into an alleyway. If there is a service available to all it will deter fly tipping. If people have to pay they won't compost it as they mostly do not know how to do it. You only have to go around the county to see the amount of fly tipping. People's bills have gone skywards for everything council bills include. Kettering council have ALWAYS given good value for money. Everyone pays for education, social services Police and Fire services why not rubbish.
- As it is for all other services paid for through local taxation.
- In my opinion, it is fairer that all households pay a small charge for garden waste collection through Council Tax.
- We all pay council tax regardless of what services we actually use. I would not be happy to pay on top of what we already pay to have my brown bin collected as the council already supply this service under my current council tax and always have, so in effect will be paying double for a brown bin collection if this becomes a separate charge, unless the tax is going to be reduced by the surcharge amount.
- I don't think there should be any additional charges for garden waste collection, we're already paying council tax and the garden waste collection is part of it.
- Desborough has an exceptionally high council tax rate already and have had it for years. It is simply unfair to raise again the rates. It seems this suggested scheme is to get more income to the council. Once every area gets the same rates, then it's fair to synchronise the garden waste fee also.
Desborough is not a wealthy area. This scheme would increase poverty of many and leave gardens and green areas neglected.
- The reason I have chosen that everyone should contribute is:
I have personally witnessed households bagging and putting grass cuttings in black bins and local bins, this then has a knock on effect for everyone in regards to future council tax charges, that the households who already pay for a grass bin, will then have to pay extra for other people's misuse of bins.
If everyone had the service, then they would dispose of it correctly.
This is also a proven method that works across many councils.
- I don't believe that people should pay for this service if they don't use it. I don't see why you now want to start charging people that haven't had to pay.
I think changing the way collections are paid for will cause more people to dump waste rather than using a paid service. People are already stretched with paying for household bills & adding to that won't help.
- I believe collection and recycling of garden waste is in the public interest

- I do not agree with either, isn't it what we pay our council tax for?! Even if we paid extra for it we wouldn't always use it, it's unfair. Then how do you notice that someone who isn't using the service then decides to and gets away with it? It should continue as is, or do it every 4 weeks instead of every 2? But I'm not paying for it when we pay enough council tax. People will just put it in their black bins
- Give people a discount who don't have a garden
People pay for schools in taxes who don't have children so why should we pay more for our garden bins
We already pay a big chunk of money to the council
People will just put garden refuse in black bins instead
- It's part of the service offer from North Northamptonshire county council that everyone pays for even if we do not use all the services available. This is blatant profiteering and a stealth application of an additional property tax onto homes built with garden space.
- We have a significant (and I mean significant) amount of foliage that edges a public footpath (I estimate approx 20-30metres) that we apparently are responsible for cutting back (we don't agree with this but do it anyway) and so would have no option but to pay the fee which we don't feel is fair for 2 reasons (1) we already pay in our council tax which is already significantly high and (2) we cut it back to allow other members of the public to use the footpath and so surely a shared fee is more fair to enable them to use the footpath.
- Same as paying for schools, libraries, social care etc, that I don't use but others do
- I don't really use it so why should I pay the same as everyone else
- I am completely disgusted by the council trying to raise more funds considering council tax keeps rising every year, it is already my biggest bill of the month and has gone up. I get no other use from the council so I am already paying for something I get no use from.
- We all pay taxes for things we may not use often when some may use it a lot more often.
- As I do not have a lot of garden waste, If you had to pay for garden waste to be collected I would put it in the black bin
- I did not answer the question above as I agree with neither statement. The service should continue to be available to all residents without the need for additional taxation, and should be provided to those residents that are currently paying for a service they should be receiving already.
- We all pay council tax together for all the combined services, of which garden waste is only one service. If you decide we must pay for only the services we use then i'd like that we have a list of all services you provide and are able to select and pay for only the ones we need. Garden waste collection service cannot be looked at as a stand alone service, there are many other services you provide that i don't use, can the cost for those be deducted from my tax bill? If not then perhaps the most logical way forward is that we all pay the same and are treated equally, with all services included in our billing. Surely this reduces the admin overhead for you also?
- The recycling is available to all freely but many can't be bothered and dump everything in the black one
- Whilst in principle I usually agree with paying for what you use waste is different as you could argue some use a fraction of their black bin, recycling bins whilst other have them piled high with kids not shutting - people could start arguing there should be different charges. I think waste should be one charge for everyone.
- It is a service which I pay for through my council tax. If I have to start paying for it I expect my council tax to go done by the same value. Otherwise, it is an extra tax
- It more efficient to collect all along a road than waste being dumped else where eg roadside.
- This question is bias to additional payment either way if you have a garden
- Like taxes and national insurance all pay regardless of use.

- I don't agree with any of these options but this service should already be inclusive of council tax charged. As it increases every year. Council tax already high enough to cover this cost. We cannot afford any further rise.
- Not all residents use all services that are currently paid for through taxation but still have to pay. I cannot see how people can pick and choose which services they do and do not pay for. The taxation system has to be universal.
If people choose not to pay for the garden waste service I am sure there will be a massive increase in fly tipping as residents will still need to get rid of the garden waste.
- I believe it's a service most people will use. Taking it to recycling centre isn't always possible. But I do think it should follow suit with Wellingborough and not be an all year round service.
- We are already paying for this service with our council tax rates being in excess of £2000. Maybe those who don't use should have a reduction to help them.
- We just moved to the area and surprised we had to pay for garden waste... Bedford do not charge. Surely garden waste is all recycled and shouldn't be something we should pay for.
- The subscription service will not be used by many people, resulting in more green waste going in to the black bin, more traffic at recycling centres and potential fly tipping.
- This service should continue through payment from council tax. We're all being asked to help east Northants who chose to vote for Tory members so let them continue with extra payments
- If garden waste is not collected by the council it will result in more fly tipping which will result in more expense for all households
- If it keeps the cost down to as low as possible it should be evenly distributed to everyone
- It is a service that should be given by the council. Those people with gardens pay more council tax anyway than people without so are already paying for it
- Unfair to those who do not have green garden waste
- What other services will we decide to limit to pay as you use. If I don't have a car can I opt out of road taxes and road maintenance. If I don't have a child can I not pay for schools. Waste is waste and should be part of the general service.
- I don't agree with either of the two statements strongly enough to tick any one. I think you are opening a can of worms if you start charging extra on top of the council tax increase just for garden waste. What about all the other services people pay for within council tax that they don't use!?
- People more likely to dispose of garden waste responsibly if service is easy to access and included in taxes already paid by everyone, especially for those without transport and cannot use or get to council recycling centers. Becoming a subscription based service will result in increase of waste put in to black bin for landfill or increase in fly-tipping.
- Without the collection many people would instead put this waste into their 'general' waste bins rather than agreeing to another bill as price increases for virtually everything at this time keep rising.
- We pay a hefty amount for council tax, surely we have paid for this service. It is unacceptable to charge anyone for this service.
- It's like saying I don't use schools so I won't contribute for that part. I think it should be a universal service that supports recycling targets and ensures that residents can contribute to maintaining the local environment. Also to reduce the impact of waste being illegally dumped
- First of all the second option of the question, I feel is loaded, the end bit about even if they don't pay for the service, implies something. Corby people had nothing to do with the compensation claim against the former East Northants council for £4 million, but we have to pay towards it, there was no questionnaire about that
We have enjoyed the free service provided by Corby council, I do feel it is unfair if people that are not issued with a green bin have to pay.

However I personally take bulk green waste to the re-cycling centre and the green waste bin is hardly used during the winter period, although I believe the collection is still carried out, communal green areas around flats, I believe are taken care of by the council I personally think this will lose the present conservative council votes if the cost is excessive , it's a great service and encourages re- cycling and should be maintained

- I have been paying an additional £55 a year for this service whilst other residents of North Northamptonshire have not and this is totally unfair. This process of harmonisation is overdue. Those that use this efficient service should pay on a fair and equitable basis and possibly during March/Oct.

- It would be difficult to make sure that others do not add to your bin when on the street for collection. (This happens with all bin types.)

In which case only charging people who put the bins out would/could be unfair.

I also think that people in flats are a different case altogether.

- It is unfair that trying to be responsible costs more in Rushden than it does if living in Corby for example also why should I pay when my neighbours stick the waste in any bin going
- only fair alternative,
- I look after highways verges and shrubs as this is not done regularly enough to keep the appearance of the estate to a high standard. My property is located in a high view position and I have 2 long elevations that I feel the need to maintain. Add that to my own gardens I accumulate a large green waste amount . Council services should be split equally between all that live in the catchment area.
- People will not contribute to it and will have more issues with fly tipping it's bad enough as it is with the amount dumped round Corby
- I paid for my council tax and garden charges are included why do you want to separate it to make extra money when council tax has just gone up it pure greed
- We should be given the choice. Those that do not even have a garden should not be paying for a service that they don't use. Equally, those that want to dispose of garden waste themselves, can opt out and do so by either composting or using the local recycling center.
- Already pay taxes for collection
- I do not believe that everyone should pay for a service if they are not able to use it.
- it is a service provided by the council for residents across the new district of the unitary council the consultation is flawed as you have made the suggestion that if you did not use a service you should not have to pay for it.

You have also told us that there is an income from this waste stream and or you use this for your own municipal needs, however you have not given us the costs you would incur if you lost this service?

- People without gardens subsidise those lucky enough to have a garden, doesn't seem fair !
- In line with many council services, services provided should be paid for based upon the ability to pay for it. Additionally, if garden waste is not collected on a communal basis, then it simply encourages fly tipping by those that can't or won't pay for it. The detriment is to us all, indeed when fly tipping occurs, it is by far the innocent that ultimately pay the price for it.
- We all ready pay for this service in our council tax so why would we be expected to pay more to have it disposed of.
- Garden waste services have always been provided at no additional cost. I can not believe that if a fee is to be payable on our green bins, that there would be reduced costs on rates for blue and black bins to compensate for charges being levied on green / grey bin waste
- I once lived in Kettering and had my garden waste taken away by Kettering council, I now live in Brigstock and have to pay extra on top of my council tax to receive the same service as what I was getting in Kettering.

- Council Tax is graded by the value of a property for the Council to provide universal services. This means that those with higher value properties and better means contribute more, and those with lower contribute less - but in line with their ability and means to contribute. We don't have children, but still pay for schools. We haven't needed social services, but still contribute. We happily do these things through taxation - the point I'm making is that in all public services there is some give and take for all residents, but the upshot is that services are available if we need them.
- Corby Town Council strongly opposes the introduction of resident charges for green household waste
- It should be paid by those who use it and taken from their council tax or given a refund if not using it
- We pay through the nose at it is !! Extortionate gas, electric, water charges, food and not mention the joke a amount council tax we have to pay monthly, and you want to rip us all off by charging for taking our cut grass away!!
What happened to all the money squandered by the previous Corby Borough Council that's been unaccounted for ?????
- Because there are some services which we pay for and get no benefit so I believe it is fair to all
- I already pay for this service in my council tax.
- People compost what they can, the council gets rid of everything else, we already pay council tax for this. We already pay. We pay and you should provide as you spent enough cash as A Tory council that ran the local authority into the ground and spent money it didn't need to on buildings etc they didn't need to. we should continue to get the service we have had currently. There is already a HUGE problem with fly tipping, if you ask people to pay for a green bin on top of everything else we will just have more fly tipping of garden waste etc in plastic bags...
- I need this service to be included in my Council Taxation regardless of use, other services are paid for in this way regardless of an individual's use.
- It should be free for all as part of our commitment to the environment and climate change.
- its a service that should be included in Council Tax...we pay enough anyway... . Idont use planning, libraries, parks, edcation, social services yet I have to pay. If a decsion is made to make only those charege those who use garden waste, why stop there? and consider only charging people for the services they actually use
- This service is currently paid for through council tax, so unless that is being reduced I don't see how an additional charge can be justified. I think unlikely that all households access all other council services that are paid through for taxation, so believe that ultimately there will be 'winners' and 'losers' in all circumstances.
If garden waste becomes a subscription service, I believe most people will just add garden waste into their black general waste bin.
- Kerside collection is included in the local tax and therefore the easiest way to harmonise is to stop charging East Northants extra for a service we already pay for anyway.
- Council tax is paid for services currently offered but people without gardens are essentially paying for a service they will never use which is unfair. A subscription model would work best meaning ppl only pay for what they use but this extra cost should be added to the council tax bills of thiss residents not billed separately so people who don't use the service can see the difference. Same should go for resident parking permits too and also any other subscriptions residents pay for separately.
- At £200 per month for my Council Tax charge I do not see it as good value at present. I rarely see the Police in my area. Rarely see the Residents Parking Zone in my locality policed either.

Seems we are getting less and less for our Council Tax, therefore to slap in an additional charge for the Grey bin is a slap in the face.

- The cost to clear the probable increase in fly tipping and waste left lying around - which will encourage vermin- will be considerable.
- There is no provision for discounts on properties without gardens and we have seen recent increases in council tax without any improvement in service provision. Will you also intend to tax people to use a library?

I believe that the council should stop wasting my taxes and provide the existing services for the exorbitant tax levy currently imposed. I do not have children but I think that some of my taxes are used to provide schools etc, can I get a refund for non use of the education system?

I also think that if this levy is imposed, then any profits from the sale of compost etc (including the profits from other waste collection centres) should be refunded to the appropriate taxpayers.

- There are a wide range of services provided by the council, some I use others I do not but the services I do not use I still pay for indirectly from my council tax. If you are going to make a charge for green bin collections will I get a refund for the other services I do not use?

I cannot see that there would be much saving to the council in vehicle journeys as the collection vehicle will still have to visit most streets, I think this is a red herring and a way for the council to justify start charging.

If you ask for people to start paying you hit the poorest in society.

You will also find more garden waste hidden in black bins, or dumped at the roadside.

- We already see green waste dumped on grass verges, this could only get worse if it was paid for separately and may also encourage rodents.

Everything has a cost attached and public services, such as this, are best addressed by all residents paying a share of the cost thereby not making it too onerous on any one individual household. There are measures already in place for households suffering hardship reducing the burden on them.

- I live in Barton Seagrave and already pay for garden waste collection in my rates. Likewise I pay for nurseries, schools, adult social care etc, etc. Am I going to have the opportunity to opt out of council services I don't use? Incorporate garden waste collection into the common council tax system do not use it as a back door to increase tax!
- I compost my own waste as do others I know, therefore we should not have to pay for a service we don't use.
- I'm disabled and an OAP, recycling is normally done, Composters has always done, very little ever goes in the bin now. All house waste has always been paid by Council charges "ie" in the rates, never in taxation! This year has crippled all of the country's economy we do not need more sanctions, it was crucify when Margret Thatcher introduced Poll Tax and charge each person individually Whether they can afford it or not, or is there another way of increments to claw back money due to the pandemic we are still suffering!
- All services should be funded by residents through Council Tax and not individual charges for different services
- All houses with gardens should pay so that responsible garden waste disposal is ensured as much as possible.
- If we all pay for it like we do other tax it will be cheaper. If there is a subscription charge then council tax will go up as more people will put into black bins resulting in higher costs.
- Everyone should take responsibility for their own waste.
- [Redacted] told the Evening Telegraph: "However we run the service, there is a cost, whether this is direct or indirect, therefore, one of the main questions is whether it is right that funding comes from general funds, i.e everyone's council tax, or only from users of the service."

I agree with this point. So you should apply that to all the other services covered by your Council Tax.

Therefore, those of us who DO NOT benefit from Adult Social Care should NOT be asked to pay for that service either!

But you won't do that, will you?

And I'd like to know, why must I pay for a service such as Adult Social Care, when I DON'T USE THAT SERVICE?!

You want to apply things fairly, and charge people only for the services used, such as collection of garden waste, then apply it to the other services too... OR NOT AT ALL!

And let's not beat around the bush, Northamptonshire County Council is badly run and managed. Where exactly did that £10m go to regards the Sixfields debacle?? You lost a lot of tax payers money and now you have the audacity to be looking at a "tax on gardens". SHAME ON THE LOT OF YOU!

- To stop people disposing of their waste by means of fly tipping. If every one pays the same for the service then it will be better for our environment. Most people have gardens.
- To make the system fairer in my opinion kerb side collection should be paid for by the Council - maybe like Wellingborough it has a limited 8 months of the year?!
- I believe that it should be included in the council tax we pay. I believe as you provided us with three bins they should be collected. It's not easy for people to take their garden waste to dispose easily as not everyone drives. But we have to mow our gardens.
- We have always had a collection of garden waste which is part of the council tax we already pay and is a service which should not be charged as an extra revenue by the council
- Corby council tax has always covered the cost of a waste collection and should continue at no charge to residents. Does this mean the council can start charging for other services it doesn't seem part of the central tax collection. If people have to pay for waste collection there will be more fly tipping for certain which will cost far more in the long run.
- This seems a way which is fair to all and it is my experience that sometimes people's needs change. The alternative is to use the black bin.
- Fly tipping is a big problem and if people are charged extra they will avoid this by fly tipping. Also, other council services are not based on 'charge by use', ie. Library, police, public toilets etc, so why should this particular service be different?
- As this is a service that not everyone uses it seems only fair that it is paid for by the ones who use it. The annual fee is not a lot of money. My only concern is that it may see an increase in fly tipping which already seems pretty bad around here
- No change to current service. Only those who use it have to pay. Weekly trip from Oundle to Corby to dispose of garden waste would cost £3
- If you don't benefit from a service that you pay for but don't use, the cost should be deducted from that person's council tax !
- As an East Northants resident who paid for the service before I cancelled last year, I found that the service was terrible. Now when you pay for a goods or service from a private company you have some grounds to come back if the service provided is not what you expect. With the local authority, you pay for a service which is disappointing to say the least, then have no means to complain or if you do it falls on deaf ears.

Why would I want to pay for a service that the local council cannot provide correctly? Also as other local councils are able to provide this service in the included annual rate, what is the extra money actually for? Sounds like they can balance the books better.

- We pay enough as it is for council services, I don't see why I should pay more for something I already get.

- I think a paid for service will increase fly tipping and if you only pay for services the people in the house use
- Education?
Should house bound pay towards highways/road repairs etc.
- I feel that if the service was a subscription charge for those who chose to use it that this would increase the amount of fly tipping as some people would rather do this than pay. I use my garden waste bin but only occasionally so paying a yearly subscription would work out quite costly for the few times the bin is emptied but I am not in a position to take the waste to the tip
 - Paying in 75% for a band D property, as a pensioner living alone - with no extra contributions from the DHSS leaves me with a static pension that has been significantly ingress by council poll tax hypes / energy hypes etc. Enough is enough - you costed this in at the start of the year - long may it continue.
 - I do not agree with higher taxation, our Council Tax is already high enough. The collection should be the same for everyone based on us already paying Council Tax.
 - I didn't answer the above question as I believe we already pay enough in council tax to get bins emptied. You could take it out of the increase we've already had this year in council tax. I also believe you've already made the decision to apply an extra charge and that this survey will probably be a waste of time.
 - I feel all households should bare the cost of garden waste collection, if not it will be fly tipped around the house areas, as is other objects.
People will fill hedgerows and other places with grass cuttings and branches.
Try to have a composting scheme for all areas,
 - To ensure no garden waste is disposed of unlawfully. If residents do not use the service there will be a cost saving of not disposing of their waste, a very similar situation with the size of households.
 - Those who use the service should pay for it. We have done this for many years.
 - The Council receive funding and a lot of that money is 'wasted' by the Council. We do not have a 10 acre garden we have a small garden. It is not necessary for the bin to be emptied every week.and if I had to pay that is what I would expect..
With the amount of new houses in Northamptonshire the Council must be receiving thousands and thousands of extra money in Council Tax. Then there was the money 'lost' when money was lent for the purchase of a football ground.. £10 million pounds. Then when the running of the Council was taken over from Corby well how many new vans were purchased what was wrong with all the old vans. I feel that you get enough money in Council tax without charging more for occasionally emptying a bin.
 - Unfair if someone has no garden or doesnt create garden waste to have to pay for a service they dont use.
However most houses come with a garden like it or not, and with council taxes spiralling no one needs more bills so maybe cutting down to the free March to October collections would be fair for all.
 - There are a lot of council services that we don't use such as schooling and we don't get a reduction for that. If you bring in charges for a service that we do use, bet you won't give us a reduction for what we don't. Also we think you get income for the compost that you then pass on to farms and parks and therefore you'd be getting it both ends.
 - Why should we start paying now for garden waste to be collect by the council.
we all pay council tax and with everything else going up in price people won't be able to afford it as pensioners and everyone else are mostly living on the bread line right now in Corby.
You don't need it all March to November would be fine the same as Wellingborough , once a month instead of twice a month.

- This would encourage more people to use the service and not clog up the Household Waste facilities.
- Wider taxation implies lower cost to the individual house holder and greater stability for the service in general. If you attempt to shrink the service, (an effect of charging an extra cost above the Council Tax) then costs to the individual house holder will rise. The Council Tax has already had its annual increase so it is entirely inappropriate to levy an extra charge for the garden waste collection service, especially in the light of the Inflation Rate rising to a record 7%. Degrading the Collection Service with an extra charge has the problem that the charge may not be affordable by all. This has the knock on effect of many gardens becoming less well kept and all of the attendant issues arising from this, personal and social. Strangely enough, knowing that the Green Bin is collected regularly disciplines many folk to "cut the grass".
- Because now I have to pay and others fill my bin or just dump their rubbish anywhere.
- We all pay council tax. I live on a new estate where I have to pay a management company to service the green areas on the estate as the council no longer adopt these. Other areas within the county where the council has adopted the green space this is covered in the council tax charge. I don't get a discount on my council tax to cover this extra cost.
Green waste collection should be covered in the council tax charge. It's a personal choice to use the service or not.
- I for one have am on a low wage & also have a permanent eyesight disability & disposing of my green waste via other means would be too convenient, if not impossible. In addition I received the services of Green Thumb who occasionally generate larger amounts of waste e.g during scarification.
My late father was always very proud of his gardening exploits & was just alive long enough to see me move into my new home with a lovely south-facing garden.
Please leave established, working, reliable services as they are - this is what we pay taxes for anyway.
- We pay for this collection through our council tax and don't intend to start paying extra for it.
- The same scheme should continue. Stop trying to add additional cost to a already struggling community. Disgusting!
- Because all house holds contribute to all services whether they use them or not. Plus the tax bandings of households ensures that the contribution is fair
- Council tax is significantly overly expensive as it stands, this is simply another method of squeezing more money out of local residents..stop wasting money elsewhere..legalised robbery
- Garden waste collection should remain the same as it is now. With the cost of living going up and the increase in council tax, why should we pay more for a service we already receive? I refuse to pay more for the same service.
- The service should be available for all but I think it should be free of charge as it has been for a lot already.
- Full collection of garden waste for 8/9 months is better than charging as more will be burnt, put in black bin etc. Recycling centres are already too busy so what would it be like if those who only have sporadic refuse going to these centres.
strongly disagree with additional charges.
- A service only for people who pay for the service cannot work. It would be impossible to stop other people putting their waste in the bin of someone who has paid. It is possible even that the bin would be completely filled by other people's waste and so people paying would not even get the service they have paid for.
- I believe it fair to charge for a service used

- I have no children of my own yet I am expected to contribute to the education budget, I don't use library services, I could go on, yet somehow people with gardens are to be treated differently because they may have garden waste ?
- Kerb side collections stop any household putting it into the black rubbish bins or fly tipping on the verge or in field gateways. Also, any household who cannot, or will not, compost kitchen waste can use the green bin.
- In the same way that those of us without children contribute towards schools and children's services the same could be said of garden waste.
- If a subscription is charged, this in effect is a double taxation, as we are at present being charged in our Council Tax bill for waste collection. There are several services which the Council Tax pays for that are not necessarily used by everyone, but they still have to contribute through the Council Tax.

If the present service, non subscription, is withdrawn a lot of people will either put it in the General waste bin or have to take it to their local council waste centre, which will increase emissions from extra car journeys.

- Garden waste collection is a general service. We all pay for services we do not all need or use: Education, hospitals, libraries, the fire and rescue service. The cost of services is shared by all, even if all do not use or make use of the services.

Having bonfires to dispose of garden waste is not now fires in homes or gardens is not generally found. Consequently even if one has a composter, not all waste is suitable for a home composter.

Having garden waste processed to be used as an agricultural soil improver is excellent for all and our environment.

The cost of administering a selective tax (only to people who subscribe for garden waste) must cut into the revenue received from them. Is the game worth the candle?

Cutting down on services or making people pay for them and raising council taxes is increased taxation by the back door.

In the interest of a better environment for all garden waste collection should be free.

- I feel it is unfair to make those that pay higher council tax pay more towards council services as they don't receive a better service than those in lower bands despite contributing more.
- Well maintained gardens encourage others to respect their spaces too. Not all people will have space or the inclination to compost. Therefore, gardens will be neglected or garden waste will be placed in the general waste bin for landfill.
- If it is a subscription service then you will have a lot of extra flytipping
- I think it should be free as we recycle Green waste but only have enough to get it emptied about once a month and as we pay 55pounds a year we feel we are overpaying for the service
- If a service is provided by the council it should not be possible to opt in or opt out. If you do this for garden waste, then perhaps you can do it say for education with only those with school age children paying or only those with cars paying for road maintenance.
- We already pay alot of money each month for services we di not use so don't understand wht we should be expected to pay more. We do not visit Kettering or Northampton but pay towards their up keep.
- We should come under the same as Wellingborough and Kettering, totaly unfair that we should pay £55pa,
- Most of our garden waste is from council trees. I have a robotic lawnmower that mulches the grass back into the ground. I don't think we should pay for council waste.
- Most people have garden waste and it should be part of normal waste disposal. At the moment we pay for our garden waste to e disposed off. Not everyone will pay and just dump it. It is better to have it disposed off properly.

- Our council tax has been increasing and increasing over the years, I don't think it should increase anymore with the cost of living rising too. I also think that we should be able to continue to have our garden waste collected at no extra cost as we have been having, I assume it's recycled into compost at a local recycling centre? Or reused somehow? If an extra charge is imposed on us, this will just lead to some people dumping waste on the sides of roads as we have seen lots of locally. Not everyone has space for a compost bin.
- The service should be included within the council tax under the bins being emptied - this has already been changed from weekly to fortnightly!
- I don't believe we need a heavier taxation as we pay tax based on percentage of income. If the minimum wage goes up with inflation then councils/government s will receive more money thus not requiring higher taxation.
- Since the council tax rates vary across the region and the services also vary from town to country and from region to region you cannot harmonise one without harmonising all .Unless nobody is disadvantaged or compensation in the form of lower council reduction is offered.
- Don't have children but still have to pay for their education so people who don't use the service should pay. Works both ways!
- Council tax should cover this
Higher bands pay more higher bands generally have gardens
- This will divert green waste from general waste, thus reducing landfill taxes.
- No
- I get very little return for a high annual council tax charge. You do little to address illegal traveller encampments and waste thousands on non essential garden projects around Kettering particularly. If you impose extra charges are you oblivious to the potential fly tipping andensuingclean up cost?
- Everyone should get it, paid within the council tax, they already pay, which is way too high, already.
So much money is wasted, Where does it all go.? There are hundreds of more houses built, which gives councils so much more money. Years ago, your rent included Council tax and Water rates. They are all separate, now.
It's a joke, to do this, with garden waste. I understood the council were making compost with all the garden waste and they could be selling it on.
We pay taxes over and over again on our earnings.
I live on my own and get no extra help, the same people get help, all the time.
You just want to take from hard working people and pensioners any way which, how.
It is disgusting,
- We pay for everything else through wider taxation, why should this be different? Should I only pay the fire brigade if I burn my house down the police if I get burgaled or the proportion of social care if I need community care?
- As we all know the level of fly tipping we have at the moment, and that's with
The collection service now.
I agree that it isn't generally garden waste but do the council think this will increase and will be all paying to clear this as well as the bin collection?
I think this is short term saving and consideration should be looking at how many gardens are in these areas and base the decision on that.
Or have we already and can see how much extra revenue can be made and the yearly increases that the people of Northants Council will be subjected to?
- We all pay through council tax for many services that some of us use and some we do not, so garden waste should be covered in the same way. At the moment it is extremely unfair that some households pay for collection and others do not

- It should be included in already expensive council tax
- If we're all allowed to choose to only pay for the services we use, I believe I should be due for a reduction in my council tax. I don't have children so don't use schools and neither do I live in social housing or use social services but I don't object to some of my council tax being used to support people who need to use those services, therefore the few services I do use should be covered in the cost of my council tax..
- We already pay for the garden waste to be collected, we pay for it within our council tax, and always have! It's so wrong you're trying to put extra costs on people, especially when we already pay for it.
- Council tax rates should make it a free service as it is already paid for
- It should be free
- People will not bother cutting there grass and if the charge for this goes through what next charging for brown bins then black bins fly tipping is already wide spread and a big problem
- Should the fee be introduced then a reduced fee of £55 should be given on normal household tax, as this would of been calculated into the tax in the first place
- Homes with gardens tend to pay higher council taxes.
An increase in illegal fly-tipping will result from non collected waste. It is already prevalent in the area.
- Council tax is already expensive enough and councils do not need to charge a subscription for this service.
- Universal approach s cost-efficient
- Remain the same as it has always been unless the cost is being removed from the council tax bill.
- Council tax is expensive anyway with massive reduction in services.
Adding a new charge will lead to an increase in fly tipping as people will choose not to pay & the tips offer a shocking service with already huge queues
- There should be no extra charge as you get enough money of us for the council tax, i live in a ex council house with hedging. If any other charges are added i will take all hedging out and fence the garden and not opt into your service.
- If I had to pay for the service I would use my black bin. Majority of my garden waste is from cutting grass owned by the council anyway as when it is cut by council workers it looks awful
- I presume the concept of 'those who don't use it don't pay' won't see an initial reduction in our tax payment? Therefore rather than it being a pay-if-you-use service it will simply be a case of certain residents being taxed twice.
- It should stay as it always has been, collected as part of our waste disposal, another charge will result in longer queues at the tips and more fly tipping, don't you think at the moment with all other prices rising another bill will be too much for most people. When I first had a house we paid rates which included council tax, water rates and now you are separating everything in another money making exerise. I suggest if you need to save money get rid of some of the overpaid managers and councillors you will make a substantial saving, we should not always be the target.
- Garden waste collection should be funded through the council tax. We are paying more and more each year with services being dreadful. Just the road I live in is full of large potholes and has been for some considerable length of time. Take a look around, people have dumped rubbish everywhere. It's an eyesore and tenants should be fined for doing this. Charging an extra fee for garden waste will make things worse. They won't pay it, but will dump the waste anyway.
- Garden waste will be dumped at the roadside and we all have to pay for it to be removed.
Why give residents in flats a discount than penalise the majority of residents who live in houses

- Cost shouldn't be a barrier to enabling people to make better environmentally conscious decisions. At a time when the cost of living is already increasing, an extra charge that many can't afford will certainly result in garden waste being disposed of improperly in black bins.
- Because it will avoid the waste being dumped elsewhere and the waste can be used for other purposes and contributes to other local authority targets to minimise waste going to landfill that can be recycled or reused
- Because that is how it is now where I live and we will not get a reduction in our council tax if we change to paying a subscription to make up the difference. People without a garden space have always been paying for this service then which has included myself at times.
- Some residents may have more household waste which has landfill implications but they do not get charged extra so why should residents with gardens have to pay more, you have to cut your grass or it gets overgrown , shouldn't be penalised for that
- We pay enough council tax for services we do not get
- I would rather the council keep the current service to include all residents in Northants. We all pay council taxes for services , road maintenance is a joke, therefore keep our bin collection, we pay for collection through Local Taxes. Our fees have increased now you want to add further increase , we as residents no no local police service, the roads are unforgivable, money is spent in cheer up the town centre here most shops are closed down or moved away.
The one job most residents have is keeping their garden best and tidy.
If fees are know going to be charged people will be dumping garden waste which will then become an eyesore as they do now with waste along the streets, which is not swept by the council it's absolutely disgusting.
- You aren't going to reduce the council tax for those without garden waste so irrelevant question. Our countryside is full of flytipping as it is. The current cost to collect the garden waste would be nothing compared to the cost you would have to pay to clear up the increase in fly tipping!!!! In our estate we have to pay £200 on top of our council tax to maintain communal areas which you should adopt.
- It was council decision in the first place to give out green and brown bins for recycling as this was deemed a planet saving initiative so why should we now pay for following this service? Maybe We'd be happier to pay if you were to invest more money into the recycling centres you already have so that we'd be allowed to use them at our convenience and not at yours! And maybe we'd save the planet because people would not dump their rubbish all over our beautiful county! And you must admit at a greater cost to the council for clean ups. Use our money wisely and maybe we'd all be prepared to pay for these services!
- Should not be an additional charge as this should be covered by council tax. Surely at this time with all the increased cost of living this is not necessary. People will almost certainly dump rubbish where they can as they can't afford any further charges. This is not something I would choose to pay additional fee for.
- It's the same as general waste, some households generate more general rubbish than others but it's paid equally
- Based on Desborough, which is where I live, virtually every household puts out a grey garden waste bin every fortnight. Many people are pensioners, like myself. Currently we have been concentrating on how we can reduce our expenses enough, so that we can have our heating and hot water on to keep warm. This entails sitting around with extra layers of clothing on, wrapped in blankets. Our very small garden is not big enough for a composting area; so we rely on our garden waste collection to take away our waste. Naturally this is a very small amount so our bin does not go out every fortnight. Another cost is the last thing we need at the moment.
- I like the way it is now.

- Not all residents can afford additional costs, especially with the additional rising costs, and those that can should subsidise those that can't. Every tax payer contributes to costs related to children, but don't necessarily have children. There will be an increase in either fly tipping or gardens left under mot if a cost is added and people have to choose between heating the house, paying for food or paying for a bin to be emptied. Every penny counts at the moment especially for families already in poverty. The local recycling sites are a joke and people don't have time to queue for a couple of hours every weekend to use them.
- As we can all see around the county and beyond taking away free access to waste services results in illegal and unsightly fly tipping. It is in all of our interest to have a free universal collection service.
- If subscribed to pay should get discount on purchasing compost
- We pay more than enough for our community tax!
- Would rather have a free collection during the months of March to October to harmonise with other previously independent councils. As these are the most times for gardening
- I don't think it should be paid for at all. We already pay enough in taxes. My garden (council) is massive and sometimes I struggle to get it all in already. Fly tipping will be on the up if hkh charge for bins to be emptied
- Pay for what you consume
- I don't agree it should be paid for by residents
- It would encourage people to responsibly recycle their waste. I would support people having to pay an amount for a bin or bin deposit though
- There are many services the council provides that I do not use but I pay for them.
- Those that use it most and have big gardens usually use the service the most and those that use it very infrequent should not have to pay for those that use it even week.
- We currently pay enough taxes. This is just another way for the council to make extra revenue.
- My answer may seem unfair but we pay for other services that we don't use too.
- We all pay for services some we use some we don't so this would be no different
- If the service is available for everyone to use then everyone should pay - irrespective of whether they choose to use it or not.
If an opt-in system is put in place with a subscription then I believe this may lead to further fly-tipping by households who simply don't want to / can't pay.
- Why would anyone pay for something they don't get
- It is what I currently use
- As council tax payers there are a lot of things we pay for that aren't relevant to us. Residents didn't ask for the separation of waste in the first place it was introduced by the councils at the time. We managed rather well on our once weekly collection of our old tin bins were there was so much less waste. The councils introduction of the three bins has in my eyes caused the excessive waste we now seem to produce. I also feel that the dumping of waste in our countryside by flytippers has been caused by the privatisation of our tips and the fact that people have to travel miles to get rid of certain types of waste or pay other people to do it for them. This then leads to unscrupulous lazy people pretending to be conscientious household waste disposal companies who go on to dump it all over the country.
- I am [age] and my partner is [age].our main pleasure is gardening and disposing of the rubbish is a nessesity.
Of course we have a compost bin.
- This should be part of the council tax we already have to pay, as a new build property we pay way over what some older established houses pay even though they cost more and are bigger!!!

The system is already penalising new home owners why should I have to now pay yet another charge, we already pay more than what should

- Don't agree with any of the above, this is a loaded question. NNC residents are contributing enough via taxes. Implementation of an additional charge will encourage dumping garden waste, hence a false economy. NNC will be clearing up the mess.
- Because if you charge a household £55 a year for the garden waste, I'm sure NNC will not deduct £55 from each household that does not use the service. You will not be saving people money. That money will go into another pocket.

Through the winter months garden bins are not needed so there shouldn't be a collection. That would reduce the cost for this "free service"

- We currently pay council tax in the Kettering borough for which we only really benefit from the waste collection so I believe there should be no increase in cost for the collection or additional charge. I fully support not collecting between October and March.
- A third option would be "those that don't use the service get a rebate".
- We pay more and more council tax and are being asked to accept less service. The police don't turn up (+7.9%), the ambulances are late, the roads are full of potholes - are we paying for actual services or just more administration? Why does the parish council need an extra 1.6%? What do they actually pay for?

As with banning the disposal of e.g. plasterboard at council tips, charging for green waste disposal will lead to more fly tipping. Have you done a comparative cost analysis of clearing that up vs. collection or disposal at an approved site?

- The system needs to be fair to all residents across North Northants for those who use it should bear the costs. At present residents in certain areas are not getting the service free and therefore subsidising those that don't pay.
- Curbside collection is more ecologically friendly as one lorry instead of hundreds of cars at tips
- This will reduce the risk of fly tipping especially for those without transport or on a fixed budget
- It should be paid by everyone as even people without gardens do have waste that should be in the brown bins.
- Everyone creates waste
- If you impose a subscription-based collection, I feel that fly tipping of garden waste will go up massively and be at a greater cost in the long run. If people are paying for it as part of their council tax bill (which is currently what is happening), people will use the service instead. During the summer months, people do not have the space to compost at the rate garden waste is being produced so this service is essential.
- I do not agree with any of the above as all residents pay enough council tax as it is and all residents have a right to live in an area free of eyesores and fly tipping; the service should remain free and the council should be giving better value of their resources
- I think as it has always been included in our council tax it should continue to do so. They also make money from this service
- I feel having our bins collected every 2 weeks March - November is a better way of doing this. There are many things that we are charged for in our council tax that many people don't access. However, we all contribute.

This then opens an argument for people to say "I don't use that service so why should I pay for it"

- As a family, we do not have a lot of garden waste, but if the principle of paying council tax is that waste is handled by the council it should include green waste. There are many council services that I do not use, should these also be shifted to a cost option for the users so I do not have to pay? Trying to make out that this is a special case with the wording of the above question is a disgrace. You have asked a deliberately loaded question in an attempt to force a particular

answer. This is not a fair consultation. I should add that our "local" HWRC is 30 minutes away by car so is not really an option.

- I believe that if a charge is applied it will negatively impact people who are already struggling financially in one of the hardest times I've ever seen. Plus, in order to save money, people will just try to dispose of it improperly and that will cause more harm than good.
- This is a service like many others. You pay council tax for all sorts of things that many people do not use. So garden bins are no different.
- Once again poorer people will be penalised, those in terraced houses, those without access to cars for recycling trips, disabled people etc who need this service if the access to this service is made payable. We live in a non-affluent area with many terraced houses and small gardens - how are they supposed to manage? I can see dumping of compostable material in black bins and more fly-tipping - we should do better - give us a chance
- Firstly, at this current time with family budgets under pressure, a goodwill gesture across the whole of North Northants to not charge for garden waste for this coming year would be well received.

This would give time to adopt a new model for garden waste collection such as

Collecting waste once a month

Only collecting between April and October

Offering discounted home compost bins to encourage home composting

Make it easier to access recycle centre which at the moment can be very frustrating having to sit in queues.

Bearing in mind if the charge is only paid by those who register in the current climate many won't, which could result in an increase in fly tipping resulting in extra cost to the council

- The cost of clearing up flytipping is born by all council tax payers. Reducing the availability of garden waste collections is likely to increase fly tipping and cost the council more than the cost of provision of the collection service.

Likewise if garden waste is added to black bin refuse the cost for landfill will increase.

We are supposed to be promoting gardening and provision of flowers for pollinators as good for the environment (and absorbing CO2) - removal of the garden waste collection service will mean that cultivating gardens will be less accessible.

I am happy with the current solution of March-November included within my current council tax charge.

Any other option does not provide best value for the residents of NNH.

As there is a legal obligation to provide best value, a poor choice here could be challenged in court which is again poor value for money!

- The vast majority of households do have gardens. Also, all other services are paid for by everyone - no reason why this should be different. I don't use social service so why should I pay for that but I do.
- Corby is a green area with a high percentage of housing with gardens. There are some flats and tenements without gardens but these are in the minority. The new housing developments are mostly designed to include a garden. The green waste collection is and should be collected regularly to prevent the inevitable bonfires and fly tipping which would follow the introduction of charges.

Council services will soon be like the NHS where we pay for the 40 years of our lives for a "free" service and then have to pay for dentistry, vision services etc etc. My aged Uncle ([age]) recently was charged £40 to have his ears inspected at [Redacted]!

We pay out Council Tax to receive all Council services .

- I feel if you make it a subscription service it will increase fly tipping of garden waste putting yet more strain on council services clearing up an already big problem.

Also this would discriminate against households with gardens and putting pressure on them financially at a time when all bills and fuels are becoming more expensive. Also on the issue of East Northants paying extra for garden waste against KBC not paying.

We do pay for garden waste in KBC area band C tax for 2021 was £1675.89.

Band C in East Northants 2021. £1317 !!

We already pay over £300 more in the old KBC area !! So why should have to pay an extra £55 a year. Unfair !!

- Council tax is already extremely high along with rapidly rising costs.
Collection of garden refuse bins should be included. ALL year round within the current council tax bill
Removing this service will either see more road usage to recycle centres or worse “fly tipping”
For those who argue they don’t have a garden, there are many areas where I don’t use things such as library’s but am happy to contribute
Just NOT ANOTHER INCREASE FOR BASIC GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION
- We already pay enough tax on everything else and I have to pay to get my brown bin collected but I go down the road and they get there's collected for free, that's a joke, paying all this tax and can't even collect one extra bin.... Is it really that much more work?
- It's called DEMOCRACY.
- Local taxation covers a wide variety services. We all use some but not all. If you start selective charging will there be a potential demand for an opt out on other services. For example we do not use childrens' services(21% council expenditure).
We currently pay a high level of Council Tax reflecting our property's Council Tax Band so do not feel we should have to pay more. We have 5 of our own composting bins to restrict the amount that goes for collection.
We are no longer able to take our garden waste to the local recycling centre (old age pensioners) as an alternative to a collection service. In addition the local recycling centre is closed for two days a week and has limited capacity.
- I have to say that being a keen walker through the countryside of my home county, charging for the collection of garden waste will only result in yet more illegal dumping of such matter in the countryside, costing the rate payer even more money to collect it from remote sites.
Many councils recycle this type of waste themselves, selling a useful by product at the end of the process.
Public Bodies have a duty to protect the countryside and the environment.
- I use my garden waste bin maybe twice a year. So I’d happily pay or arrange something else for these small occasions. If this is in a standard charge and I’m not using it then it’s a waste. Also people with flats etc that wouldn’t use the service shouldn’t have to pay
- I have no garden waste , my garden consists of decking , slabs , coloured pebbles
- It has always been taken out of the monthly council tax payment so it seems unfair it will now be charged separately.
- If households are not willing to pay for collection of their garden waste, the risk of fly-tipping increases. The cost of cleaning this up affects all council taxpayers, therefore it is in everyone's interest to spread the cost, as with many other council services that aren't necessarily used by all taxpayers.
- With the current cost of all household bills and increased pressure on families just to feed, have heating and electric is not think it is the right time to charge people to remove green waste, the service should just be part of the normal waste collection, but could be reduced in the amount of times collected for example just once a month would be sufficient
- We pay enough for our Council tax already and it should be used as part of this payment whether or not you have a garden. It doesn't need to be all year round just March to October

- I am paying my council tax which incorporates the green bin . I feel that we shouldnt have to pay an additional subscription
- Properties with a garden, particularly in rural areas, tend to be in a higher council tax band than those that do not. By that reckoning, properties without gardens are generally in a lower tax band and they do not, therefore, contribute significantly to the cost of garden waste in the way that garden owners do already.
It should be recognised that the council tax system can never be spread among all property dwellers on an entirely equal basis and, indeed, those of us who live in rural areas generally pay a higher tax band, often without the benefit of the services that are provided for town residents. An example of this would be library services. The mobile library vans that once served the villages were axed many years ago and villagers now have to drive into town to access a library: to my knowledge rural residents have never suggested, however, that we should get a discount because of this disadvantaged access.
- If we have to pay extra for this service, it is going to contribute to more fly tipping. Also I pay £171 in council tax and cannot afford a further increase on an already over stretched household budget.
- As an OAP I already pay a heck of a lot for very little service in local rate & strongly object to paying any more ... it just a rip off
Leave as is
- If kerbside collection is not available inexpensively or on ad-hoc, it will inevitably end up being fly tipped, put in black bags, or burnt. The environmental concerns trouble me in this way. Also every taxpayer will be paying for reparations for flytipping and misplaced garden waste. My garden is too small as are many on the estate to compost the grass clippings that would accumulate, over the summer. For me the garden bin is very large and could easily be collected less frequently. Perhaps if people have a large garden they could have an extra bin collected less frequently.
- In Geddington we have our garden waste collected every other week. It works brilliantly. On our road, everyone puts out their bins and the men who collect them deserve huge praise for their service and manner.
I would suggest bringing the rest of the North Northants community UP to our standards!
If funds don't run to this solution consider not collecting the grey bins in December and January. If you require people to pay in these financially difficult time people will inevitably use the black bin. This will be going back twenty years in terms of recycling and the community won't like it.
- Because all households contribute to regular black bin waste collection all household contribute to numerous other services as, police ,education,elderly care etc,etc,
- I don't think we should be paying more than we do. Everything is going up enough as it is. Here in Kettering we only have a grey bin anyway, not green or brown bins. We pay enough for our council already. I am a single parent and I really don't think being charged like in East Northants is fair. I don't have that much garden waste as only have a small garden so why cannot it be taken away like it is already?
- I would actually like the service to be free but, if we have to pay, it should be at least half the amount we pay at the moment and the garden waste should only be collected between March and November each year
- I am happy with the service I receive and, as a disabled person, I am happy to pay the cost of the service providing it is reasonable and I can afford it.
I would say however; that I was advised by a neighbour that once I had put my bin out for collection, other residents that do not pay for the service, sneaked out and added their waste to my bin. I am not necessarily opposed to this - I would rather them do this with the space I have left available than them 'fly tip'. But equally they have not paid for the service ... I have!

It would be very helpful if my bin, which I now keep on my drive, could be collected from here as since a stroke and several additional broken bones, it is harder to get it to end of my drive.

- Our council tax charges have increased and I expect services provided by the Council to be continued not discontinued
- Garden waste should be collected in the same way as the recycling and general waste, there should not be a separate charge
- There are many services that I pay for despite me not using, so this is just another example of sharing the burden with everyone.

Maybe you should consider using more efficient methods for collection. E.g. why does it take two lorries to collect recycling and garden waste. Surely this could be achieved by one and therefore make the labour savings that you are no doubt looking for.

- Its a service i already cover with my council tax. I don't happen to use the library or pool perhaps you should only charge people thats use these services and give me a discount
- You could apply this to any service, I don't use buses but I contribute, I don't use social service but I contribute.....
- Because of all the price increases that have happened during the last few weeks, I think that there should be no cost to the people who have garden waste bins
- Because we need to promote all sorts of recycling and, charging for garden waste recycling it will mean that those who can't afford it may flytip it away or worse, put it in green bins. I use the blue and green bins mostly and only ever put 1 small bag in my black bin as im so careful about recycling, have been for years, why should i pay more than people who fill their black bins to bursting?

NCC need to be encouraging people to use green bins to recycle so as we can reach our targets of no peat compost sooner.

- Free collection in Corby has led to a significant reduction in the dumping of garden waste in Kings Wood Local Nature reserve; it is a service that the council should provide, free of charge.
- Personally I don't drive and have no other way of getting rid of my garden waste, I do have a compost bin but because of the size of my garden it's impossible to recycle all of my garden waste. I think that a service should be available to everyone regardless of where in the county they live.
- I don't use a lot of things that my council tax goes towards but still pay it in full so see no difference in everyone paying garden waste collection fees. Plus spread over everyone the individual cost will be lower.
- If not paid for by the council, then it will force/ encourage residents to dump waste at the sides of village roads or in black bins or in the countryside. Also if one charges for green garden waste bin (grey in Kettering) then surely those more conscientious people will just use the local tip increasing flow and work there - costing just as much.
- I pay my council tax and in it I pay for many services for which I do not use. That is why I think that garden waste collection should be included in the council tax and not levied at extra cost to the taxpayer. If this happens does that mean I can apply for discounts for not using various services included in my council tax
- It should be free otherwise it will be put into the black bin, maybe in plastic sacks or dumped.
- Personally I found the questions are formatted in a way biased against the population that do not want to pay twice for a service that has been traditionally incorporated into their council tax. I say pay twice because I have not seen any reduction in council tax for the kerbside collection ceasing and having to pay an additional fee for the council to collect it.

Also the argument about elements of the community paying for services it does not use is invalid because there are other services given by the council that I do not use that I pay for through council tax and those who do use them do not pay any extra charge for.

Alternatively; under your equalisation policies are you going to carry out an analysis of all the council supplied services to ensure that I do not experience the discrimination that I am starting to feel now.

- I feel that we should have this service and that we pay for it in our council tax now anyway so anymore would be excessive. A subscription service would just encourage fly tipping as our recycling centre trips have already been cut to a certain amount per 3 months dependant on car type. In summer the trips are not enough and in winter you don't always use your trips. If the brown bin service is cut or chargeable you should be able to take garden waste to the tip at any time and not as one of those designated trips, after all you are then helping the council who make that waste into compost and sell it on.
- My green bin for garden waste is currently collected at no extra charge and to my knowledge this service is included in the Council Tax that I already pay.

Making residents pay a separate charge for disposal of green waste via a green bin will result in the following:

1. Paying twice for the same service;
2. Residents who don't pay for a green bin will put green waste into the black bin instead and it will therefore go into landfill. This is not very eco friendly given that everyone should be trying to save our planet Earth and will result in increased council costs;
3. Fly tipping will increase to include green waste and councils will see increased costs to remove it;
4. Not all residents who have a garden will be able to afford to pay an extra £55 for a service currently provided; and
5. This is the wrong time to introduce this change as people are facing real financial pressures and hardship. The last 2 years of the Covid outbreak have made people very aware of the positive effect a garden has on mental health.

- I am very happy with the service provided. If residents choose to pay for a particular service they will tend to use it wisely and sensibly rather than taking it for granted.
Some people enjoy taking rubbish to the tip. I do not.
- I am very happy with the service provided. If a resident pays extra for a particular service it is more likely that they will use it wisely and sensibly rather than taking it for granted.
- There's lots of services I don't use but my tax still pays for them and I have no say how you spend the money
- As I originally told you I feel strongly that fly tipping will dramatically increase, beauty spots are already blighted by household rubbish.
- Well what is our council tax used for and also our summer are not very long we have longer winter and garden waste
- All households contribute to all services even if they don't use them. Why should this service be any different? Some smaller households only put their brown recycling bin out monthly rather than fortnightly and they don't receive a rebate. Why do you want to start discriminating against those with gardens?
- Most people in North Northants have a garden so funding through wider taxation is reasonably fair.

As a process, home composting is not as efficient as composting on large scale.

Compost is a saleable product so the council can recover some of the cost.

Flytipping is a problem as it is. Setting up a chargeable system for waste disposal will encourage illegal dumping of waste.

We were told nothing would change when the running of Northamptonshire was reorganised. I consider having to pay extra for garden waste collection is a negative change. Level up, is the central governments mantra.

- I think it is unfair that some areas pay and others do not. The service should be standardised across the council. Also more people would be encouraged to recycle their garden waste in an environmentally acceptable way. There might be less car journeys into local tips if the service was free also making a small contribution to our carbon footprint.
- Many cannot afford the fee and flytipping would increase.
Extra worry for older residents who are on a limited income would ensue especially those on a low income but above the benefits income
Spreading the cost across all is the fairest as there would be less flytipping
- Please don't start charging household for garden waste collection. Wellingborough is already over run with fly tipping and some households won't pay for garden waste collection they will just fly tip it. I personally have had to remove multiple fly tipped waste from around my property at my own cost because it's classed as private property. It isn't fair to law abiding citizens as fly tipping will just get worst.
Having a wider taxation means that everyone can use and not just choose not to pay as a household and just fly tip.
Wellingborough has to do something about the fly tipping issue around Wellingborough it is getting out of control and your proposal will increase it.
stick to the current calendar for Wellingborough we don't need it so much in the winter but we need it in the spring, summer and autumn start charging households and it will just be fly tipped
- Residents who do not have a garden, should not have to pay for a garden waste collection service that they cannot make use of
- Not able to opt out of other services not used eg schools. If paying for individual services should be able to opt in or out of all services. Therefore more sensible to accept residents won't use all services but have to contribute to all to allow adequate provision of all services
- Having no children, I do not use the school facility, but I still pay for this service through my Council Tax. I do not use the Library, that's my choice, but don't begrudge paying for it with my council tax.
Why should garden waste collection be any different whether you have a garden or not? Bring East Northants residents into line with Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough.
If one household subscribes to a collection and others in the same road do not, you will not save on vehicles and staffing, as no doubt nearly every road in North Northamptonshire will be visited by your waste collection team!
- Because as part of our tax we pay for numerous services of which not everyone uses so a fair deal is all service costs are shared even if not all people use all the services
- There should be no extra charge as we are already paying for the service through our council tax
- Lots of services are provided by the council which not everyone uses but pays for i.e. adult social care, schools so see no reason why garden waste can't be added to the general council tax bill as some will use it some will not
- 1) Many households with gardens will not pay extra subscription (especially given current rising cost of living). If they don't have a collection, garden waste is likely to be dumped, fly-tipped or just abandoned. It is better to have general collections not a subscription service as the majority have gardens in this area.
2) How are households on low incomes meant to pay this charge? They have gardens too.
- I don't agree with paying any extra to my garden waste collection is part of my council tax and we shouldn't have to pay for Northampton council's false accounting in which they stole £6 million
- I would only agree to a subscription if you reduce the council tax by the cost it is to opt in.
Just because I'm in Band D and I have a garden doesn't mean I have more spare income.

I also think that some people that opt out that produce garden waste will be the ones fly tipping which is a blight on our beautiful county and brings a great cost to the tax payer.

I'm sure there's many council services people don't use so are we going to start a pick and mix system ?

- People who don't use the service much will just put it in the bin instead of composting it. I don't use it enough to warrant paying for it but m not able to easily get it from the front garden to the back garden as it needs to be brought through the house. Things like tea bags will just go in the rubbish rather than the garden waste bin.
- I have used [Redacted] from the beginning before the council started their collection and I have nothing to Moan about but I don't see why other areas ie Corby get theirs collected for free. It should be free across the board
- I strongly agree that the garden waste service should be the same for all residents of North Northamptonshire. I do not support an extra charge for this service.
- Doesn't give you the option to say it should be free across the country but chose the first as don't think it would be the right thing to charge everyone to cover ot even if they don't use it
- we pay council tax to cover this cost therefore should NOT have to pay more for this!! this is disgusting you consider charging for a service.. Next you'll be charging to collect general waste and recycling and end up with more people fly tipping costing you more !!!! disgraceful and inconsiderate
- It's only fair that the garden waste is collected same as the black and green bins at a cost to all residents of the county through council tax
- I don't use this service but am still paying for it an extra charge on me would put a dent in an ever decreasing salary
- Makes it the same for everyone. More people will then avail of the service with minimal impact on council tax.
- If a subscription service is introduced to areas that currently do not have to pay then this is going to encourage either people to visit the local recycling depot or just dump it in a lay-by somewhere. We already contribute to services that we may not use via council tax so this would be no different
- I think we pay enough already for council tax and having seen how much fly tipping there is I feel this will make matters worse if there is a additional charge
- It will benefit all if we continue with all residents being charged.I believe we will see more fly tipping and even worse,more burning of green waste.Government wants us to be carbon neutral but more people will pollute the air by burning waste rather than pay
- To keep it in line with all other services. Streelighting is paid for by everyone, not just those who have enough to see by for example. Grasscutting and street cleaning is paid for by everyone yet some benefit more than others. Some use more of the councils services than others. Everyone pays for the housing services, yet relatively few use it. No difference with garden waste.
- You can't pick and choose in other areas of Council Tax - you can't decide on whether to contribute to the Highways element of Council Tax based on whether you drive a car or not - so why separate out garden waste collection?
- While I understand people in flats may not have a garden so would not need the service there council tax is lower than majority of the people who live in houses. If we are going to have to pay for removal of garden rubbish I fear many people will not be able to afford the charge and it will be dumped in the countryside
- In corby it is excluded in council tax and should stay that way. Not pay more
- I don't believe the tax can go up anymore than it already is. I believe the state of the roads ect what else is our tax going on. The bins should be collected the same as the rest

- We in East Northants have paid an extra charge when others have had a charge-free service. In a now United Council it should be the same for everyone.
- Because it would stop country side destruction and danger to wildlife
- I answered the previous question in the way I did because I believe that there are some things the council ought to be providing to everyone without additional charge. The collection of garden waste falls into this category. I pay enough council tax as it is and don't really receive a very good service or facilities in response.

The argument that only those households with a garden should pay for it could be applied to lots of things. If I didn't use my local library, then why should I have part of my council tax go towards paying for that? If I didn't have children, then why should some of my tax go towards paying for education and schools? Once one starts stripping out things that one doesn't use and states that only those who do use them ought to pay for them, this leads to a slippery slope. There are some things which should be universal services which are paid for out of the general taxation the council receives for the benefit of all.

I understand that the council has said that those households who opt not to pay for the collection of garden waste if the service became charged for, would not be able to claim a reduction in their council tax. I would like to see the council continue to provide the collection of garden waste service as part of the main council tax and not an additional fee to levy on top of hard pressed families, especially given the current cost of living crisis.

- We are already paying for it in our council tax. Therefore why should we pay for it twice?. We've never been asked to pay before. Also if you start charging the amount of flytipping which is already high will no doubt increase hugely.
- The cost of council tax is too high now you just keep adding to it, people will dump it in the parks at night like they do with large items they can't get in their bin then it will cost more to collect then you'll want to put it up again shocking you even think that people have cash just sitting around for you to take at a whim.
- We pay some of the highest council tax in the country, we pay more than enough to expect to have our garden waste collected and disposed of properly. Charging people extra will likely lead to people fly tipping and end up costing the council more in the long run. And yes it should be the same for all residents across North Northamptonshire, we should all pay our council tax and be able to access the services we are accustomed to and need.
- Taxation takes better account of income and wealth i.e. it is more progressive
- Many people do not use their green bins regularly. If there is a subscription service only avid gardeners will sign up and the rest will just use their black bins reducing the amount we recycle. Further, residents of Corby seem to be more negatively impacted by the creation of NNC with various costs previously handled under CBC increasing, supposedly to 'level us out' with other areas of Northants, but these increases are disproportionately affecting Corby and its residents. The green bin service was as always free and worked. Please also consider the number of low income families in Corby, already facing a cost of living crisis. Many people will simply not be able to afford this additional cost.
- We are already paying enough taxes and charges. Collection of essential garden waste, recyclable and non-recyclable items is a necessity. It is not an excuse to levy extra charges.
- Prices are already rising everywhere. Don't add another charge on to people for disposing of their waste in the correct way. This is unfair
- Residents pay for other services they don't use. If only those who use the garden waste collection service should pay for it then only residents with children should pay for child-related services.
- My household pays nearly £200 a month in council tax. This is an astronomical amount of money as we are both retired.

Through our council tax we all contribute to various things which not all of us take advantage of or use. The same should apply to the garden waste collection. We may not all use it but the cost is surely paid through the council tax Not an additional tax. Will the council give us the chance to have our council tax reduced if we don't use the library for example?

- Those who don't use the service should not see an increase in other costs charged
- Your answers consider only increasing the cost of service. Offer a discount to those who don't have a garden, since you clearly will have less streets to attend to.
- If some households do not choose to pay for the service, but do generate waste, this is inevitably going to increase the amount of fly tipping and garden waste left in both public and private locations.
- There are many services to which I make a contribution via council tax but do not use the service. Are you saying that in future we should only contribute to those services that we use or is this another attempt to take more money from people already struggling with cost of living rises.
- Because only had 2 options to choose from and we all pay rate's weather we use all the facilities or not. If that we only pay for what we use.- police fire brigade ambulance etc a lot of people wouldn't be paying much??
- I believe that Garden waste should be FREE for all. We pay enough already in council tax. By charging I think that it will increase fly tipping. Surely that will cost more to clean up. Let's try and keep our countryside looking good and cared for (what's left of it).
- I don't believe anyone should pay anything in addition to the existing council tax payment.
- Good disposal of waste benefits the entire community, and a poor refuse collection service results in an increase in fly-tipping (which then costs significantly more to resolve) as well as waste piling up on properties which is unsightly as well as encouraging vermin.
- Our council tax currently takes into account kerbside collection for Garden waste. Other areas have opted for different services and their council tax reflects this.
- I compost all my own green material, please stop calling it waste! It's not it's future compost! I don't see why I should subsidise other people who just take the easy option and put it in as wheely bin.
- A directly "Paid for Service" will only encourage people to fly tip. [Redacted] knows we already have an epidemic of fly tipping in Northamptonshire. Take Ecton Lane for example and only yards away from the recycling centre!
How much has that cost to keep clearing up every other week?
- Not every household has a garden.
- That's the whole idea of how council tax should work. All residents of the old Wellingborough Borough council already contribute a set amount each year for all three bins to be emptied every week anyway. If an additional charge for brown bin collection is implemented; then, legally, we will need to be refunded individually for the proportion of the service for which there is to be a duplicated charge.
- My neighbours is empty and over grown. So I try to keep it tidy
- I feel without free garden waster collection, fly tipping green waste would increase, which would ultimately be paid for by all residents in any case.
- There are lots of services covered by council tax that not everyone uses, but everyone has to pay, so kerbside garden waste collection should not be any different, it should be as it is at the minute in our area and included in what we already pay. We should not have to pay extra or a subscription.
- All households should be made to compost garden & food waste.
- If you separate out this service that only some households use then you would need to consider the same principle for other services. For example, households that have no children (why

should they contribute to child related services ?) or households that do not have a dog (why should they pay for dog bin collections ?)

- I chose the second option because I don't agree with the subscription charge. I recognise that those people without gardens may be paying for the service as part of their council tax and don't use it but they may still indirectly be using the service through grounds maintenance work for communal areas for example. I do use my garden bin although infrequently as I have a small courtyard garden with no grass or hedges so a 'pay as you go' service might benefit me but I think that all refuse services should not be chargeable. I try to be as diligent as possible with all my waste and usually only put out my black refuse bin once every 8 to 10 weeks and my recycling bin every 4 weeks but I don't raise it as an issue that I pay for more collections via council tax than I use. I also use the food caddy recycling service each week but again because I limit my waste then there is usually only one bag in it.
- Why should we pay it will only end up dumped in parks
- Because if you stop this service there will be more fly tipping
- It is already part of the service we pay for. You introduced a 3 bin system and you should be recycling and composting as the service implies. Why aren't you recycling and composting and making it viable? I would buy local compost if it was offered as would many others. I have seen perfectly good condition goods being trashed at the local tip by workers with no interest in recycling. Make it viable and stop guilt tripping us as though we're getting it free or taking advantage of others. The council currently charging was in a lot of trouble due to their own fault. Residents should not pay for the mistakes and incompetence of well paid staff.
- Potential for fly tipping by fraudulently claimed exemption.
- Most people use the service at some time. Some only use it 2 or 3 times a year. Some use it every collection. How will you differentiate between households ?
- I think the garden waste should be collected curb side how it is now because I think there will be more road side dumping
- The cost of everything is going up, adding a charge for this would mean we (and I'm sure plenty of other people) couldn't afford it.
The alternatives are bonfires or driving to the household waste centre, neither of which are as environmentally friendly as kerbside collections.
Whilst I certainly wouldn't fly tip boot loads of garden waste I'm sure some people would.
- Only agree we should all pay the same across the county as long as it remains as it is for my postcode.
- Larger service areas household garden waste is already included into their council tax. Having to pay an additional fee to have garden waste seems a bit unfair.
- I think we pay council tax for this sort of thing
- Unfair question. I do not get social care services but still pay in my Council Tax which is very high. Garden waste should be the same. I don't use the service every collection but feel I pay enough to have access to the service.
- In Mears Ashby the Council Tax is high and it should include collections of garden waste. The council never clean the drains which are full of leaves and debris and don't drain water away so the money they save on that can pay for the bins emptying
- we already pay our council tax why should we pay for our garden waste to be taken away on top people will not want to pay any more so it will lead to more fly tipping
- I already pay maintenance fees because the council wouldn't adopt the land that my housing estate is built on and in our fees it does not include waste disposal of any kind and I pay my council tax which covers waste disposal already and the council tax is already expensive.
- I cannot compost all my garden waste and I am keen on recycling so this is an essential service for me and many others. If you charge people for this service then many will either just put it in

the black bin, so it ends up in landfill, or, even worse, dump it illegally, which in the end will cost far more to clear up than roadside collection does.

- I think it's utterly disgusting you want to impose yet further costs to people. This is already covered in our current council tax amount so why on earth you want to go ahead and charge more beyond me. People are seriously struggling financially at the moment as it is and you want to push that even further. Will people see a reduction their council tax if they choose not to have the service? Seems at the moment you want more and more money when no one has enough to survive let alone pay for services that have always been a part of our council tax. Imposing further charges will mean people simply put the waste in general bins or increase fly tipping.
- This service should form part of our council tax charge. No extra cost should be charged for this, otherwise people will simply use their black bin.
- Low income households and those living in flats they do not use the service should not subsidise the private Gardens of those that may be wealthier
- The green areas of peoples garden contribute to the life of all around. I would think twice about planting trees etc if new charges are imposed
- You move toward subscription service then you will see more fly tipping with people using 'cheap' waste removal vans or burning garden waste in their gardens.
- I'd like to continue having a (nearly) year around service and am happy to pay for it. I'm assuming if the service became free it would be reduced. I also value the Christmas tree collection very highly and would have no way of getting rid of that if that service was withdrawn. It probably isn't fair to make people in Corby and Kettering pay the same as someone with a large village garden but perhaps they should pay a smaller charge. That said if you start charging them it will no doubt increase fly tipping. No easy answer but I would like to keep my £55 service, year round collection if it means losing it.
- Everyone benefits from the environmental benefits of garden waste being collected as it may end up in the black bin or illegally dumped if people are not prepared to pay for it. There are many council services that I don't use and those who do are not charged for them. Again these benefit the whole of society.
- There is enough fly tipping already
- It is a refuse collection service. The income stream generated offsets Council expenditure across the board.
Biomass power stations should be a prime market.
- The country councils are under increasing pressure to ensure value for money. The point is that funds are rarely available to improve the general look of the towns we live in. You are your environment and if they increase costs to an already heavily taxed community I feel it will result in poorly kept properties, increased queues at the recycling centre (more traffic - more pollution) and finally fly tipping.
Please stop trying to cut corners.
- It's free now and should remain so. Another tax raising scam. Stop wasting the money you already collect.
- I assume that the cost of my green waste collection has been included in my council tax until now. Does this mean that I will have a rebate if you start to charge separately?
I don't actually intend to pay for this service, I will dispose of my garden waste in the same way I did before green bins were provided.
- The unitary Council is comprised of districts that have experienced different methods of green waste collection. At least half the districts have received this service without the levy. It seems rather unjust to apply it to all districts now, when the minority of districts applied it in the first place. The cost of living is rising to a point where many will struggle to pay for fuel and energy. Increased council tax rates will play their part in that increased cost of living. It is not fair to tax

residents further. It also seems an irresponsible choice on the part of central government to allow local councils the opportunity to tax people for any type of recycling when it is such a popular global issue.

- The majority of households generate waste and should these charges be applied it will result in even more Fly Tipping!
- The question is not a fair question to ask, as I am already paying for the service through my council tax.
- It should be free. But that's just my opinion. The waste services differ so much across the county it's crazy. It should be free to dispose of waste that can turn into compost.
- Keep the cost down, because if it's an opt in basis it would be costly to administer, would lead to more fly tipping if people didn't subscribe which would be more costly for the council. If it was a nominal amount per household ie £5 or less per annum the council should still make a sizeable profit.
- If you start to charge 'users' for the services they use where do you stop? I fear there will be an increase in fly tipping. I agree it is seasonal so March to November collections are agreeable, but no charges please. We already pay enough for services we don't use so please don't add extra charges to the ones we do!
- Was under the understanding this was part of our council tax so confused as to why we are expected to pay extra.
- Should not be any change
- Having to pay anything for a kerbside collection of garden waste will just lead to more rubbish being dumped.

We already pay enough council tax along with all the other price increases. Where do you think people will keep finding the money for all these extra things?

- As I understand it our council tax that we pay yearly is for, amongst other things, collection of refuse. Be it normal, recycling or green. We already face an increase in council tax and you expect us to pay extra for something we already pay for.
- Whether people use the service or not it should be paid for by everyone
- I don't have an issue with paying, but people will, so paying less to unscrupulous entrepreneurs to fly tip it is what you will see an increase in, the village roads are dumping grounds already, this will lead to more and nothing will be done because nobody cares, too small a crime for the police, so the problem grows, this will just make things worse....
- I contribute to many council services that I do not use. Councils provide a range of services and only a few of which are used by most residents according to their needs. Why is this different?
- To continue with all recycling, it's a shared effort. We don't all drive cars but some of our general taxation goes on roads etc. We don't all use every service we pay our taxes for but we still pay taxes.
- I pay for all services all of the time, mostly to support those who use services which I don't use. I won't pay extra to have garden waste to be removed.
- Most people have gardens and should have the right to dispose of their garden waste in the same manner as household waste and recycling. A charge for the service may lead to people putting garden waste in the general household waste bin.
- Other local councils provide a free collection service eg [redacted]
- By charging for this service you will only increase the amount of fly tipping, see what happened when the tip sites were altered. If you don't believe me just look at the waste in countryside. If this dumped on private property then that person has to pay to have it removed, is that fair! It's not only garden waste that goes into the bin but compostable kitchen waste.
- It's very simple, if you're going to remove a service then remove the charge incurred for the service. Otherwise you are simply taking money from households for nothing, which is a fraud.

Why not give people the option? Many would be happy to pay and some to save on a service not required.

- We are a low income family I feel if there was a charge for this service it would increase the rates or flytipping and people cannot afford to live hardly with inflation.
- It's more fair to those without gardens to enjoy
- I'm not going to be paying to have a small bag of grass taken away so I'll put it in my black bin. I don't use half the services on the council tax bill as it is ? I used to to pay to have a bin emptied by [Redacted] as I had a bigger garden then which incidentally is much more expensive than the council service but I didn't realise you did brown bins at the time.
- We pay for already through community tax to get all our bins emptied.
- I actually agree more with the first option, as its not fair for those without a garden to pay. But then I don't think any of us should be paying more for a service that we have had for free previously (meaning incorporated into council tax). I don't like how these options have been worded so that these are the only choices - this is manipulative! How about we have a less corrupt council that doesn't bankrupt itself and waste our money in the first place - so that we don't have to bail them out due to their incompetence! That is the option I choose. Failing that, let's stick to paying it through tax please.
- I don't agree with any extra charges I think it is total a rip of, we pay our council tax why should we pay even more it's much wants more when it comes to ripping off people, it's always been free so why charge separately not in favour, most people will just put it in black bin if this comes in
- Council tax is a large chunk if everyone's budget & it should include all services that are available from the Council.
- It's a sorry state of affairs but the average cost of living in the UK is skyrocketing for all with the fuel crisis, both home fuel (gas & electricity) vehicle fuels as well as the cost of food and general living We are already are a struggling nation with many choosing food over heat and vice/versa. Council tax cost is risen every year so why is not ALL kerbside waste collected without further fees for garden waste bins as not all people have gardens but pay the same rates as those that do, surely this cost is incorporated and should be an absolute viable option for the local councils. Its not fair or just that some people in the county pay where others don't. We are ALL under one council now so our rates should show this. An option should be given if tenants want a garden waste bin or not as I can't imagine everyone will. PLEASE don't make us struggle even further by making us pay. The fact there are so many people with covid choosing to work and infecting others because they simply cannot afford to take time off is ludicrous. For so many still being affected of covid and those with long covid and the lifting of all restrictions means so many having to stay home because like me, they are extremely clinically vulnerable. Their garden is literally the only place they feel safe and is a space they can enjoy. The waste licensing rules of 6 visits a year if you have a truck instead of a car has already been a massive fail. You only have to drive around our county to see this. The amount of illegal dumping including garden waste has got out of hand so much in our precious countryside, its becoming a place of filth and dirt instead of a beautiful place to protect and enjoy. I say "precious" because the building of new homes, literally whole estates on the outskirts of towns is already swallowing the area we used to have and enjoy that there is a genuine fear of having no greenspace left at all very soon for our future generations to enjoy. Again PLEASE DON'T MAKE US STRUGGLE EVEN MORE and do the right thing.. Let us have equality and consistency without the fear of yet ANOTHER bill dropping into our letter boxes.
- By charging you would be encouraging fly tipping of garden waste and we pay enough council tax for a fortnightly collection
- Already pay tax so should have to have more tax added

- We already pay enough council tax
- The garden waste bin is also used for compostable kitchen waste so if this is not collected it will end up being put in the black bin and therefore not recycled.
Charging for kerbside collection will mean more households will decide to burn waste in their gardens which will increase air pollution / smoke and cause an annoyance to the local community.
There is also the additional issue and costs to consider when these fires get out of control. There is also the potential that this will increase flytipping.
- Some people have several of each type of bin so produce more waste. Some people don't, but may have a garden. Some may have a garden but are able to compost their own garden waste. It evens itself out cost wise. Council tax is our largest monthly bill already so please keep this included in the current tax. To save, just offer one empty a month over winter perhaps.
- I personally would not mind a March to November collection free service
- I hope that if all the residents who want a bin can pay to have a subscription and that hopefully this will lower the payments as they won't need to go to possibly every street. Saving hours of wasted time where trucks are just going round where they are not needed.
- I don't agree with an additional charge for garden waste collection
- No one should be paying extra for any garden waste removal. Private bonfires will restart again causing additional respiratory problems to those already suffering or waste will be fly tipped or put in the black bin or even green bin.
- If everyone receives the same service there should be less need for fly tipping either by residents or by unscrupulous garden clearance trades. There is a significant cost to the authority in clearing this as well as inconvenience and unsightliness to all.
- Should be accessible to all if the cost can be kept to a minimum.
- I don't use education but I still pay for it, the roads haven't been adopted but I still pay for them, nor do I receive a subsidy because of that so why should I be expected to pay for removal of garden waste. Money grabbing council
- It should be free for all
- I believe garden waste collection should be included with your council tax bill. Do not understand why some have to pay when others don't.
- When I leave in Wellingborough I didn't pay separately for garden waste. All it was included in the council tax bill.
- Why should people with no garden pay for garden waste collection.
- Because my taxes pay benefits for those who refuse to work, whilst they get lots of services for free.
- I currently pay for garden waste collection and have no issue with doing so. Although it is unfair that some areas are paying and others are not
- I have paid for this service for a few years now, as I have a fairly large garden.
People should have the choice to use this service, as not all people have cars/ or can't afford the annual fee, to be able to use the recycle centre to get rid of garden waste.
- I feel like everyone to pay. But really I think it should be free
- I don't agree with either option. Everyone currently has a garden waste bin and pays their council tax accordingly so why change now. It's just another way to squeeze more money out of residents of North Northamptonshire. People will start putting garden waste in the black bin; what are you going to do then, start charging people extra for that?
- It should be free for everyone
- I cannot agree with either of the last two options. The garden waste should be collected without any extra charge over and above the basic refuse collection charge. Otherwise fly tipping,

overworked and crowded waste disposal sites will ensue. I would actively consider putting my garden waste in the black bin if I were to be charged extra for this service.

- We pay enough don't need anymore expenses it works quite well as it thanks fortnightly collection
- It gets messy if there are too many systems
- We have always had collection of a green bin fortnightly, I s
- I am willing to pay a little extra, but £55 isn't worth it. I'd rather do a few tip runs per year. I have a tiny garden and it reallt isn't worth it. Why isnt there communal green waste bins located close by. There is bins for all sorts dotted around, from waste bins, dog poo bins, even east to find clothesand glass bins at supes, but no green waste. Why not? A few euro bins size dotted around would help reduce tip runs and I think residents with small gardens would use them.
- Why should you pay if you are not using the service ?
- We should not have to pay extra for this council tax is already extortionate
- Those who can compost at home already do. I agree this is most efficient way. Perhaps offer subsidised or free compost bins to households who request them to encourage home composting.

Industrial composting is the most efficient disposal method for garden waste, and provides a useful chemical free fertiliser for local agriculture. (With [Redacted] fertiliser process going up and availability going down, being able to produce our own is more important than ever).

If people are required to pay for garden waste collection, more garden waste will go into the black bin, which you've already pointed out increases CO₂eq. If this goes to landfill it increases methane (much higher global warming potential than CO₂) and if incinerated it takes more energy to burn.

If people choose to responsibly take their garden waste to a local centre this will increase CO₂ due to multiple journeys.

Councils are already having their costs to manage waste paid for by producers as a result of the EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) legislation from 2024, and so can afford to continue protecting the environment by collecting garden waste. Will we see a council tax rebate as a result of EPR? Highly unlikely. And yet you think it's ok to get residents to pay more if they use a current service?

I don't have children but I don't get a discount for schools related costs. Should we put schools on a subscription service and ask parents to pay extra? I don't smoke, but I don't get a discount for NHS. Should we ask smokers to pay for a health related subscription service? I don't have a dog, should we ask dog owners to pay a dog-poo-bin subscription fee?

We also need food waste collection in Kettering area, it is a disgrace that this area lags behind rest of country and that food waste goes into the black bin with harmful environmental consequences.

We are targeting as a country to reduce CO₂ and hit net zero by 2040. Responsible management of organic waste is an important part of this. Garden waste collection is an important step to reduce residual waste, and reduce CO₂ emissions.

Alternatives:

Ask people who use it regularly to sign up - for free - to use the service so bin lorries can plan more efficient routes. Those who don't usually use the service fortnightly might not sign up, but if they have a bin full one day can register for bin emptying ad hoc.

Switch to a request only service. Free to all, but you need to put your postcode on website the night before to say you need a collection this week.

Move all your garden waste bin lorries to a green fleet, to reduce emissions associates with them connecting green waste.

- In principle it is fair to only charge those who use the service, but there will be those with waste to dispose of who refuse to subscribe. Some may fly-tip, others may use their black bin instead. How can you police this?
- We would not differentiate between car/ bike users and pedestrians and not expect tax payers to all contribute to keeping our roads safe and usable.
- There are services that I pay for ie The Police and Fire Commissioners but I do not object to paying for these services as there maybe a time I do need to use them.
The same goes for the " Garden Waste" Collection service, I don't use it that often but I am happy to have it included in my Council Tax.
Other things that need to be considered are that not everyone has transport to be able to drop garden waste off at the recycling centre.
Also there will be the people who will " ditch" their garden waste just wherever they can, we already have a " fly" tipping problem, why are to this ?
- We pay enough council tax without another payment been added
- It is a service that should be paid for by council tax....that is what it is for. I do not get an option to not pay for libraries, or schools, even though I would not even know where the library is or never had children in schools in the county. It is one charge, covering all services
- Adding an extra cost onto garden waste will not encourage people to use it. More people will dump it or not take care of their gardens aswell. We already pay enough
- all areas should be the same as Wellingborough
- Some people do not have a garden or can't afford a fee so only those who apply to this need a garden waste bin .
I don't want to travel to a recycling centre or fill my black bin as there'll be no room for normal household rubbish.
- Better still, achieve greater efficiency across your whole workforce in line with the private sector.
- The question I would like to know would be is if the council tax would be less for those who didn't use the service? The council tax has increased considerably and I suppose this possible change would happen as of next year. The council tax yet again would considerably increase and then on top of that expected to pay for this additional service.
- If you use the service you should pay for it. Not sure if we already pay for this service in our council tax charge.
Dont know how you would know who pays or not, at kerbside.
- Easier for council to dispose of it
- How much would it cost the council tax payer for a system to be devised that is only collected from subscription paying households? How would it be monitored? At the moment anyone in the area with a brown bin could put it out even if they haven't paid for the service.
- Neither as isn't this already included in council tax payment
- We pay enough tax in this county. This service should be provided for free
- Same with the actual council tax- not every single person uses every single service. It is for the wider community, and also encourages people to keep their gardens tidy-
- I don't wish to pay for a service I do not use
- Think majority of households in the area have an outdoor space and have garden waste and its not fair to charge some and not others really unfair to those that are in more rural locations unable to acess local tips
- It should all be free,sometimes bins are full after a week and its a fortnightly collection.People will fly tip,thats for sure.
- That rather depends on the cost. We use our garden waste bin no more than 4 times per year.
Also, there's a community aspect. When we or our close neighbours have a big job on (recently

removed ivy from gable end), we use each other's bins. Collection payments would put an end to that.

- I shouldn't have to pay if I'm not using the service.
- Those without gardens are likely to pay lower rates of council tax anyway. Charging extra to use this service will discourage people from using this form of recycling and mean more waste goes to landfill and increased fly-tipping.
- If you have to set up a control to ensure only those selecting the service pay you will find that admin costs outweigh savings.
- this service should be kept as included as part of your council tax which is banded and reflect property size and value. it is highly unlikely that you will be able to accurately administer a whole additional system of those who opt in and those who don't and will have no way to monitor or manage those who opt out but find ways to dodge the system . Keep it simple
- I can't see why anyone should have to pay extra. The council will profit from the waste anyway from the compost resold.
- If we do not have the service people will simply put this into general waste or it will be fly tipped.
- We shouldn't have to pay for it at all. The costs of council tax should cover it.
- No one should pay to have their Garden Bins empty

This should all be covered by our council Tax As That is what it is for Not making more money from the chosen few

I have seen so much more fly tipping of garden waste since we have had this stupid charge
Even seen my neighbours disposing of grass cutting behind shrubbery

- it should be equal for all, but this should not be taken from a further increase in council tax!!!
- It is spurious to suggest that people who use a council service should pay a subscription for it, the council provides many services that not everyone uses.
- As a resident of Sywell, I want the service to continue as it is and always has been. I don't see a need to change the status quo and definitely do NOT want to see it go to subscription usage!!!
- This service should be universal as rural areas do not always benefit from some services provided to more urban areas. This is a matter of general fairness in the allocation of resources.
- I think the way you have structured the questions is very mis-leading. As a local resident I pay council tax. That tax is split to cover operations costs for whatever local authorities are responsible for. This is yet another way councils have dreamed up to increase monies collected from residents. Shame on you. We are one of the wealthiest countries in the world yet councils squander money left, right and centre then expect others to pick up the cost
- I feel that the council tax band system means that households that are likely to produce more garden waste are already paying a higher level of council tax to account for the services that they may use more than other households
- Many people resent having to pay extra.
Many people cut lawns at the weekend and if the tip is closed on mon and Tuesday as in rushden then I assume fly tipping is on the increase.
I assume that there is money to be made from recycled compost, so the council should be able to recoup costs of collection if this is correct.
- I pay for lots of services etc that I do not use myself. Why should this service be any different?
- It is not fair to charge non service users, especially those who do not own a garden. Conversely, it might encourage responsible disposal of garden waste if all households were supplied garden waste bins and charged accordingly. All too often I have seen garden waste thrown out of vehicles along the A6 creating mayhem for cyclists who have to swerve in the road to avoid the piles of rubbish!
- It should not be a lottery as to who pays for garden waste to be taken away and who doesn't, would it not make more sense to give everyone a brown bin or would the council prefer everyone

in Rushden going to the tip on a Saturday and Sunday blocking the road just to get rid of a bag of garden waste ? Oh silly me that's how it is, I call it totally irresponsible of the council and it needs to be sorted asap

- This is a loaded question.

As you are aware East Northants was the only council to charge every other council collected garden waste FREE.

Therefore there should be a question regarding free collection.

- I disagree with the facts of having to pay extra for removal of garden waste. Adding on a extra charge will only let resident who refuse to pay this extra charge dump their rubbish around the community as they do at present with large household items.
- What a farce and what a stich up to boot.
- Once again there will be more fly tipping by some and more expensive to clear by the council, or is this somebody else's budget.

There will also be more pollution to the environment.

- I think it should be free collection, and stay as it is. We pay enough in council tax as it is, so this should include free waste disposal
- We pay everything else equally whether we use it or not
- If charge there will be temptation to fly tip at great expense to the public purse and disfigurement of the public scene.
- The most efficient way to deal with garden waste is via Council collection. It is a service already included in our Council Tax payments. The incompetence of previous Councils should not result in extra costs for previously efficient areas/householders.

Savings can be made by reducing green bin collection to relevant months only. Say March to early September.

- None of the above
- Dont think we should have to pay for this we pay enough on council tax why should we have to pay this they used to cut grass that stopped only thing they do is empty our bins this will bring more fly tipping and we live near a field and have seen rubbish dumped in the field gateway its ridiculous see how many people turn to burning rubbish in their gardens
- If you pay for collection of garden rubbish many more people will opt out and dump their rubbish in the countryside causing more fly tipping
- We already pay for our garden waste to be collected, times are hard enough people to not need to be charged again for this service!

- Temptation for none users to fly tip

- Its included in our council tax

- I am a pensioner living alone.

I need to put my garden rubbish in a bin for collection.

But I hardly have any black rubbish.

Where families near me have bins full to the brim.

I don't ask that a different charge be made for this collection.

The garden waste at least can be recycled and used for composting.

- Arrange your services to the need and best service you can provide. Are the other authorities carrying out the same survey to established services in line with Wellingborough's'. Seasonal collections. ?
- Because that seems fairer
- We contribute to services already that we may not use, why should it be any different to waste collection. This looks like another cash grab by a council that can't manage its money.
- We already pay for this service in our council tax. You introduced the separate bins.

- As I would not be able to afford to pay more and a lot of other wouldn't either which would make fly tipping more or general waste more
- As far as I know, very few households do not have a garden. Even in a block of flats there may be communal grounds looked after by a gardener who uses bins.
For the few who have no access to garden space specific to their home, the council could give a suitable refund on the rates - this may entail some extra work in the first year but thereafter would remain the same for the property.
- I think we are going through some of the worst times with people struggling at times to put food on the table! Increases in bills, fuel and food is as much as people can bear. Any other financial burden would be a step to far.
This will also result in fly tipping increasing and people adding their waste to others bins!
Not in agreement at all, the current service in Corby has always included garden waste no charge why do we have to pay to make things the same in all area? Why not do it for all areas included in the huge council tax we all already pay.
- I think the garden waste should be composted by the council and sold back to residents.
- We pay enough council tax as it is , which increases every year and it's working well as it is now,we do not agree with having a charge to empty the garden waste at all . Especially when the services are getting less,ie: road gutter cleaning and path maintenance and weed spraying.
- The question should have asked..."Do you agree that all kerbside garden waste collected by the Council should be paid from our council tax" , then my answer would be- YES.
- If charges start to apply I'll probably just use my disabled neighbours bin... simples !!
- I completely understand that those without a garden wouldn't wish to contribute towards costs. But people on a tight budget will not pay the fee especially if they've been used to receiving the service for free. This will lead to more dumping of garden waste and more untidy gardens.
- I feel that when a service is provide by the council, all residents within that council should be treated the same ie.
If garden waste is collected in Kettering Corby Raunds etc the same rules are followed. If one area has a free collection policy this should apply to all.
Conversely if one Area pays everyone does.
- HOW DOES THIS AFFECT NON COLLECTIONS NOW - BINS HAVE BEEN OUT SINCE TUESDAY 28TH MARCH
- If they don't collect it for free drop the charge of council tax down
- All areas should pay - or none. You are discriminating areas and that is unfair
- I feel that we pay our council tax and that this should be included in this.
Also I feel that fly tipping would increase drastically if people had to pay for garden waste disposal, particularly due to recent huge increases in household bills.
- If there is a charge for garden waste then it will be hidden in the black or blue bins by many people, making any recycling harder and more costly and take up more landfill space, will be burnt causing smoke pollution or flytipped
- I think it's disgusting that you lot are thinking of charging to take away green waste, that is terrible, I see this was another way for the local council to take more money away from the average joe
- We shouldn't have to pay extra for this service as it's part of our council tax charges, which are going up every year.
- Fed up with paying through the nose for your incompetence. Stop wasting tax payers money and get rid of the waste of space that are sucking us dry for [redacted] sake
- Garden waste should be provided free of charge, there is already a real problem with fly tipping why would a council decide to make a service subscription based when no one will pay it and will resort to burning waste, putting it into black bins or fly tipping?

- Concerned that people will take their garden waste and dump it wherever they want. This is already unsightly, environmentally and costly. The local councils will just have to come and clear it up anyway.
Even if you don't have garden waste to get rid of, you'll still have to pay towards the cleaning up of dumped waste. You just won't see the cost as a separate item.
- For environmental and economic reasons it seems better to focus this service only where it is needed. And it seems fair that it should be paid for by those using it. I think the current £55 a year, just over £1 a week, is not an unreasonable charge for a very useful service.
- I think it should be free as they ever collect it any way
- kahjs
- Cost is already incorporated in the council tax it is adequate to collect during March to November.
- Neither, would prefer the Wellingborough scheme
- At the moment it is already paid for by our council tax charges, why are you trying to phrase it in a way that means we should pay more? We already pay
- Why should other towns Corby \Kettering not pay and have all year round when wellingborough only get March \nov???we pay our tax which has gone up!!!so why now are we having to pay again what's to stop other people from putting there garden waste in my bin ???
- It should be treated the same as household waste and collected on the kerbside. It should be a cost absorbed into the astronomical amounts of council tax we all already have to pay
- I pay income tax, national insurance and council tax, i dont see why i should be paying anything else
- The amount of council tax we pay this service should be included.
- Charging people individually to dispose of their garden waste will lead to more people using the tip and potential flytipping.
- The cost and service is not new and is already taken into account for the cost and running within our high council taxes.
This service has been running successfully for years.
- The option to receive a service March - November paid for through wider taxation (a more cost effective service for both parties) would make the most economic sense. During the winter months garden waste is at a minimum & the service is barely used at all. Households could take garden waste directly to a recycling centre during that time.
If individual taxation was introduced, more flytipping would increase and this is already too large an issue in our rural location.
- The service currently provided is first class and works well and I presume it is covered by our current council tax. I do not accept that this should change. As a generalisation I believe that introducing a specific charge will only encourage people to fly tip their garden waste in our countryside!
- This is a really important way to reduce waste and have a positive impact on the environment. If this moves to a subscription charge then many people will not pay and it's likely to lead to more waste.
- I feel if you are now going to put yet another charge on people for collecting garden waste we will start to see so much more fly tipping.
- I presently contribute to my kerbside collection through my council tax. It has never been free. I would like to be able to opt for a smaller general waste bin collection. Perhaps we should all be on variable rates according to the amount we throw away.
- We all have different utilities relating to property therefore you should pay whatever rate band you are in

- It should be included with services paid for by council tax as it currently is
- If you charge for it, there will be a dramatic increase in fly tipping which is already at a high level. Culprits are rarely caught.

In a cost of living crisis any increase has a disproportionate effect. Unless of course you propose to decrease the council tax of those who don't use it. (I think I can answer that -No) It will just be another £55 which will constantly increase and no overall benefit.

Those of us with gardens are already in a higher council tax band. The bin collection without charge is hardly something for nothing

- We pay for it on higher Council Tax
- I have had kerbside since introduced by Corby. They could fund it so why can't North Northants. I can see more dumping of waste if additional charge is introduced
- You will have bigger clean up issues with people dumping stuff. It happens in other areas. I'm surprised there was no data and evidence provided on how the service is used at present. Or how the collected material is processed recycled reused and i.e sold on.
- I think we already pay enough and if we are charged more for the green bin collection then I think a lot of people will just dump it
- At a time of high inflation, rising food and fuel costs, many households will find it difficult to pay for an existing service which is currently part of their council tax bill.
- Will increase in fly ripping should the household be forced to pay a fee for a collection that we pay tax for anyway
- I feel that as a local resident it is only just that I pay collectively towards local services.
- Can only speak for myself but I have an end terrace house. The garden and hedge is huge. I need the kerbside collection to remain the way it is! I have three green bins to get rid of garden waste in the spring/summer as my hedges are 9 foot long and 6 foot high. The only help I get is the kerbside collection. I'm not paying anymore in my council tax for a service I really need.
- Since 2016 my Rates have increased by over £1000. Take it from here! Where is the Value in Rate Payment, what services have improved! To justify this?
- I think it should still be free as part of our council tax. If not people will just put it in the black bin.
- Please note that kerbside waste collection IS paid for through wider taxation. We already pay for this service.
- Some garden are a lot bigger than other so create a lot more waste also I think we already pay a lot for are service we get if you look to the past some of money that has been lost ie ten million football stadium investment were has that money gone also the cost of living has gone up so I think now is not time to be asking for more money people are struggling thank you
- It's obvious why you've written the question this way but hypothecation is a dangerous way to start talking about council tax. What else will you do this to, for example: I don't use any aspect of adult social care, but I don't expect a survey to come out on whether or not only users if the service should pay for it. Perhaps you'd like to reduce council tax to zero, and then charge only for services used?
- I want to understand why we have to pay for a service like this when the bins are collected for free other times.

Why are residents once again paying for a council that were so inept they had to declare bankruptcy.

In the middle of a cost of living crisis we want to charge people even more money, even after council tax has gone up (certainly for me) by £30 in a month and then additional tax raised.

The money you earn will likely cover the cost of fly tipping and, once again, the vulnerable and elderly who can't do anything about it will be stuck paying out.

- Everyone who pays their Council Tax usually pays for something they don't utilise, for example, someone who has been unable to have children still has to pay for schools and education.
- Nobody should pay an additional fee for garden waste removal
- There are lots of services that people contribute to through taxation that they don't use or do significantly use and I'm not sure why this would be different.
- When we opt in to use the service we have we pay whether we use bin or not. I'm disabled and only use mine probably 6 times a year, but still am charged the £55 subscription per year
- When is the council going to stop penalising bill payers for their ineptness at managing their own budgets and actually begin to provide some level of service in all domains?
Fed up paying high bills for very little return
- Why is there only two options? You are limiting outcome.
It should be collected free as already paid for as part of general council tax
- Historically I have not had a garden and paid for the service now I have a garden there's a consideration to make it paid for. Effectively amounts to a degradation of public services, will also increase fly tipping in the form of garden waste.
Why not just spread it out a bit, once a month instead, for free. How many people take you up on the paid service? Not many I bet...
- Larger house pay more council tax already and they are generally the ones that create the most garden waste.
- I assume you mean we pay either the £55 or a subscription, not both. I would object if it was both.
- Being band E, We pay the highest of the council tax with nothing extra than any other houses in Band A-D. Having to put up with drug gangs in the area. Just work hard from the age of 16, working class, trying to make no mistakes through life and end up carrying everyone else. It's moving to the same as the [Redacted] now. Yes it should be fair for all but things are getting worse. Corby gets all the scum and now this on top of it, we don't even get money back like hands A-D, we are not even rich. Just ridiculous. Even doctor's surgery is awful.
- EVERYBODY subscribes to many facets within taxation e.g. schooling and yet my children have long since left home and schooling so why should I pay for that, and all the more so when I paid for them to go privately to school? It is a fatuous argument to suggest people with gardens should pay, whereas those without should not, and if adopted perhaps I can equally opt out of the schooling contribution?
- There should be an option for people who are unwell. I have a big garden and two green bins. I have to now pay someone to help me and an additional charge would devastate me and others like me. I've been looking to downsize and sell my house and garden to a family. But people like me aren't catered for, housing wise. Been in Corby all of my life and at this address for over 40 years. I need help not more expense.
- WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY FULL STOP. YOU PEOPLE ALWAYS WANT MORE AND MORE AND MORE 😡 DON'T WE PAY ENOUGH ALREADY. GIVE US A BREAK !!!!!
- Will my reply overlead encourage some residents to put green waste in black bin even though illegal? Hence, avoiding extra subscription charge for them. This would make more work for council services and add to increased costs long term.
- If they don't ask everyone to contribute, people will get rid of brown bins & put garden waste in black bin. Only works out £1 a week. Shouldn't begrudge paying. People won't pay otherwise.

Harmonisation of charges

The Council does not have to provide free garden waste collections as this is material for which the Council may make a charge for collections. The service costs the Council approximately £3 million a year.

Currently many households in the area have their garden waste collected by the Council without a subscription charge. This means the Council funds the service from its wider budget, which reduces funding available for other services. Households who do not use the garden waste service still have to contribute to its running costs through taxation, such as their Council Tax.

Residents of former East Northamptonshire who wish to use the service currently pay an annual subscription charge. This means only users of the service pay for it.

Funding to Local Government has gradually reduced over the past few years and therefore we need to make tough choices about how we provide our services and how they are funded.

More information:

How will the proposed annual subscription charge be calculated?

This will be calculated by looking at the current costs incurred by the Council for the containers, collection and administration of the garden waste service.

If a subscription charge is introduced, would the Council be making a profit?

Any subscription charge would aim to cover the cost of the service. If the charge generates a surplus, it would be used on supporting other Council services.

What do other Councils charge?

According to figures from Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP), in 2018/19, the average price charged for the collection of garden waste in England was £43 per year, within a range of £24 to £96. Regionally, 10 other councils charge for the collection of garden waste and their annual subscription fee ranges from £30-£57, with an average price of £42 charged. West Northamptonshire Council has also recently harmonised their garden waste service and implemented a subscription service of £42 per year. The current charge in the area of East Northamptonshire is £55 per year. Some private operators also offer a collection service, some of whom charge higher amounts.

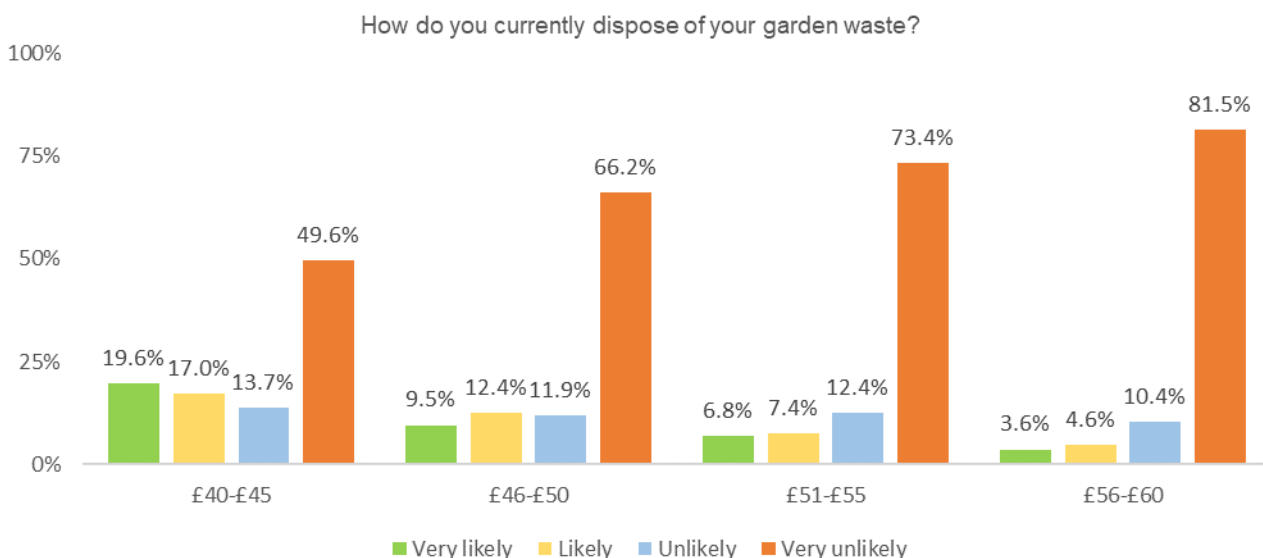
Why do Councils across the country charge different amounts for the same service?

The charge is proposed at varying levels based on the actual cost to deliver the services, Councils are not allowed to make a profit from delivery of these services, so the charges are designed to cover the full cost of delivering the service. The charge in future years will reflect the costs and could go up or down as contributing factors like fuel costs and energy prices fluctuate, as well as being affected by the overall number of people who use and pay for the service.

More information can be found on our [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).

Q. Please tell us how likely you would be to subscribe to the service if a harmonised subscription charge was put in place within the following price brackets? Please tick (✓) one answer for each price bracket

There were 8,152 responses to this question.



	Very likely		Likely		Unlikely		Very unlikely		
	Response number	Percentage (%)	Response number	Percentage (%)	Response number	Percentage (%)	Response number	Percentage (%)	Not applicable – I don't have any garden waste
£40-£45	1,535	19.6%	1,334	17.0%	1,075	13.7%	3,884	49.6%	128
£46-£50	700	9.5%	915	12.4%	875	11.9%	4,869	66.2%	129
£51-£55	502	6.8%	549	7.4%	918	12.4%	5,420	73.4%	137
£56-£60	261	3.6%	337	4.6%	759	10.4%	5,972	81.5%	129

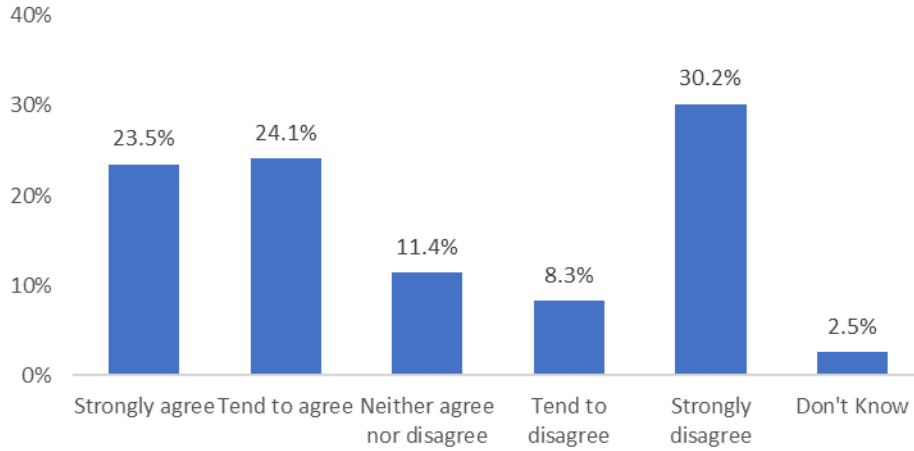
Q. Some households may produce more garden waste than can fit within one garden waste bin. In these circumstances, the Council could provide additional bins to the household so they have additional capacity for their garden waste. There is a cost to the Council for providing the extra bin(s) and for emptying them.

If a harmonised subscription charge was put in place, how strongly do you agree/disagree that the Council should charge a household more each year if they have additional garden waste bins?

Please tick (✓) relevant answer

There were 8,189 responses to this question.

If harmonisation subscription charge was put in place, how strongly do you agree/disagree that the Council should charge a household more each year if they have additional garden waste bins?

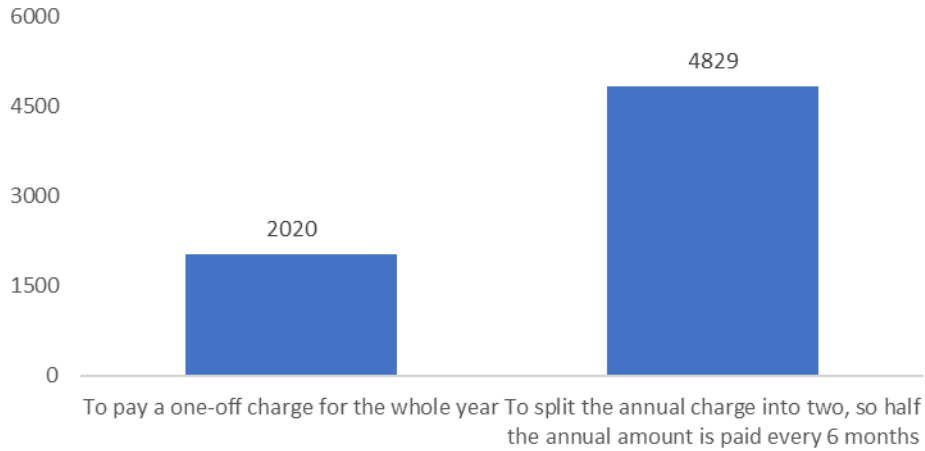


	Response number	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	1,923	23.5%
Tend to agree	1,972	24.1%
Neither agree nor disagree	935	11.4%
Tend to disagree	682	8.3%
Strongly disagree	2,471	30.2%
Don't know	206	2.5%

Q. If the Council were to introduce an annual subscription charge then subscription to the service would be for a year. How frequently do you think users should be able to pay? Please tick (✓) all that apply

There were 6,525 responses to this question, with respondents being able to select more than one option if applicable.

If the Council were to introduce an annual subscription charge then subscription to the service would be for a year. How frequently do you think users should be able to pay?



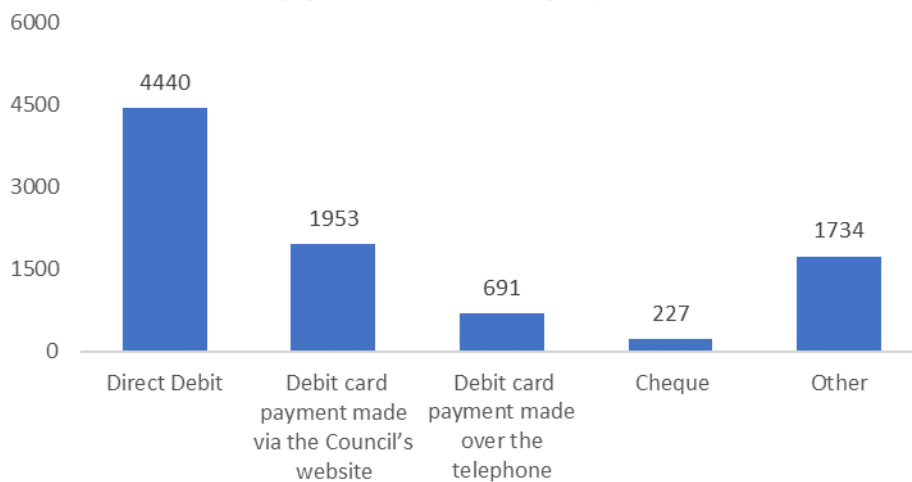
Response number	
To pay a one-off charge for the whole year	2,020
To split the annual charge into two, so half the annual amount is paid every 6 months	4,829

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 To split the annual charge into two, so half the annual amount is paid every 6 months

Q. If the Council were to introduce an annual subscription charge, which payment methods would you prefer? Please tick (✓) all that apply

There were 6,947 responses to this question, with respondents being able to select more than one option if applicable.

If the Council were to introduce an annual subscription charge, which payment methods would you prefer?



	Response number
Direct Debit	4,440
Debit card payment made via the Council's website	1,953
Debit card payment made over the telephone	691
Cheque	227
Other	1,734

Other:

- None
- Neither because dont believe there should be a subscription charge.
Corby borough council managed all these years without why should we now be penalised once again for other borough requirements
Perfectly happy on how it runs currently
- Will not pay anything as already pay council tax!!!
- Wouldn't subscribe
- Cryptocurrency
- Why can the charge not be split over 12 months- people would be more likely to pay
- Would not pay and would as the council to collect the leaves ect that come from the council land around my property as we have a low maintenance garden
- We shouldn't have to pay for it. Full stop. We already pay enough Council tax.
- Where is the option to say NO to all of this???
- You need to make sure the garden waste is actually collected. Your current service provider is terrible.
- Bank transfer
- Add to community charge.
- All methods should be available
- None
- Via council tax bill
- None
- Not paying it though
- Free
- None
- I do not wish to be charged.
- I would no pay at all as this has been a free service and I'd just dump it in either bin for that week causing issues to you
- Would return brown bin to council
- a small monthly charge over 12 months i would be happy to pay £36 a year
- None
- It SHOULD NOT BE EVEN CONSIDERED
- Bank transfer
- If the council charged for this I expect my council tax to be reduced accordingly.
- Credit card
- Bank transfers
- cash at the cube
- I would not pay so irrelevant. Would probably burn waste.
And surely a monthly payment should be offered. Few people on benefits could afford this all at once or even trice in the year.
I deliver food parcels in Wellingborough and regular see furniture and other waste dumped because people have no vehicles and cannot afford to pay council charges for collection. The old sofas will just get garden waste added.
- Will not pay no charge as I shall put it into the general waste bin

- All options should be available according to need
 - No point in replying to this as I won't be paying. My rubbish will go in my general waste
 - I wouldn't subscribe
 - Don't want to pay it !
 - None as I wouldn't pay it. The council is under budget due to spending cuts and mismanagement of funds
 - I do not think this service should be made chargeable.
 - Prefer not to pay at all
 - Why not add it to the 10 monthly council tax charge?
 - Wouldn't use the service
 - I wouldn't pay - I'm already paying community charge.
 - Standing order
 - Pay alongside the council tax already paid
 - I think charging will resort to most people not using the service. People will either take to the tip or use black bins.
- If there was to be a charge then monthly or yearly or 6 monthly! Do they not understand how difficult life is for us all atm?!?!?!?
- I personally will use local tip if you start charging any amount.
- I would not pay at all if my council tax was not reduced accordingly.
I would prefer to pay per bin on an invoice.
And bins need to be of a higher capacity.
 - Presuming this is an annual payment.
 - Not interested, hope you can live with probable increase in fly tipping of garden waste simply down to your greed!
 - Please don't charge, there are tough times ahead for lots of families
 - Credit card. BUT why can't the charge be paid monthly alongside existing monthly council tax direct debit collection?
 - Prefer not to pay for Garden waste
 - Your questions are sounding like you have already decided to introduce a charge !!
 - Monthly, small amount. Or an even smaller amount-so the bin is just emptied 2/3 times a year.
 - I wouldn't and I would opt out of the service
 - I'd not pay it, and then invoice council for my time and fuel for disposing at a tip.
 - Monthly payments would be better for people on a limited budget.
 - I would not be happy to pay for something I don't use.
 - I will not pay for this service via a subscription charge
 - Via council tax
 - Standing order or bank transfer so I have control
 - No charge should be made! !!!
 - Added to our annual tax fee like it is already
 - Unbelievable
 - Not applicable as I don't agree with additional costs. I already pay more than enough with my council tax.
 - I will not be paying for greenwaste
 - I would not use it and dispose of garden waste in other ways
 - Neither Of the above.
Why cannot East Northamptonshire harmonise with us?
 - We wouldn't pay
 - Wouldn't pay at all
 - There should also be an option to pay monthly by D/D re Annual Subscription charge, alongside Council Tax payments. Especially given all the price hikes wef 1st April 22 and other price increases already happening i.e. fuel forecourt prices.
 - Whichever would cost you more time & effort to administer- at the end of the day if this is imposed I won't be using the 'service'
 - Add to council tax... I would also expect that if I'm paying for an annual subscription that I will receive 2 x bin collections a month for 12 months

- I would not use the service
- None as I strongly disagree there should be any charge due to the reasons outlined earlier.
- A choice to enable users with different financial circumstances to be included
- Just don't charge anyone!!! Sounds like it's a done deal!
- And bank transfer from my account.
- There should be no charge!!!
- I won't be paying for it.
- Credit card payment via website
- Who thought up this survey !
I am totally against any payment being introduced
We already pick up bags of litter for the council saving them thousands each year !
- Cash
- Credit Card. For security purposes.
- None, I'd put garden waste in my black bin, doubtless consuming more plastic bags too.
- But won't be paying for this!
- I wouldn't pay. I'd burn the waste and pollute the environment.
- Prefer not to pay!
- I would not use the service, unless my council tax bill was lowered. Much similar to me going to my boss and saying this is no longer my responsibility, unless you pay me more!
- If there are charges there will be an increase in fly tipping that NNC will have to pick up the cost for anyway . What's the difference .
- All payment methods
- However it's disgusting that you are considering this when people can't afford to live as it is rent and council tax has raised and energy bills have surged . You are not only putting people into poverty but will encourage rats and other vermin. We are already paying for incompetence at Northamptonshire County Council. This is an unreasonable charge
- Would pay as you go be an option? Only pay when your bin needs collection as an alternative option.
Some may need their bins emptying more often than others
- No additional charge
- I wouldn't use it - from the tone of this question it implies a decision has already been made
- None I'm not paying
- Cash payment at the Customer Services desk.
- I wouldn't
- I will not be paying to get rid of garden waste. It should be included in the extortionate council tax bill that we already pay
- Pay as you go
- Would not pay it's disgraceful.
- There should not be a charge. Lots of other services are provided by the council which not everyone uses. Why should this be any different?
- I cannot answer this question because I do not think a subscription charge should be introduced.
- None
- None
- None, I won't be paying for it
- Direct debit, but paid monthly
- Paypal
- Should be split evenly and added to monthly council tax bill if that is eventual route taken creating additional charge will discourage take and add to bonfires and fly tipping
- Credit cards
- Already taken through our council tax
- Do not agree with the charge
- none is this not included within our council tax?
- I wouldn't pay for this ridiculously outrageous idea! I pay more than enough via direct debit for my council tax as it currently is!
- No additional payments. We pay enough already for very little service from council

- Shouldn't charge at all !
- prefer to pay online as the bin is shared, if was an additional cost involved still after the review we would continue to share the garden waste bin
- If I had to pay I would just kerb side dumping
- I wouldn't take part in this
- If you want use to recycle there should no charge pay a enough in council tax
- A mixture of all the above, elderly residents may not have the confidence to use a computer or to give someone their card details over the phone
- I think this is unreasonable as who can stop neighbours putting their garden waste into bins that have paid.
- If it is direct debit why can't it be a monthly or quarterly charge - it wouldn't be much more to collect and would help those budgeting on low incomes
- I don't think there should be a charge to cover. This survey is worded as a fate accomply!
- I wouldn't pay it I, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, ALREADY PAY FOR THIS SERVICE!!!!
- None of the above
- People will not pay this charge. Regardless of the method of payment.
- Do not agree with an additional charge
- Bank transfer
- Credit card
- Stop taking our money, we're literally starving.
- Would not pay take your bin back!
- Include our in the council tax charge already being payed
- Please prove to us in Corby that this service was free I find that hard to believe you would not supply a bin for a free service I'm sorry your lying
- No subscription charge
- I would not pay as waste is already paid for in my council tax bill
- none.
- It's already paid for within council tax.
- A smile
- You should not charge full stop. I will put in a black bin. I believe all rubbish should be council responsibility. There will be additional fly tipping as seen when the tips restricted
- None. Wouldn't pay.
- PayPal or similar
- Do not want go pay any way
- I say this because I have had direct debit issues with the council
- None go to the tip
- NONE
- I don't want to pay. Use the tax I already pay disproportionately
- None of the above STRONGLY DISAGREE
- Would not pay it
- In 1p pieces
- Yes one bin free pay for second bin
- Would not pay it
- Council should do this through wider taxation not a separate charge
- Allready pay via council tax
- Do not agree- this comes under council tax already.
- Cash!!
- Do not agree with the extra charge.
- I wouldn't pay because we all pay council tax for bins to be emptied
- Some people may not be able to afford to pay the yearly charge all at once. Also we do not need collections during winter months
- Cash via post office or council offices
- None of the above as don't want to pay anything more to local authority

- With questions on how and when payments should be made it sounds as if it is a foregone conclusion and this 'consultation' is merely a sop to make householders feel they have a say.
- If you managed your budgets better then the council would not have gone bankrupt and dragged other councils in to this mess. I would rather burn the waste than pay to have it collected in a scheme where I am already taxed to the hilt and struggling to get by.
- Just to be inclusive of all options so everyone has the option to use and pay by means available to them.
- I would prefer not to pay
- I am not answering the 2 questions above as the council should not make a separate charge for a single garden waste bin.
- None. There shouldn't be a charge. If the council start charging it will discourage tenants from doing their gardens and gardens will become overgrown messes.
- I do not want to incur additional charges not least at a time when bills are rising significantly
- I wouldn't stop fleecing people of their hard earned cash and expecting them to pay
- Also, don't
- there should not be a charge at all
- Still don't agree with it so these shouldn't be taken into account
- Not applicable I would not pay
- None !!!
- I would prefer not to pay at all, as I think we pay enough in council tax already.
- I will just put my waste in my black bin if you charge me again
- I don't think there should be a charge
- I think with the energy rises this is the last thing struggling families need.
- I would not pay extra
- I wouldn't pay for this
- I don't agree with a charge, but if there was one, splitting a charge in to two payments may be too much for some people/households . Monthly would be more affordable
- Collected over 10 months with council tax payments!!!!
- I think there should be an option for monthly direct debit
- Cash when they turn up to do it!!
- None at all because I disagree with the charge altogether?
- If subscribing I would expect weekly collection
- Non I cannot afford it and won't be paying
- Only pay as and when needed.
- None I don't believe in it.
- None. I would not pay any further charges.
- None we already pay for the service
- I am totally NOT in favour of any additional charges
- None we already pay through higher council tax each year
- We should not have to pay again. We already pay for this service via council tax
- Via Council tax
- There should be no charge for this service.... We pay more than enough taxation.
- None I wouldn't pay
- The way you ask the questions sounds like you have already made up your mind to charge for the service
- None
- Standard order
- This questionnaire is completely flawed! What a pile of leading rubbish - completely pointless, you really should employ a better company to produce your analysis!
- There should be no extra charge if you have a garden. if you are in the same council tax band as someone who doesn't why should the person with a garden pay extra?
- Any preferred by householder
- Not paying it. You rob us enough!!
- Must be included with council t tax bill

- If the madness of additional charges is passed them just include in the council tax bill and reduce unnecessary additional administration charges. Crazy, save money by increasing bureaucracy!!!
- As part of my Council tax bill
- I don't think you should do it. The country is on its knees.
- I wouldn't use it
- I wouldn't do it
- Not at all
- I won't take the service.
- I am against the charge being imposed at all.
- None
- No charge should be made
- No extra charges
- Would prefer monthly DD to spread cost
- I would not subscribe or pay for this service
- All of these questions are loaded towards charging for green waste collections. Has the council already pre determined it will be charging going forwards?
- I prefer not to be charged
- Wouldn't pay
- I wouldn't. As before, I think all the policy will do is increase fly tipping. Not everyone uses every government service and yet we all pay set rates of taxes. That is how this country have worked to date.
- Paid for monthly via the council website
- None of the above, we pay enough as it is
- Don't agree with having to pay
- I would want to pay 6 monthly as I wouldn't use the service over the winter period so wouldn't want to pay for it
- Don't agree at all
- Direct online banking payment
- Although I don't think we should be paying more! Will we get a reduction in what we already pay if we do not subscribe?! I very much doubt it!
- None of the above. This question assumes we agree with a charge, which makes the consultation look like lip service.
- I would not pay i would put in general waste
- I wouldn't pay.
- I would not pay for this service and dispose of grass cuttings elsewhere
- None
- Wouldn't be paying a subscription I pay my council tax so why would I pay extra for an already sub standard council but high tax
- I do not think a annual subscription charge should be introduced. I already pay for my waste to be collected through the current council tax.
- We should not be paying
- I wouldn't pay, I'd rather burn it!!
- So basically ask if we want to have our say then force you down the how much would you be willing to pay route without any option anywhere to say continue as we are without paying anymore and blame underfunding, theres many other services that I don't use that my council tax pays for but yet I don't get an option to opt out of them so why should I pay extra for a service I do use.
- None
- By phone
- I would consider joining once my [Redacted] contract finishes if the fee is fair
- I would not subscribe
- My preference would be via monthly direct debit.
- Monthly with the council tax, definitely not 6 monthly. £30-£35 versus an extra £5 a month is a big difference to a budget

- Do not charge for this service
- do not charge
- Cost should be put on or part of council tax payment, just add it to the bill split over the year
- Should be in council tax
- None. I wouldn't use it.
- Don't agree to pay & Don't like how this Questioner has been set out.
- None
- They should not be imposing a charge!!
- An absolute rip off
- Option to add the charge on to the council tax bill and pay monthly.
- I wouldn't pay it
- I wouldn't want to pay for a years subscription, only need the service in the summer.
Why don't you sell the waste to farmers to cover costs?
- None
- None
- I wouldn't use it - so wouldn't pay!
- None - we pay enough council tax
- We pay enough on council tax
- I won't pay it
- But I would not use this service
- None I think it's an appalling change.
- Would this charge not also increase fly tipping and extra cost to house holds if they take there garden waste direct to the tip and a therefore a cost to the environment
- It won't happen nobody will pay one off s or anything else extra. Wast is Wast already pay for
- Your bank details so payment can be made via online banking
- Wouldn't pay it.
- I would be using a recycling centre to take my green garden waste, won be paying anything.
Also the previous question - as there is a lot of rented houses in our area, the bill (should you after all do it) to be split in half or maybe ona monthly basis, for these who rents out for the period shorter than a year. But I can guarantee you - they won't be looking after their rented gardens or throwing green garden waste to a black bin.
- Would not pay for it.
- Like I have already stated there is no need to be charged extra as all you are doing is encouraging fly tipping as the tips are not open daily. The service that is offered from the council is flawed and needs improving for extra payments to be requested. Offer a great service that's the answer.
- We shouldn't have to pay an additional charge, we already pay extortionate council tax
- No because I won't use the service
So I won't pay for something I don't use I already do that now with my council tax
- I don't believe you should charge for a service we have had for years that we were encouraged to do. The council should resume cutting our grass in the front then our green bin wouldn't be as full. having to cut our grass the last few years has increased our green waste. You are also using the green waste and turning it into something else so it's giving back not just costing money
- Would not pay out anything extra we pay enough now!
- It should be free we pay over £1500 council tax and get nothing as it is roads are bad we just for garden waste police can't even come out yo burglary we've had 15 in the last two months in our villages (Nassington yar well tansor Fotheringhay
- Loaded questions
- I do not think that there should be a charge. We already pay a huge amount for council services.
- This is an appallingly biased questionnaire to elicit the desired response. Decision already made, i think.
- Disagree that there should be an annual subscription fee so don't accept premise of the question
- All options ought to be available

- How ever I strongly disagree with the charge, you should be a green council, this green waste will end up in landfill or fly tipped, causing an extra burden to the tax payer,
- Won't pay
- Credit card
- I think I'd just put the garden waste in the black bin
This is ridiculous!
- If the Council charges for the use of garden waste bins what provision will be put in place to prosecute those who fly tip their garden waste on the verges around the the countryside?
Will the Council show records of how much money they are saving from the scheme and what proportion will be used to clear up garden fly tipping.
I feel very strongly that any charge will just increase the mess that is left particularly around Rushton, Pipewell and Desborough.
- I don't agree that you should charge a separate charge and it should be included within the council tax. Shame on you
- The answer to the two above questions is no. I already pay for this service via my council tax. Any thing to screw the last penny out of people at a time of huge increases of the cost of living!
- I wouldn't pay
- None as I will not pay the subscription
- PayPal
- But still a crazy idea and I will be fuming if I have to pay a penny more.
- Add to council tax bill.
- So you are going to do this anyway, no matter what everyone says. Done deal, a total disgrace. But then you don't really care and this survey is just to shut everyone up. You are OK on your large salaries, the rest of us are already deciding food or fuel. What an absolute disgrace, charge is twice for a service we already pay for. How do you sleep at night!!!
- Will not pay a subscription charge. Already pay enough , do all my recycling correctly , and use the green garden waste bin as intended for the small patch of grass I own. I will not pay anymore money to empty my bins
- Do not charge
- I wouldn't pay it
- This is wrong. I hope the Green Party get involved in this. Only well off people will pay and there aren't many of those around.
- Bank transfer
- Don't be [expletive]
- I wouldn't, I think it's disgusting that the council are thinking of charging extra money for this service. Why don't you provide a proper service and stop wasting our council tax money on the ridiculous things like the GLAM improvements to Kettering town centre. There is nothing to bring people to Kettering. The car parks are over priced, we need a new swimming pool, the cycle lane poles down St Mary's road were a waste of money too. And now you want to charge us more money for a service that should be covered by our already paid council tax, no thanks!
- Added to council tax monthly payment
- Why should I pay via my council tax if I do not use the garden waste collection service whilst all wellingborough residents get theirs emptied for free. Scrap the garden wate unfair collection service as it clearly is an unfair tax for those who choose not to use it.
- Why us this an additional charge, my council tax has increased yet I am looking at less service for my money. If this service is being taken away from us that already have it are we getting a rebate on our current council tax
- None, stop being greedy and look after the local residents.
- All of the above should be made available. Cash payment should also be an option
- Pay via a reduction to taxes already paid
- I wouldn't pay. Really bad idea.
- No charge
- Does not apply, would not sign up
- But only for additional bins. There shouldn't be a charge for households who only have 1 bin.
- I would not pay it so it doesn't matter.

- I Strongly disagree to pay for it once again. I am paying for this service in my council tax payment already.
- Cash to be paid at the council offices
- Where is the question that we should not be paying we pay enough already. Should people with large and extra black bins pay more?
- To say annual charge is wrong as it would not be used over winter
- Monthly DD charge, ideally within my council tax bill...
- none
- None at all
- ZERO EXTRA COST!
- There shouldn't be a charge
- I will not be paying
- From the questions it is obvious you are just seeing how much you can charge.
- None at all
- There is no need for the above two questions, because our garden waste will just go into the household waste.
- Not at all.
- Not prepared to pay. Council tax has already increased for this forthcoming year.
- If it's a subscription why does it need to be an annual commitment . Why not monthly opt out
- Cash
- Don't think there should be one but sound like you already made your minds up so will Expect it on the bill
- This will lead to more fly tipping
- I would prepare no charges.
- Should not be charged as this is composted and sold.
- Our council Tax is high enough
- NONE
- I refuse to answer this question as I'm opposed to the charge, therefore choosing a preference is irrelevant
- I don't agree with charging for garden waste. People have enough financial challenges with more energy and travelling costs. They need this additional tax like a hole in the head. The fact that some are already paying for this service is irrelevant. We were not consulted on whether we should belong to a larger council.
- I won't be paying for the service. Don't use the bin enough. By charging you will encourage people to dump the waste either in black bins or other methods!
- Payment should already be take out of council tax that always rises & v little benefits most people get for their money
- You need to make it as easy as possible for low income households to pay. The cost of living rises are already causing great hardship, you have a duty to help everyone
- Most people would only use the service for six months if at all. A 50 percent charge should apply.
- I would not subscribe.
- None
- There should not be an annual subscription
- Just totally disagree with this.
- Credit card
- I would not want to pay any extra money at all!!!
- But prefer not to pay as already lying for this service in current council tax
- Note I do not agree with the charge at all
- None, as I do not have garden waste. I have never put the bin out as I don't have a garden.
- blood money
- Wouldn't use
- Not prepared to pay for a service which should be included in council tax
- I don't agree with any of these options.

- You're not getting any more payments for continually-reduced council services. Our garden waste will be tipped into fields or burnt if necessary before we'll pay for anything. What's the point of us having individual councils if you're going to 'harmonise' with the others in the county?
- Would not subscribe
- I will not be paying any extra charges
- None because I won't pay it! Who will be able to even afford to pay this, alongside a highly likely council tax increase, and the excessively steep rise in the cost of living??
- Could not afford to pay
- None of the above I disagree with the choices given
- I wouldn't pay it
- Credit card made via the Council's website
- Bank transfer
- I will not be paying for this collection if you introduce a charge
- Would not pay it.
Restrict to one bin per fortnight.
The scheme will only encourage fly tipping which will then cost the council more to clear up!
- I would simply not pay it and put my garden waste in the black bin.
- Would not pay any and my green bin can be removed.
- I don't think the council should introduce an annual subscription charge, it's part of your duty to do so.
- Don't agree with any additional charge
- I won't be paying, it's as simple as that.
People are struggling to make ends meet as it is what with rents going up, gas and electric, fuel prices but funny enough wages are not going up to help cover all this!
- None - do not want to pay.
- I wouldn't pay a penny
- We should NOT have to pay this extra charge at all as our council tax costs are our highest household bill already !
- I disagree with payments across the board and these questions are extremely restrictive and do not allow people to express their agreement for payment or not, we only have choices as to how much should be paid.
- On the council tax bill
- Not applicable as I am advocating a free service for all
- I strongly disagree
- It should be monthly, in line with council tax
- PayPal or by ramming it up the [expletive] of an MP
- I would not pay to use the service so have no view on this
- However individuals can make payments - need to consider the varied needs of all individuals, including those who do not have access to DD or online banking
- This clearly suggests the decision is already made - but then why should we be surprised
- I wouldn't pay it
- No payment at all
- Can this be added to the monthly payments for council tax. Or use the two months when not paying to pay these extra charges.
- I wouldn't because cannot afford it
- If collection is only from March to November the charge should reduce.
- Would not pay as I pay council tax and this should be part of that
- I wouldn't pay
- With the council tax
- Crypto currency
- Part of council tax
- BITCOIN
- Don't agree with it full stop.
- None of the above we have a football/cricket field I have to pay for which I don't use so take it out of that. Stop the corporate events, the big wages, cut the staff and get the ten million

Northampton lost back. You are a disgrace and I will never vote conservative again. To take money and give nothing in return is fraud.

- I don't believe we should pay extra. It's disappointing that this is happening.
- We already pay through our council tax
- Why is there a focus on payment method and cost - this survey should be about the ethics of charging more for something I already pay for.
- Very little faith in anyone from NNC or the former NCC in administering this service with integrity or competency. I'm sure the implemented charge (as let's be honest, this consultation will not be acted upon) will be used to crest a surplus to balance other financial mismanagement.
- I would not pay the subscription charge and would try to incinerate most of my garden waste material.
- I would be unwilling to pay unless my Council Tax charge is reduced accordingly. Also I do not think it is necessary to collect in the winter.
- Do not agree with a charge
- Why not just add it to the council tax bill so it's collected monthly.
- Would not pay, I would incinerate
- I would burn my garden waste and let the neighbours complain to the council
- I wouldn't pay it or subscribe. I would put it in my black bin.
- Not paying
- It should be FREE!!!
- I do not agree with any additional levy
- BACS payment
- None, as north Northamptonshire, have a large amount of families who are on low incomes and with the rising cost of foods, energy bills, fuel it's another added pressure. To which families won't be able to afford. This will then hinder the local community even more, as people will dump there garden waste (increase flytipping), and damage the environment further. The subscription cost will impact the most poorest of people within our community who will feel its another kick in the teeth. And these people may be working class people who earn more than the necessary amount to claim benefits, and may be feeling the pinch of stretching their wages to survive.
- I am not answering this because I think it's disgusting that we poor pensioners should pay twice for this service, I refuse to pay anymore.
- None as there shouldn't be any additional charge as it's part of service already paid in council tax
- Don't agree with paying it at all but you don't give us the option for these quedtions
- I do not agree with any charge this section is loaded so that your forced to answer that you accept the cha.
- No payment. We already pay far too much
- I refuse to answer the last two questions - you are assuming I would be willing to pay, and I am not.
- I would not use the service and find other ways to deal with garden waste
- Would not pay for it
- Not applicable
- All options should be available.
- I dont want to pay at all it seems another one of your money making schemes. Maybe learn to budget like the rest of us have too.
- Spread out over the year as people can't afford things at the moment
- None!
- There should be a reduced charge for one-off, rather than 6 monthly, purchases of this service in advance. People who move away must be able to get a rebate, by direct debit, for unused services.
- Pay as we go, we do not generate sufficient garden waste to warrant paying a yearly fee. I do notwant to subsidise other peoples waste removal.
- I wouldn't subscribe so not relevant to me
- None don't agree with it, regardless it's waste as previously said I don't agree with costs for being told we pay for the pool or transport I don't use either but the service is there if I want to.

- Not sure why I'm answering these kinds of questions n/a
- There should not be any charge
- Not a fair survey , looks like the decision is already made
- Would not pay
- I wouldn't pay
- i would not pay
- Paypal
- Wouldn't pay it
- Via council tax
- None
- I will not be paying it
- Don't charge us that haven't received it for free already but have paid others to receive for free .
- In any form of legal tender
- Cash
- Continue funding from general taxation
- NONE
- None as i wouldnt afford it
- you already make a charge if someone has an additional black bin, so you already have the facility
- Cash
- I don't support the option and think this survey has a dais towards the payment scheme.
- Leave things as they are
- Not applicable for me as I would not need this service.
- I would not subscribe. I have minimum garden waste so it would be otherwise dispersed
- Just put in council tax bill and make that 12 monthly payments to spread the cost
- None
- I wouldn't pay I would use my black bin or leave branches outside my house and keep phoning council to come and cut there trees
- We pay enough council taxes it should be free!!!
- I don't think there should be a seperate charge . This will just end up with people fly tipping garden waste & the policy hasn't been thought through properly
- I wouldn't use this service.
- I don't believe people should be charged additional money for recycling. If you were to charge then you should allow as many forms of payment as possible as the above suggestions could on payment methods & the split of payments will disproportionately impact poorer families. It could also lead to the removal of nature & grass areas being replaced by artificial grass which will be bad for the environment.
- Wouldn't want to pay it and wouldn't pay it.
- Separate charge on council tax bill
- As many payment methods as possible must be offered to residents including more than just 2 options on frequency of payments
- If the council reduces collection of garden waste to a six month period in the year then they only need to charge for 6 months, not 12. A small charge one off-charge could be collected by debit card over the Councils website.
- I am not answering this question or the question above as it is skewed. There should be no subscription charge full stop. It is disgusting to think that a charge would be okay when we can barely cover the cost of food and heating. All these questions are biased with a view that payment is acceptable - it is not.
- Cash
- I wouldn't pay for waste to be collected.
- No charge
- There should not be further charging for something we already pay for in our council tax
- None
- We pay rates already, on the community charge. We would not subscribe so the above is irrelevant, hence I have not answered the last two questions.

- Cash at council offices
- As pensioners and with my husband registered as partially sighted it's another problem to cope with. Money isn't endless and our day to day living is restricted without extra burdens. We strive to be independent but councils don't help with more and more burdens.
- No other comment
- It would be preferable to split the payments down into monthly payments
- I wouldn't use it. Don't bring in a charge its robbery
- It's bad enough now without you adding to our Bill's. My husband is registered as partially sighted and life is hard enough without other burdens added.
- I won't pay - I'll just put it in my black bin which is very under utilized
- Cash only
- Shouldn't be done at all! Not everyone who has a garden can afford this. Consider all payment options including adding to council tax bill, monthly payments etc
- I repeat - you need to investigate the current potential overspend which has been allowed to go on unchecked for years.
If you are going to single out garden users for an extra charge, then you need to single out those who use the schools and charge them, not those who do not use the schools.
- I wouldn't subscribe to such things
- I will not be paying this levy
- Not charge at all
- None of the above
- It sounds to me like the council have already decided what they're going to do, and this form is a more an exercise of bureaucracy!
- Cash. `NO BOX FOR DISAGREE WITH CHARGES.` Already struggling as pensioners in our mid 70's with increased cost in all directions. Cost of living, energy, council tax increases and general Income tax.
- Add to annual council tax bill
- No charge
- How about CASH brought to the actual offices.
- I wouldn't use it!! I would take it to the recycling center for free!!
- If I don't use a road can I not pay towards the upkeep of them... If I don't use the parks why do I pay towards upkeep of them? People will fly tip more as recycling centers are not user friendly..
- Council tax , no additional payments should be paid.
- I think if u have more than one garden waste bin then yes there should be a yearly charge but for one bin shouldnt be charged
- None of these
- I don't believe a charge should be levied
- fresh air ...nada ...zilch...zippo
- None. Garden waste collection should be free and allocated via the councils budget.
- Could it not be built into our council tax bill so we pay for the service over 10 months?
- This survey seems to indicate that the council has already decided to introduce an overall charge throughout the district.
- No payment
- NEITHER
- Pay at same time as Council Tax, so same method.
- These questions are very biased and not designed to provide a balanced and statistically valid result.
- This is not a good idea.
- Service should be free
- None you should not do this
- Would not require bin
- None
- Not at all stop trying to scam more money from citizens
- My green bin has been emptied twice in 4 years if my council tax doesn't cover that then the system is severely flawed and again corby are stuck with a council not fit for purpose.

- Shouldn't be charging at all !!!!
- Or just do the work and collect council tax
- I wouldn't subscribe
- None I don't agree the council should be charging for this service.
- It's ridiculous that an additional charge should be levied at all! Residents ALREADY PAY through council tax!
- Carrier pigeon
- Cash, in 10p coins or smaller.
- None I won't pay for the service and I think you will find there will be more fly tipping than ever which will cost the council more in the long run
- Cryptocurrency
- Why should anyone who doesn't use the service have to pay in any form?
- Council tax bill
- Don't use service
- Why split into 2 x 6 months when brown bins are only collected 9 months and if little garden waste is produced in the household you may not require bins to be emptied fortnightly so March and November when the bins may not require emptying.
- None
- Non. Not paying
- As stated already I am against the idea fundamentally of a subscription. Unfortunately this survey is tending towards this being a reality and asking more on how this should be operated rather than asking the key question of whether this proposal should be supported.
- I would not pay the charge.
- But don't really want to pay - I pay my council tax and bin only collected about 18 times a year (not Nov - Mar) expect charge to be included in that.
- Did not answer as I believe there should not be a charge for one garden bin
- None would pay
- None of them. Just do the job you are suppose to do and stop finding ways to tax us all.
- Should not be charging
- Do not introduce a subscription charge
- I wouldn't pay.
- I would not use the service
- I won't pay end of story. You Rob me enough as it is
- None
- None
- Will our council tax go down then if we all pay towards it in through normal council tax as stated above even those who don't use the service
- No subscription
- But very unlikely to subscribe anyway! Use to be covered or free or from council tax cost, so whats changed. Just another cost for people to try and find on top of everything else
- Not applicable. Disagree withh charging
- I think it should be added to council tax payment
- Won't be using it
- No additional charge
- Online sign-up and payment seems the most obvious solution. That way 3ach household would need to actively sign up each year.
- I think council tax is expensive enough and this is just another added bill! People can't afford to live as it is, going to food banks as all the bills are going up! People who pay for this service are going to have neighbours putting garden waste in their bin!!!
- I strongly disagree with any further payment for household/garden waste
- Not sure yet
- None of above
- None as old age pensioners we do not have the money for any more charges to be made against us.
- NONE

- None. I can barely afford to live now. I'll just burn it and damage the environment.
- I wouldn't
- I wouldn't pay - my neighbour has 3 black bins, 4 brown bins and a green bin - yet we have one of each, surely that's additional costs to empty? Don't pick on garden waste or people with only one bin when people like I've detailed blatantly abuse everything! Why aren't you charging them more?
- I wouldn't pay
- However the person is able to pay. Not everyone can do direct debit and not everyone can pay all in one go
- Pennies over the counter.
- None I refuse to pay anymore fees out already hard hit with council tax and management fees every year and cost of living I physically can't afford anymore expense.
- None. I won't be using it!
- None. This survey appears biased in favour of introducing a charge.
- They should not introduce such an additional charge.
- I wouldn't pay for a garden waste bin so irrelevant
- I don't use my garden bin through winter months so just 6 months of the year are more effective to me .
- Bank transfer with postcode and house number as ref
- Bank transfer.
You have clearly made up your minds to do it. This is nothing but a sham at pretending to consult with householders
- By asking this question it appears that you have already decided to charge for this service?
- I pay enough council tax already!
- A number of residents in poorer areas or elderly may not have debt card or proper banking facilities so they would be excluded from the service unless other options such as cash was available.
- I would not pay any, we pay enough for everything else in Desborough as it is, we should not be charged for this!
- Not at all
- WILL THERE BE A REDUCATION IF THE CHARGE IS PAID FOR THE WHOLE YEAR ...
- Wont pay
- I would not pay a charge as I feel strongly that garden waste collection should be paid for from local taxation. We do not charge households who have large amounts of general waste.
- Cash as I don't have a bank account
- Include in council tax dd
- Pay with other charges monthly
- I wouldnt pay it at all,
- As part of council tax
- So the decision has already been made to charge for this service. Why bother with a survey.
- I wouldn't I'd just dump my waste
- None! Council tax is already being increased by almost 4% families are struggling as it is with fuel and energy costs. There is no more money they can spare.
It will result in more fly tipping which will cost the council even
More money to manage in the long run
- I won't pay it
- The option of monthly payment via 10 monthly payments per annum as per the Council Tax charge should also be offered. If people are paying in advance for this service do you propose a refund if cancellation is required? i.e. if they move house? In this respect the service should operate for 10 months of the year, omitting December and January when people have less garden waste.
- WOULDN'T PAY AT ALL IF CHARGING GOES AHEAD
- i am not prepared to pay an extra fee for garden waste disposal as I see this as part of the service we should get.
- Neither I would refuse

- Neither as would not agree agree to annual subscription charge
- I would not pay don't even think about it
- None I would not pay.
I already pay too much for council tax
- The above questions regarding payment does not mean I agree with these charges. I am against charging for garden bin service.
I don't use schools but I pay collectively for others to do so. See what I mean.
- I wouldn't use the service I would get rid of my garden waste another way
- Open up office to give people choice but no thats another service lost in corby
- None , it should be on your council tax
- None, as i dont agree with it
- Strongly against paying so I won't answer this question.
- NO CHARGE SHOULD BE MADE - SO N/A
- I wont be paying it
- You have carefully not said how many times the garden waste will be collected in a month so it is difficult to assess whether this is good value for mony or not. I think more people would pay if it was a monthly direct debit and easy to set up these days, it will be more costly to take payments over the phone.
- I won't be paying
- So you are expecting tenants to pay for a 12 month service. There is no gardening waste in the winter months and the bins are not collected during this time
- The questions above do not reflect that I agree to charges being charged.
- I wouldn't pay. Instead I would put into black bins
- As part of their council tax bill.
- Anyone with any sense will just put the garden waste in their black bin.... or someone else's green bin. This is a fundamentally flawed idea, houses that have bigger gardens are invariably in the higher banding anyhow and already pay more for the service.....
Is anyone at the NNC capable of joined up thinking???
- We should not be having to pay at all you charge enough council tax we don't really receive many services here in Wollaston.
- Please not previous comment regarding the opposition to this charge
- Would disabled like myself get the service free still as I am not able to take my garden waste to the tip and as such will be Forced to pay again for a service I am already paying for? Will support payments be available like the council tax support? For me there are so many questions.
- I'd prefer not to pay any extra on top of the council tax I already pay
- There should be NO payment
- I would not require the service and would use the tip
- monthly direct debit
- Already pay it on council tax
- Easier to cancel if needed
- Neither of the two above question do not warrant my reply, all council services should be paid for by a single council tax charge, the council can not continue to charge a council tax and cherry pick services for separate charges.
- I already pay for collection through council tax.
- Not to pay at all
- None
- I would not use this service as I don't have a brown bin.
- NO CHARGE SHOULD BE MADE
- I'm office
- No charge!
- Doesn't seem like a consultation on whether to introduce charges when we're discussing payment methods. Seems like the decision has already been made.
- but i dont want or need this service because i dont want additional costs
- I wouldn't pay.

- I will not want to pay at all, as I consider my payments to the NNC already cover this.
- I am not paying for it
- Paying for a service already included in council tax is unethical
- Very unfair options to your questions.....no options for no payment
- Would never pay
- Don't Agree.
- THE ONE WHERE I DONT PAY IT.
- I don't think it should be charged. This makes it sound like a fine deal rather than a consultation!
- Unsure would probably pay over phone
- Wouldn't pay it our council tax band as already above a 3 bedroom house in Corby almost £2,000 a year now Band D ..
Flats that don't have gardens pay a much lower band in CT...So your argument as to them paying through their CT is total rubbish...
- at council office
- Would not use the service the tip is not far away
- Don't agree people should pay at all. We pay enough council tax without more.
- Don't agree should be a separate charge
- An option may be to add it to the council tax bill for the property as an extra charge payable over the 10 months. Can the council move to 12 months for c/tax? I know this is the wrong place but on our property for instance it would make a difference of £35 per month, and that difference will increase with easy passing year. It would alleviate some monthly money pressures for people when costs are severely increasing.
- NO
- Why wouldn't this just be part of our council tax?
- This questionnaire is totally biased for subscription charges. Try considering charging for second bins of all types. My neighbour who has 3 bed property has 5 blue bins.
- Shouldn't be a charge
- I do not agree with withdrawal of services. Next it will be bin collection for household waste!
- Nominal charge when required
- I don't have a garden.
- None, i will not pay
- Credit card
- if, payment to be made by monthly payments by bank transfer.
- By the sound of the questions the council have already made their minds up . More costs for people who can't cope financially already ..
- Crypto
- None
- I dint think we should pay.
- I will never pay. I will use the black bin!
- Would not pay
- online banking transfer
- Sounds like you have already decided.
- and credit card via Council website
- I don't agree with the idea of a subscription service.
- I wouldn't pay. I would either continue to compost (perhaps promote this) or continue to put in my black bin along with my rare food waste, limited non recycling items and dog poo!
- Added to council tax for those properties with gardens with the option to opt out of the service
- Wouldn't as can compost at home
- Monopoly money
- Keep it simple
- Should be done through council tax
- I wouldn't subscribe grass would go in black
- Add to council tax bill to be taken out twice a year

- none because if you need 2 bins you have to buy the second bin, but it should still be emptied free isnt the saying 2 can live as cheaply as one whats the difference
- None I wouldn't pay it
- Whichever payment method is preferred by the payee
- Depends on the user
- Please look to include this with the council tax bill. This would allow the cost to be spread more efficiently. We would also not like to pay yearly or 6 monthly as we will not use our brown bin all year round. Plus if people move then they'll pay the bin prices on their council tax rather than upfront and then struggle getting the money back for a service they may no longer need
- None I can't afford to pay anymore
- Bins are seasonal for most people. A once of payment for a one off collection should also be available
- No charge
- debit card on collection
- Would burn my waste .Will not pay for it to be taken away for you to profit from.
- I wouldn't
- Although I would not subscribe on principal. I wholeheartedly disagree with it unless all services become pay per use.
- I would not pay for this
- The user should be able to pay when it suits them and how it suits them
- Charging extra for this will lead to garden waste going on peoples black bins. This is not very eco friendly
- Just to go with the usual council service, not a separate payment
- You started the collection service we have been told its free why don't you sell the garden waste as the end company is making a profit or better still stop wasting our monies and stop over paying staff .
- The charge should mainly be for the spring summer months and not all in winter as per wellingborough.
There should be flexibility to pay for a collection maybe one month not another as not everyone has garden waste every 2 weeks. This could make the fee smaller for those struggling financially
- Would prefer none
- would not do it and continue to take it to recycling centre
- I would not want to pay extra for the service I get now, so the last question is irrelevant.
Why dont you take the best of what is available now and make it universal across the whole area. If KBC couldd fford to do it why cannot NNC?
- Monthly direct debit rather than 2 slots. Why not offer it for 6 months only - little garden waste is collected from November to April
- None. It should be included in my already expensive council tax.
- Within the current council tax payments.
- The last few questions are loaded, They assume you agree with paying, there is no box to tick saying I would not pay as the move by the council is poor policy
- I wouldn't pay it
- I would not pay. And I'd be damned if I would use the service, when to be honest we are already paying you.
- Would not pay, you are forcing people to make difficult decisions on where they spend their money ie food, fuel or garden waste bin do you not think we pay enough
- Sorry this is not a survey. We in Wellingborough enjoyed a part yearly free collection. This is the middle road of the options you gave. It seems that you are aiming to introduce a charge come what may. This was never mentioned during the consultation period to form this authority.
The questions you are asking is a win win for you. I can't really se the point if this survey.
The only thing you have right in your introduction is the ever increasing costs on the citizens if this country.
- In with council tax

- I totally disagree with this charge as we are already paying council tax which SHOULD cover the cost of this service. What is the government and local councils doing with our money? Charging for this service will increase fly tipping which will just have an adverse effect.
- PayPal
- By Internet banking
- Non we shouldn't need to pay
- The collection of recyclable garden waste can earn the council money. It is a public service that ALL the population pays for. That is how democracy works. If not then we should all stop paying for the public services we do not use, that is not acceptable in a democracy.
- Won't be paying
- I still don't think we should be charged
- Pay monthly should be an option especially as times are so hard at the moment
- Don't think they should pay surly waste gets made into compost and council use that ...should I therfor charge the council for the garden waste
- We do all this in Oundle anyway. I hope to hear very soon that the council makes everyone pay for this service. I would just like to say, if you are going to charge households who have had free! Then it should be what we pay . If you are going to ask a smaller annual fee then east northants should be rebated that difference.
- None i refuse to pay for this service
- Wouldn't pay
- You could allow households the option to pay only in the growing 6 months say April to September?
- Wouldn't pay
- I won't be using it
- I dont believe i should be charged to dispose of garden waste
I thought the council re cycled it and sold it as compost so why should we pay for something that is an asset to the council
- I wouldn't pay
- I do not believe you should be charging
- It should be a tick box option
- Would not support payment for this service.
- I do not agree with the charge
- Would rather not pay for an extra service
- Cash to your office
- Depends on personal financial situation at the time. Please note I do not agree with the charge and feel this survey is slanted to introduce the charge.
- You shouldn't be charging for this service. How much is this going to cost to process/chase for payment. Refunding when people when they move house.
- None of the above. If the council can't manage the budget then the council is not fit for purpose.
- I could not pay for this service. Insufficient funds
- This is a farce as you are not really asking for opinions you are going to charge whatever we say
- N/A
- No charge
- Standing order or a weekly option
- I wouldn't pay it, I'd dump my grass cuttings at the side of the road.
- Accomodate the facility to use Payzone as well.
- Won't use it, I pay my council tax
- Don introduce it
- Wrap into the council tax payment
- I wouldn't subscribe
- I think these questions are designed to create misleading data to support subscription charges which I don't think are a good idea. Check the councillors expenses budget for loose change first before reducing practical community services.
- Cash
- PayPal

- We already pay for garden waste collection through our council tax payments, why should we pay twice?
- I would prefer not to be charged at all!
- None. It should not be bought in morally.
- This is the easiest method if you take up the use of using the recycling team to collect your Garden waste payment made via council website. Although this method is not for all. At your local council offices by Debit card. Direct Debit also over the telephone. The more options this is more user friendly as one method perhaps would not suit all.
- none.
- Shouldn't pay as pay enjoy council tax
- If you force this on people you need to make it accessible to all, and accept cash and card payments
- I wouldn't, I'm happy with it as it is. I can live with one bin.
- Don't introduce it at all. We were all happy enough with the way BCW did things. You are also taking Wellingborough [Redacted] over which will mean the bins won't be collected on time. Another waste of money
- Should be monthly not one off or split in 2 !
- Wouldn't pay for service
- Your charges are significantly higher than that in [Redacted] where we recently moved from. There we had two bins for your second price band
- Paypal
- I Would not join it
- With rising costs adding in another is likely to lead to more fly tipping and general gardening getting out of hand. There's very limited garden waste allowed in the green bins as it is. If costs were included I'd expect it to include pet waste and food waste
- There should be NO additional charge
- How about a monthly charge for those who don't have the funds to pay upfront costs. Better yet. DONT CHARGE AT ALL
- None of the above, as I disagree with the charges, period!
- I would not use or pay!
- Don't want an increase
- I'm not paying extra for this service.
- Cash?
- Not going to do it
- I see from all the questions you have already decided to charge people for a service they already pay for. I assume those who do not want to pay for the service will have money knocked off their council tax?
- Can you just charge for 6 months? why pay for the whole year when for most there won't be any garden waste during the winter months?
- I would not pay.
- None.
- N.A shouldn't be paying....
- I wouldn't be able to afford the cost so wouldn't be an issue as I won't subscribe
- I would not subscribe. My waste will be in black bags in the black bin as I have plenty of space in that every two weeks
- I'm on benefits. So I wouldn't use the service. Trying to pay my rent and food my priority. I can't heat my home as it's too costly. Garden waste I'll burn or use black bin if costs come into play
- Using online payments or card payment inhibits those without a bank account or who do not use online banking.
- Please try not to charge
- I'd refuse to pay unless my current council tax was reduced
- I'll not be subscribing.
- Pay per collection at the rate of 1/26th of the annual charge
- None
- Don't pay

- Don't agree
- I currently pay a private contractor by direct debit monthly who price match the Council fee.
- Do not agree we already pay enough
- Personally I would use Direct Debit, but I think all options should be available to make it easier for people who struggle.
- I won't use this service
- I do not agree with a subscription charge
- Would not use
- I don't want an annual subscription
- It should be free.
- Apple/google pay
- I could not afford to pay at all
- Integrated into council tax bill and paid however that is paid
- Won't be paying
- None as I don't agree with this proposal, this is just a tick box exercise for the council
- I will not pay the additional tax
- Wouldn't pay
- You shouldn't charge extra for a service you already provide, and make money from (compost etc)
- Think it should be PAYG some people will only use a few times per yer or can't drive so have to pay but only want the service 2-3 time others with bigger gardens may use it weekly like council tax you charge the larger properties more
- It should be a clear addition to the council tax, taken monthly-why over complicate it by setting up separate charging and administration
- NONE!
- I don't agree with a subscription or fee based service.
In any event it will cost a great deal to administer and more red tape and bureaucracy. It will also be a nightmare for the "binmen" . Don't go there please!
- Would not use
- None
- Monthly as part of council tax. I feel I already pay for this service.
- I do not prefer any payment.
- All options plus credit card
- Bank transfer conrolled by the user. Direct debits for OAPs on limited income is inappropriate
- I would not use the service
- Users should be able to pay on a monthly basis when they pay their council tax?
- None of the above
- Paypal
- I don't agree with charging.
- would not want to pay it at all
- None.
- I think it should be added to the council tax and paid for with the direct debit already taken on a monthly basis over 10-12 months it would then have a reduced impact on those with a very tight budget that does not fluctuate over the year.
- There should be no subscription. We pay council tax which seems to go up and up with no benefits to "us"
- wouldnt pay
- I this was implemented I would get rid of my own waste.
- Cash at a council office lots of older people only have building society vaccounts and use cash and should not be penalised for doing so.
- None. I won't be paying it.
- Cash at council offices or library a lot of elderly still use cash and building society accounts.
- I don't feel this should be forced. How about the removal of the police fire and crime commissioner. That's would save £££

- None I won't pay as my council tax already covers this
- Don not agree with any
- Add to the Council Tax
- I already pay for mine via direct debit
- Cash
- I already pay enough council tax and am not prepared to pay for a service i already get for free
- Cash at council office
- There would need to be apayment method which results in a specific garden waste bin being tagged / identified as having been paid for, for the duration of the subscription period. Otherwise, how will the operatives be able to recognise those bins from which they ought to be collecting, and those which do not qualify as the payment may not have been made? There is a very evident process flaw in this suggested approach which is (a) open to abuse / mis-use and (b) introduces an expensive and difficult to administer registration of addresses eligible for collection (and by default those which are not).
- Through a reduction in council tax to reflect the removal of another already paid for service.
- If the garden waste is only collected for 6 months of the year we should only be asked to pay for this period, during winter months there is no garden waste as garden is dormant so why pay for a whole year!!!
- I would not pay at all by any means whatsoever.
- Wouldn't pay at as I wouldnt use the service if an extra charge on top of normal council tax is brought in
- I don't believe this should be going ahead.
- Wouldn't pay
- Would not pay
- Must be a MONTHLY charge to keep it as affordable as possible, don't care how it's paid, people need options to decide for themselves
- For alot if people they wouldn't be able to afford this service. It still isn't fair that alot of areas are free and sine are not. I paid for a bin when I could afford it but now I can't afford this service due to not working.
- could not afford to pay, would leave garden waste in front garden to decompose.
- I'M NOT EVER PAYING FOR IT, so won't be answering those questions.
- Paid by bank transfer.
- I would not subscribe
- No charge, unless all services are going to become pay for what you use.
- None
- Do not accept there should be a charge
- Not via council website, which is dire.
- I would prefer the charge to be included (as it is now) with the council tax at NO extra charge to the current rate.
- Bacs
- I do not believe that there should be a extra bill for garden refuge.
- As the council is directing every question to payment why is there no option for a free service
- i could not afford to pay for this service.
- I will dispose of my own waste, I will not be paying extra for an already poor service.
- I do NOT want to pay an annual subscription charge as I pay council tax and that should include garden waste removal.
- Would not subscribe to the service.
- I dont agree that an annual subscription should be charged.
- This question presumes that there will charge and If so the normal commercial payment and collection services would be available shouldn't they ?
- I will not pay for a service that is already included in my Council Tax. There is no way you can justify this additional charge for something you already offer.
All these questions have answers that imply you will be going ahead anyway and then try and make us believe that it is what 'everybody' wants as they answer the questions and only submit answers that you have offered. Typical Council tactics.

- on the actual council tax bill !
- None, you should be providing this service anyway
- None I disagree with the charges
- I do not wish to pay extra for this service. We already pay more than enough council tax with dwindling services provided for the amount charged.
- Surely introducing any such scheme would cost a lot of money, so is not worth doing.
- all these questions pre-suppose you are going to charge - I thought this was a consultation???????
- The option should be for payment as and when required so we would only pay for 6 months at a time / as required and are likely to only make 1 payment in any year.
It is about time North Northants provided a proper service rather than a hindrance.
- Credit card - best way to shaft the council on charges, as they are keen to shaft us.
- I think it should be added to the council tax and divided over 10 months NOT a one off payment
- None of the above. I don't want to be charged anymore than the 3.5k council tax you already want
- I would put it in the black bin
- None, i wouldnt use the service
- i wont be paying.
- The line of questions is stacked heavily in bringing in a charge. Very flawed. I stated that it should be part of general taxation The aspect of whether one is a user is irrelevant. We no longer use schools but are happy to contribute to their funding. We need more general taxation.
- All the above options are fair.
- I would not pay
- As long as we have the option to opt out
- Offer residents the choice and allow them to pay by credit card as well.
- Not applicable
- It appears the council have already made the decision to introduce the "harmonising" of the charge no matter how many questions I fill in. Go [expletive] yourselves.
- As part of council tax, paid mthly!
If people have a second bin then charge them for this but do not do a blanket charge for all users. My answer on annual charge applies to charge for second bin only.
- I won't be subscribing
- No charge stop being greedy I pay enough tax
- I wouldn't subscribe to pay for extra charge so none
- Should be included in council tax
- It shouldn't, and this survey is clearly biased to drive responses to the outcome the council wants. i.e. to charge for service.
- I won't pay any charge as this is included in other taxation's
- Won't pay....black bin, burn it or find a country lane
- Not to pay at all!
- I won't pay I would rather opt out
- Why not monthly only by d:d?
- The council shouldn't introduce a subscription charge. We already pay out the wider budget
- If there was a charge then i feel it should be included on the council tax. However I disagree with any charges for garden waste to be taken away by the council. As a household we do not have much garden waste when all leaves have fallen. We have trees at the back of us that do not belong to us and have to clear all the leaves and branches that invade our property.
- No e not prepared to pay!
- It would need to be added to Council Tax bills! & split over 10 months
- Funding of this service for one bin should be via council tax.
- dont believe we should have to pay extra
- Do not require this service
- I'm

Not paying. I just won't cut my grass or trees. I can't afford all the increases in fuel, petrol, food etc and now this. I can barely afford my mortgage now and as a nurse I got minimal payrise. Even if I wanted to pay I can't afford it

- I will not pay it - will just use black bin
- Has many ways has possible
- As stated here, this service is already paid for through our current council tax. I do not see why I should pay for this twice? It does not state anywhere that if the subscription service were implemented there would be a reduction in council tax to accommodate this.
- None already pay with my council tax
- Not applicable
- None
- There should not be a charge, we pay enough already
- Which ever the person wants
- I wouldnt want to pay it at all!
- I do not believe there should be any other charges unless there is a corresponding reduction in the Council Charge.
- If the charge were to be billed as an additional service then I would prefer that it were charged monthly rather than biannually.
- None
- None
- None
- I would not prefer any of these methods as I strongly disagree with your extra charge for taking away garden waste
- Why are all the questions about how much the subscription should be and how to pay it? Sounds like a done deal and not up for consideration at all.
- I would not pay as I'm already paying for this service in my council tax... Why should I as a householder pay extra tax because we have previously had a corrupt county council who have screwed us over once we'll you are not doing it again....
- I think the cost should be able to be split across the year with monthly payments for those on low incomes.
- You pay for it, not me
- I object having to pay an additional subscription for a service I'm already charged for within my council tax
- Do not think the council should charge for this service
- Bank transfer to the council account.
- I prefer to pay by card.
- Included within existing council tax payments
- none
- Would not pay.
- Not paying it!
But will happily drop it off at your offices to sort yourselves as I already pay for Council Tax Services
- I refuse to answer this, since the answer would be used to justify action.
- I won't be paying
- As the user sees fit
- I wouldn't: I'd burn it in my garden. Have you seen how much the cost of living has gone up????????? I can't afford it. I'd burn it. And might get the added value of using the fire service I pay for but have never used.
- I wouldn't subscribe due to cost and carbon footprint.
I am not sure when or why the Council started to collect garden waste?
Garden waste eventually decomposes, perhaps teaching people how to compost their waste would be worth investing in.
- We already pay. Stop ripping us off!

- no payment. The principle of paying for Council Services by taxation should apply. If we charge for this service, then why not charge parents for schooling their children, or library users to borrow books?
- Won't pay it
- Included in council tax bill as it is now
- Paid on a need to have basis
- Pay online.
- Everything should be done monthly by DD. Payments for ALL council services.
- No charge should be requested
- Would I get a reduction for services i dont use
- You're clearly going to introduce a subscription charge to all - you shouldn't, you know that. Make it easy to pay if you must.
- We should not have to pay extra for this basic service.
- payment within council tax
- I would get rid of my garden and tarmac both front and back
- No charge !
- I wouldn't use it so not applicable
- I would refuse to pay and as such would leave my garden to fall into disrepair. We already pay excessive council tax and I will not pay more to get rid of grass clippings and branches!! You have completely worded this questionnaire as if the decisions have already been made and this is just a paper pushing exercise to say we were actually consulted!
- Should not be charged for this service pay council tax to include this service already stop charging east northants residents or the service
- It would be included in one's Council Tax annual invoice.
- None
- I wouldnt pay, I would take my garden waste to tip.
- I would like an extra bin. Is this an option?
- None of the above. This should be part of your yearly council tax bill that increases every year.
- But shouldn't have to pay it's disgusting
- This is a response to the question about frequency of how often people could pay. If you do introduce a subscription charge why couldn't it be paid monthly (or over 10 months) and tagged onto the Council Tax DD schedule?
- PayPal
- No charges should be introduced
- Why are the options more expensive than the current east northants charge?
- No point answering as I'd never pay it
- Irrelevant question since I suspect most people would not pay, particularly here in Corby where the service has been provided free for years.
- Credit card
- Wouldn't apply to us
- By any/all ways you can currently pay the council.
- It wouldn't apply
- I wouldn't pay it!
- I will never pay subscription for rubbish collectio
- Pay as you use
- I do not think a subscription should be charged at all.
- These questions presuppose the responses to the previous.
IF it is to go ahead (and I hope that it won't) THEN it's a 12-monthly DD like the council tax. Every extra layer makes it more likely people will cheat.
- There should NOT be a subscription charge
- As specified before, I do not agree with it at all. Should continue to be covered in overall poll tax, same as all other services!
- Will not pay
- I do not agree with this.

- Would not pay to have green waste collection and would consider burning the waste as nowhere to compost at the property.
- Extra precept on the council tax bill for those subscribers
- I wouldn't pay. I would burn the waste in an incinerator
- In case it does not come up elsewhere, you have said the payment would be for a year.
>>>>>Keen gardeners may use it every month.
>>>>>>I use it every collection date in the summer auterm period, but never in the winter.
So I really only have half a service - my guess iis ther are many like that.
I suppose this is difficult to deal with.
- None. Cash
- None of us already included in our Council Tax bill.
- Consider a 9 month only charge - March to November
No collections = No charge
- None , I already pay a subscription via my council tax.
- None I dont think we should pay this is just going to cause more fly tipping
- Direct through BACS to a specific account or preferably by credit card over the phone
- Would not pay- garden waste is compostable and could make money
- None, I don't want to pay an additional charge for a service which is currently inclusive of my rates. Unless with this change my rates are reduced as a reflection of itemised collections.
- Payment should be included with the annual council tax.
- Would not pay - totally wrong when people can't afford to feed families or pensioners can't pay heating bills / totally wrong
- None, it is shocking. Stop giving yourselves bonuses if you're short of money.
- Don't charge us you charge enough council tax already
- I think it should be added to Council tax and collected over 10 months by being added to the main bill. Even though I am against it
- dont need it
- none
- NON
My garden is 1 meter wide and 2.5 meter long , and because of council I have to cut the grass. So where I will put it ? It is ridicules I have to cut even my grass because it's private property. 1 and 2.5 meters. Now you want me to pay for grass takeaway ? I already pay you band A. Lover wages the think about rob others.
- This should not be introduced so therefore we should not have to pay
- Still don't agree that there should be a charge
A lot of people take pride in their gardens and they need to get rid of the waste
Others allow their gardens to become unsightly and a disgrace
- I wouldn't pay. I'd have bonfires
- I do not agree to any charges
- None!! I wouldn't sign up for it at all. I'd remove mt garden waste elsewhere. House prices are ridiculous as it is, private rent is extortionate, gas and electricity is going up how much more do you think people will cope with an extra bill for cut grass to be collected...really??
- None
- As I said, I don't agree with any charge.
- Part of current council tax
- This should not be chargeable. People will fly tip their garden waste
- Credit card
- None I wouldn't pay
- This question should have the option to refuse payment. I refuse to state a method of payment for a service that should remain included in what I already pay, not an extra cost
- I don't want to pay another cost for my bins to be emptied.
- The charge should be levied monthly as part of the existing Direct Debit for Council Tax
- I do not agree to any charge foe one bin
- Credit card
- None I don't think we should have to pay extra

- None at all
- Wouldn't pay
- None
- I won't pay. It is utterly ridiculous.
- None, we should not have to pay. It is included in our council tax bill.
- Cash at council office
- Payment in per kilo of garden waste as it is mulched and resold
- No need to answer your payment
Questions will not be paying.
- I wouldn't pay it so this isn't applicable.
- On your council tax payments because it should be in there already with the other bins
- I only use the service a few times a year. Will there be a discount for not using it regularly and I don't use it at all during the winter months so why is it an annual charge?
- Should not be charged at all absolutely shocking in the current climate!
- Not paying
- I do not think the council should charge at all as we pay enough already
- Would not pay.
- Add it to the council tax bill and take it by direct debit monthly
- None, I disagree with paying a stealth tax, we pay council tax already, tax the billionaires more (or [Redacted] / [Redacted] who have recently announced profits in excess of £25 billion even though petrol/diesel prices are soaring)
- On council tax bill.
- I will not pay any additional charge
- I won't be subscribing
- Will not pay
- Why not by credit card?
- All questions lead towards payment for this service which is misleading as it makes it look as if I'm willing to pay and I'm strongly against it
- I wouldn't pay,
- IF a charge is agreed it should be split across the year as is Council Tax. With the current cost of living crisis being faced, one-off payments will be detrimental to people's finances. Why is it only a year's subscription? Why can't a resident choose to have collections over a specific 6 month period?
- I wouldn't pay it.
- Include on council tax bill
- Don't agree with any of these
- I would not subscribe
- I would not use the service.
- I don't support the introduction of harmonised service charge for clearly evidenced reasons.
- None. Council Tax should already cover this!
- I wouldn't pay for the service
- If payment is made half yearly in the winter months some residents wouldn't need the service
- No payment at all - no matter how the question is asked!
- I pay a subscription fee for something I have been paid
Why would I want to pay a subscription fee for service which was paid for via my council tax for the last 30 years.
- There should be NO charge!!!
- Add it to the monthly council tax direct debit or charge and collect one payment only.
- A standing order option would also be useful along with a single online payment option.
In the interests of the environment, going paper free would be ideal although for residents unable to access online payment options, then a telephone payment service should be offered.
- Funding should be through wider taxation. If this is not possible then residents should be asked as to what they want to fund through their council tax payments.
I can only imagine if the council took actual heed of what the residents wanted then this discussion about green waste would be mute.

- I wouldn't pay
- None - I will not be paying for it.
- Don't agree with paying at all
- PENSIOERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PAY MONTHLY IF THEY HAVE TO PAY AT ALL!!
- Credit card, Paypal
- Should be included in the council tax levy
- We should not be charged. We already pay enough council tax to include waste collection. As a public sector accountant - I bet you probably have too much senior administrative staff doing nothing jobs on your books which should be trimmed first before charging residents more for a very basic service.
- Sound like you have already made up your mind to charge where is the point of this servay?
- I won't pay anything because I don't need the brown bin.
- I would not pay as I already pay for this service with my inflated council tax from this joint council
- None
- Nothing this is so [expletive] bias it's unbelievable.
- Monthly payments with council tax would make sense
- Pay the bill
- None as no separate charge should be applied
- There should be an option for quarterly payment so affordable for all
- Don't charge extra when people are struggling to heat their homes. Literally heat or eat.
- Or spread across council tax bill for those wanting to pay
- I wouldn't pay for the service so the point is moot.
- You need to offer all payment options to ensure full social inclusion so cash payments need to be catered for too.
- To not pay at all.
- Add it to monthly council tax bill
- I do not support the council charging extra for garden waste
- Not at all think you would be encouraging people to dump garden waste then the cost would be double may be even tripple the amount
- I do not agree with introducing a charge.
- Not to pay, just fly tip or put in black bin
- There should be an option to pay for a reduced collection, e.g. for 8 or 9 months of the year with no collection in the winter when there is little or no waste generated.
- I wouldn't subscribe
- Non we shouldn't have to pay any more
- I would be so angry if this went ahead due to afformentioned reasons.
- Should be in the council tax revenue
- No charge should be made
- These are loaded questions. Has it already been decided or is this a consultation? What happened to the question, ' Would you pay ? Yes or No?' I would not have the service.
- First, you have forgotten to add 'Monthly' and 'Other' options to the payment frequency: a more rounded solution for a subscription service is monthly, as this helps users plan more easier. And secondly, the safest method that helps users with their finances would be to use an online payment provider: Paypal, Google Pay, Amazon Pay, and only then drop to debit card payment.
- How would using the Direct Debit system benefit the subscriber more to want to use it?
- And cheques are currently in their sunset phase, they are being deprecated by the banks.
- disagree with a charge
- I wouldn't pay I dump in the street
- Would not pay as I don't use
- Free
- There should be no additional charge.
- Nine of the options as i do not agree with the proposals!
- Think people would just fly tip. We pay enough tax as it is.
- I would not subscribe to this service

- Do NOT introduce this charge!
- n/a
- or other payment service such as 'Apple pay' or Paypal
- credit card on website
- Make it easy and people will pay it
- How is payment for some and not others going to stop other people using their neighbours bin!!
- Wouldn't pay!!!!
- I wouldn't pay it because it is already included in my council tax . If a fee is introduced I would expect the council tax already included to be refunded
- Do not agree that we should be charged for this service
- Charge the Council to accept what they should be able to make money from. NNC inept if they are thinking of charging.
- Don't think I should pay more unless you are going to refund me for the services you do not provide to the estate I live on such as gritting, street lights and grass cutting
- Not applicable as I wouldn't use the service
- reduction on black bin collection should pay for green waste collection, People are tired of paying so much Council Tax and seeing little improvement on the ground like pot holes etc.
- Although over methods should available for the elderly.
- No charges should be bought in. You make money using our garden waste and making compost. The plant which does this has created a smell over Gretton and created a fly issue as well as ruining the countryside
- Shouldn't have to pay
- I would not be paying additional charge for a such a service which is punishing residents from attempting to help the environment one of the government own targets by having more green spaces.
- I don't think the council should charge. It is just something else to pay for and I don't think people will pay for it. I believe it will lead to more garden waste being dumped for those people who won't drive to the tip.
- Add it to the council tax
- None
- None
- Easier and more cost effective
- Do not do as this is just a rip off to people who actually maintain their property
- None
- The service should be free - but reduce the service to one collect a month throughout the year.
- It's not an option
- I will decide this if it becomes an option
- I would not be paying for this service, therefore you do not need this information
- Paid in the same way as council tax is already paid.
- With council tax
- I home compost so would not use personally
- I don't believe bwe should be charged extra as we have had this service within the council tax charges since bins were introduced. I have a very small garden with very little waste and I absolutely refuse to pay again. More fly tipping would occur.
- I don't think they should charge council tax is expensive already so extra charges shouldn't be allowed
- cash
- I would carry on not using the service
- I strongly disagree with the principle of an extra subscription charge. We pay council tax for this and the council is obliged to collect garden waste.
- N/A
- The stress of having to cancel a direct debit if someone decides to stop using the service, means it's much easier to have the one-off payment option by card.
- none

- i can't afford to pay anything extra
- I wouldn't pay for a subscription
- None - it's what we pay council tax for and a subscription shouldn't even be a question. Manage the costs and service like you are supposed to and we wouldn't even be in this situation.
- There is already a subscription charge for my area of Northants, so these questions do not apply.
- Credit card
- I would not subscribe
- This would allow residents the option of 'opting out' should they feel they no longer require said service.
- I would not pay for it! It's basic rights for a community to be able to get rid of waste.
- N/A
- Credit card.
- Prefer credit card
- i would not pay at all
- I do not agree with a charge at all it will just lead to missive fly tipping
- I do not wish to pay an extra council charge for green waste collections. As the years have progressed we, the council tax payers, seem to get less and less for the money. The roads in Northamptonshire are a disgrace and there is very little evidence of street cleaning particularly in poorer areas. There appeared to be no shortage of money when it came to rebranding when the local borough councils were amalgamated.
- Prefer not to be a chargeable service at all
- I do not want to pay extra for this.
- We paying enough council tax as it is
- Where is the option to say there shouldn't be one, this is daylight robbery.
- N/A as I couldn't afford to pay any subscription costs.
- So much easier if I could do it online, instead of having to call up every year!
- I wouldn't pay
- N/A I would have my brown bin removed. Not prepared to pay
- Shouldn't be a charge.
- None as I would not pay it
- I strongly disagree to paying for my garden waste to be collected as I have trees in my garden that the council put there !
- id prefer it billed through my council tax contribution
- I won't pay my waste will get burnt in my garden.
- Don't think we should be charged for this service as you can but get into the local tip to get rid of waste
- No charge as previously stated this will just increase fly tipping.
- I t it should stay the same
- I don't think we should have to pay an additional charge
- We PAY to have our bins emptied already!! We also PAID for an extra bin!! You are STEALING from us already poor residents!!!
- Don't agree with an annual subscription charge. Big bills for residents will result in non payment . How would you contact non payers, the costs may not be worth the trouble
- I do not agree to being charged AT ALL
- The admin for this would exceed what you are proposing to save
- You need other options.
- Dont agree to additional payment for this service
- Credit card
- Opt out option I won't be using service
- Don't agree with charging anyone. Also don't agree with the previous question.
- Should be optional as some elderly pay at post office , others pay various ways
- Added to Council Tax
- I wouldn't pay, I would be forced to dispose of my garden waste by an alternative method.

- Neither i wouldnt pay for it
- I won't be paying it
- Sounds like you've already made your minds up
- If 2 bins then yes a charge.
If a charge comes in. Why not add to council tax bill.
But why should people be penalised for having a garden. But also look after the council lawns on estate's and use their bin to put the clippings in. Due to council cutting the grass? Twice a year.
- I wouldn't be able to afford it :(
- Would not pay for this service
- PayPal or other protected methods
- I would not pay for it so not relevant to me
- Totally disagree for extra payments
- I do not agree to any of the above
- I wouldn't subscribe
- SEE PREVIOUS ANSWER
- There should not be a charge. On your arguement I should get a reduction as we do not use education services etc.
- There should not be an annual subscription charge.
- Should be part of the general taxation this would save on admin charges
- How is this household garden waste used, is it composted
- Not paying so N/A.
- The question keeps asking if, but my council already does and we had no other option
- As a monthly standing order - this would be my preference.
I have a garden and bin that I use regularly - paying annually seems odd to me.
- dont agree with an additional payment for this service
- I do think that what would have been called "the parks dept" would benefit from the composting material collected from residents and create a revenue scheme with the extra composted material. I'm not surprised East Northants charge for this service, as far as I can see they were financially inept. The motive for the unitary authority was quite transparent. It was to get their hands into Corby's coffers, now we are supposed to roll over and pay the price. I think it's a bit short sighted considering that fly tipping is a huge problem and levying a charge could potentially make this problem worse.
- I would not be able to subscribe
- To not have to pay! No need to introduce this charge. Yes 3 million is the cost of collection, according to this survey, but what is the revenue generated?
- I just won't have a bin.. also I couldn't get warm thus year n wi priced going up its life threatening n as in band f will get no help
- No charge
What a [expletive] survey you have already decided to charge extra for the service and are asking how to take the money. Shocking. Why ask about the charge when clearly its an outrage.
- Surely the service can be run over a reduced period march to November and therefore reduced costs/reduced subscription. Whilst I fill two bins fortnightly peak season and have take excess to the recycling centre as well as composting I would not and therefore most will not need a collection November - march.
- None, il add my grass cuttings to the ones the council leave on fields and green areas.
- I wouldn't be paying it. My only garden waste is grass clippings from 2 very small areas of lawn
- I would not subscribe to such a scheme
- I don't want them to introduce it. I would prefer it if the council did not empty the green bins during the winter months, if they have to save costs.
- I strongly disagree that any charge should be introduced at all. If the council is proposing a 'pay to use' service, then at the very least it should be available to pay to use in instalments of the same frequency as the service is provided ie weekly/fortnightly. There are many council run services funded by my taxes that I never use but absolutely understand that my taxes fund. Refuse collection, whether from the garden or otherwise should be no different.

- Crypto currency
- if there was the ability to book the occasional collection for those that do not subscribe
- [Redacted] ... you are so gonna end up charging us. Just stop with all this nonsense and just say , we are greedy , we want more money.
- Online credit card payment
- PayPal should be an option
- Would not want this service.
- I would not pay it
- NO PAYMENT should be an option for this question and the previous question so the council cannot pretend that residents are willing to pay by one of these means
- Should be free. Offset by non use of other facilities.
- NOT APPLICABLE AS SHOULD NOT BE CHARGING EXTRA FOR A SERVICE WHICH SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN COUNCIL TAX CHARGE
- I won't pay for something I don't use, take my bin away.
- Either credit card or an optional additional charge alongside my council tax. I refuse to pay for anything via, specifically, a debit card on security grounds (and I believe that others would be wise to take the same approach), and this would be a deciding factor if this was the only means offered.
- I think this question and survey is immaterial as you are more or less telling people there will be a charge regardless of what the public feel by asking for preferences. We pay enough taxes already recycling should be looked at so it is profitable from what can be gained from the waste products not syphoned off by paying contractors or maybe helping householders to recycle their garden waste and making composting and bark chippings etc.
- I wouldn't pay for it but take my green waste to the tip
- The council should not be able to charge extra to empty the bins they have provided
- I would simply use the black bin
- Do not charge
- Why not add the subscription charge for people who want the service to their council tax bill so monthly payments could be made.
- My choice would be none but I know that regardless of this survey the charge will be implemented. So I have opted fir direct debit but I'd refer not to pay.
- None your charges go up every year wages dont. Most of us are struggling to keep our heads above water as it is. 54% increase.on electric thats about an extra £1000 a year ive got to find from somewhere now you want to add onto that. Your having a laugh.
- No waste, do not want ti pay more for a service I will ever use c
- Again this is somewhat misleading. Green waste collection was introduced to hit recycling targets agreed with EU many years ago. It is heavy benign and can be composted to make money, by selling the result. It is in fact a very good environmental business. Having shut down local recycling centres (Oundle) for instance and now limiting the size if trailers allowed at Corby the environmental impact of hundreds of cars and vans driving 20 miles to empty some lawn clippings is appalling.
- Cash.
- These statements do not apply to people who do not wish to pay an annual subscription charge. If this is introduced my answer would be I do not have any garden waste as it will go in the general waste bin.
- WOULD NOT PAY!
- I will not pay a charge so would opt out.
- There shouldn't be a charge
- Not applicable
- Standing order
- Looks like one way or another we will be paying for garden waste collection wether we like it or not
- It should not be introduced.
- Standing Order
- All options should be available the same as rent and council tax payments.

- Payment through revenue generated from recycled garden waste.
Stop profiteering from our need to be greener
- I will not pay
- I won't be paying
- As I have said previously I will not pay for a service I do not use.
- If this service is already provided and is included in the council tax why has there been separate charges in the past? Or did they have a reduction in their council tax. I like thousands of other people assume our council tax goes towards these facilities.
- None we would opt out - by doing this the councils add to fly tipping waste - dreadful as we already pay more than enough but don't receive value for money as it is!
- Credit card or BACS
- If an extra charge is to be charged, it should be added to the annual Council Tax charge and paid monthly or annual as by current choice.
If the Council is intending to make discretion charges for subdivision of refuse collection by opting 'in' for those services used, will the principle apply to all council services for which compulsory charges are currently made, regardless of whether they are needed or accessed?
- Why would you not have the option of a monthly direct debit? I'd pay an annual direct debit if it came to this but I think there should be ways of spreading the cost for those who can't afford a lump sum
- I wouldn't use bin at all - would take it to tip in car. We have a small garden so not paying £45+ to dispose of a standard bucketful of grass cuttings each month. Can't compost it either unless you expect us to have a composter within feet of our bedroom window. (it's a bungalow so would be at same level)
- None of the above we pay enough already.
- Would like to know why East Northants have had to pay for this service when it's free in the rest of Northamptonshire?
- As I do not think a new charge should be imposed then none of the above
- Cash on first collection
- Not a separate one - any decision to charge should be clearly shown as a separate line on the annual Council Tax demand so it is included in the total being paid for all services and thus included in the monthly direct debit taken over 10 months from April each year
- Disagree With Charge
- There is no option for do not charge for this service.
- Strongly disagree with subscription charges.
- Credit card
- I definitely do not agree this should be an extra charge
- None
- Why not just add to the annual council tax bill and collect as part of this charge?
- I would not pay extra for garden waste collection, I would dispose of my garden waste in another way.
- This is all wrong. We pay far too much to councils already.
- I will not be paying
- I would not pay
- I don't agree with an extra charge for collecting garden waste. If kbc could do it why cannot you harmonise to best practice?
- I doubt I will pay for this service.
Hard to be sure as, for example, given the relatively large amount of waste a garden my size generates I would tend to visit the green waste recycling centre a little more rather than pay for kerbside, but will these charges make that facility overstretched and lead to long queuing times?
- Any method not including cash
- Should be part of the rates
- Won't pay for it
- I can't answer this until it's been decided what happens
- Nil
- I won't subscribe to the service

- I have an incinerator, so would not pay.
- I don't want to pay at all
- My choice is not any of the versions offered because you have removed the choice of having a garden collection from March to November free of charge. I think this is a far fairer option than any presented in this questionnaire and I wonder why that one has not been presented alongside the paid versions?
- None. The council should not be considering charging for an essential service that can easily be covered by council tax
- Shouldn't pay
- I have no opinion on this as I pay enough council tax as it is. An I don't believe it's worth it for what I receive. In terms of garden waste if somebody was to use more than 1 bin I would expect them to be charged more
- None
- I won't be paying it. The bin can be taken back and I will burn my waste to keep warm.
- It should be free for all. No charge should apply
With all the costs of living rises the council should operate this service free. We pay a ridiculous amount of council tax which easily covers it. Don't use many of the other services ie schools. Libraries police so garden bins should be included
- No subscription.
- This survey is rigged, I don't agree with charging as this is a community service.
- I think this should b via the council tax, with those not using this getting a rebate you should do this monthly some people may not use it for some months. Indeed there will also b a seasonal variation.
- I refuse to pay. You take more money and take more services away.
- None as I would not pay for this service.
- Either option saves postage.
- I won't be paying anything for two collections a year - lowest fee you've suggested is £40, which is ridiculous
- None - stop being money grabbing!
- Don't do it
- Do you seriously think people have spare money for this
- I STILL FEEL THAT IT IS A TOTALLY UNFAIR PROCESS WHEN OTHER AREAS OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DO RECEIVE THE SERVICE FREE, WE PAY SUFFICIENT COUNCIL TAX FOR THIS SERVICE TO BE AVAILABLE TO ALL
- None of the above
- Would not use
- It should continue to be free
- credit card payment over the telephone
- Pay as you go I.e.if you do not put a bin out you do not pay. Less garden waste in winter.
- None
- Do not agree with payment at all
- None
- Credit card
- Credit card via website
- Paying back by doing community clean up work. X amount of hours equals x amount of collections at no charge.
- With council tax bill
- None household budget is struggling with current bills already
- These options do not include an opt out option
- I do not agree with this charge.
- Won't be doing it thanks
- Would the best solution be to have the service for half of the year, as in Wellingborough, for a reduced cost
- I wont be paying

- I think it should be included with council tax, the same way recycling/general waste and food waste is as it is the same service.
- I wouldn't, I live on my own & think council tax bill(band b) is high enough i don't put my regular bins out every week so for me I do not get value for money as it is
- Irrelevant as I do not agree with any subscription charge
- The council put the garden waste to good use and if they dont they should be looking to turn it around so it is profitable for compost etc.... Bins could have a one off charge but I feel the council waste money in any event.
- None as I can not afford to even survive the new inflation
- I would not subscribe to such a scheme. I will dispose of my garden waste by another method.
- An annual fee is not always appropriate . I think there should be an option for 6 months only. So not answering the above question which appears (at the moment) rather loaded to gain extra revenue.
- Should be included in council tax job done fools.
- If I used direct debit then it would take the whole year so that's why I have to pay payment over the phone. Should be able to do dd monthly.
- We already pay NNC £3.5K this year.
Do not introduce further stealth taxes or you will face the consequences at the ballot box!
- I don't agree with a charge
- Don't agree with charging for this service.
How are you going g to fund fly tipping?
- These choices are all dictated by the need of the council to cut costs- the greater need is to ensure we support communities where quality of life for citizens and respect for the visual environment, good husbandry and opportunity to enhance our living spaces should be thought of as primary needs. These proposals will cause people to make shortcuts- they may even result in an increase in fly tipping, neglect of our living environments, and more burning of garden waste.
- I don't believe in any subscription charge so stop implying you are going to charge us
- No payment
- I wouldn't pay it
- Bit of a leading question.... the previous question should have had a further option such as "Other" and the ability to add a reason.
By introducing an annual subscription you are going back to the old days of paying your council tax by going in to the office or sending a cheque in..... it would be interesting to see how the costs of administering such a system stack up against the monies raised from the scheme.
- Flexibility is useful to cater for people who may not wish to use systems like DD, or have a debit card. However my preference if only one were available would be direct debit, as this is more predictable, and less open to fraud (bank card details need not be shared, for example).
- There should be an option for free garden waste collection as in my case where I have to clear up from council trees. Alternatively council employees could come on a regular basis and do it. Or you could maintain your trees better and reduce the height and spread of the trees.
- None, we pay far to much for very little services as it is
- There shouldn't be an additional charge.
- Standing order
- No extra charge as already covered in council tax
- We couldn't afford this service
- Will not pay
- I will not pay it. I will dump the contents of my bin outside the council offices instead.
- I wouldn't use the garden waste if I had to pay for it. Question about splitting payments or a one off charge does not allow the participants to say neither option is acceptable.
- Sounds like you have already made a decision about charging.
- Choice of any payment method
- My garden has no grass the only waste I put in bins is the councils
- Don't do it
- via the council tax bill - otherwise people won't pay!
- I wouldn't pay it

- Don't agree this should be charged
- Don't introduce more charges and remove current charge.
- There should be NO CHARGE
- There was no space for comments on the previous question, so I'm commenting here. The annual subscription charge should be for the service, regardless of whether it's one bin or two bins. This would encourage more recycling. The payment arrangement should allow either one single annual payment or twice yearly.
- I already pay for waste to be collected in my council tax
- Should be taken out of tax payers money- it's shouldn't be a an extra cost.
- Credit card
- As I don't agree with the last 2 boxes I have left blank.
- I am still of the opinion that the service should be free
- I have not answered this question as I am not in favour of charging separately for the Garden Waste Service. In my view, the cost of this essential service should be included in the annual Council Tax calculation, and paid by all households, whether they use it or not - just like all the other excellent services provided by NCC that contribute to the welfare of the local community.
- Would consider an annual payment by DD if there is an incentive for this.
- None
- Shirt buttons
- I wouldn't pay as cannot afford to but a monthly direct debit needs to be an option as even a 6 monthly lump sum is massive.
Or you don't charge people on CT support? This charge makes it harder for those with less income to keep their garden tidy as no where for the rubbish yet we are bound to keep them looking neat in our tenancies. You can't have it both ways.
- It looks from these questions that they have already made their minds up to rip off residents further
- I already pay for the service via council tax.
- I didn't answer as I would subscribe.
- nothing at all as i don't intend to pay you for a service i am already funding through my council tax.
- Would put waste in black bin to landfill
- Feel this should be free to all in view of the environmental issues.
Some would not pay or could not pay if charges were made and this would lead to overuse of the black bins.
- Council tax
- I would not use the service.
- I do not favour repeat direct debits as it is harder to keep a grip on finances this way
- none see my earlier comments. This isn't a proper consultation
- Will NOT pay anything, will revert to some other way of disposal.
- Credit Card
- I do not intend to pay so the question is not relevant
- Not that I agree with having to pay
- I believe we already pay the council enough.
- Would not pay for council tree which fills my garden with green waste
- None
- I am anti subscriptions
- Can it not be taken with the council tax payment?
- This should not be charged
- By asking these questions, you show you have already made the decision to charge. Don't treat me as an idiot.
- I disagree fundamentally with the whole premise of paying additional charges for council services which are the right of all council tax payers
- I don't think it should be changed. Everything is costing more and this is just another expense to the ordinary person
- By credit card payment made via Council's website

- None
Will I be able to opt out if other services I don't use?
- Don't agree...
- My views have already been stated. It is inappropriate to have a questionnaire of this nature put out as part of a consultation. This questionnaire does not meet with the standards or best practice expected by local councils. The questionnaire is biased, does not consider the view of most residents, lacks detailed information on which to make an informed decision and does not consider the wider impact of implementing such a policy. The questionnaire by its very contents appears to have already decided the outcome. This is not right.
- i think that a subscription service is a crazy idea. This will result yet more fly tipping and people putting green waste in black bins
- Within the council tax charge as it is now.
- NONE
- I don't have any garden waste!!!
- Cash with a form handed into a council building
- If an annual service then bins should continue to be emptied all year round and not just spring summer months
- I wouldn't pay
- Those that use garden waste infrequently will then dump their waste in neighbours bins thus causing a larger issue.
- Bank transfer
- Why not a monthly payment because not everyone can afford a 6 monthly bill that's crazy !! We are going to be forced in to doing this but I certainly couldn't afford if £55 a month to pay £330 up front
- Not cheque.. that will just increase the admin cost at the council which will be passed back to residents. Inefficient historic payment method.
- We already pay
One through the council tax charge
- Start accepting credit cards if you are additional adding costs. The purchasing power public has is rather limited by direct debits. The surging costs will upset the budget.
- Credit card
- OR-
The council could provide 1 bin for a fee but would pick up additional bags from households who subscribe to the service during peak usage in the autumn thereby not costing the council the additional cost of extra bins
- I don't agree with extra charge
- Fundamentally disagree with this whole section
I already pay a fortune for services I don't use so don't believe I should pay extra
- Neither. It's absolutely disgusting.
- I would not pay for it!
- I would pay you in kind. If you have anything broken bring it round and I will fix it for you. That is if I am not out in the countryside dumping my garden waste.
- None of the above, but if 'pushed' to pay, then I would pay by cheque. I do not use my garden waste bin much during the winter months.
- The questions above are inappropriate and would imply that the council has already decided on the outcome. This is not "Consultation". The first thing to do is identify what services the new area requires and then look at the options for delivery.
- There is no justification for making a charge. I could just put my waste in the black bin and you would be none the wiser. Stupid idea.
- I won't pay
- Collect with Council Tax.
A single unified charge would be the same whether 10 or 25 collections were required.
- Not going to subscribe any so will not need any
- I am against annual subscription charges for green waste disposal for the reasons given above.

- It sounds to me from the questions being asked that you have already made up your mind and it's only a matter of time before charges will be put into effect.
- If it was to come into place which I hope it doesn't then all payment methods should be offered
- Take it out of the CEOs inflated salary you have people out in the world who would do the job for half the rate most top council employees are over payed
Save money cut your wage bill
- None, i dont think this should be a paid for service
- will not subscribe
- Maybe like [Redacted] and offer a small discount for 2 or 3 years payment in advance?
- Cash
- Cash
- See before . I do not agree with the service being provided for a year. I am a gardener but find that there is little waste in Winter and this can be left, even stored in plastic sacks until collection resume. The cost associated with providing a full year exceeds the benefits.
People should be encouraged to share bins with neighbours, which is what we do here
- As stated before I am NOT in favour of charging for the collection of garden waste in North Northamptonshire for the following reasons:
 - North Northamptonshire in particular Corby and Wellingborough have a high number of areas of multiple deprivation. For many households having to pay for the disposal of garden waste will add to already increasing financial pressures and may lead to an increase in defaults of Council Tax and related charges.
 - A significant amount of Council Tax is not collected in the year it is owed. This can lead to an increase in retrieval costs of any arrears to the Local Authority and can quickly outweigh any potential for increased spending on local amenities.
 - Not every one is able to compost can lead to unfair charges/practices. Especially with an increase in compostable packaging that can only be put in the general household waste. By reducing the period of collection for garden waste and making it a free service can prove helpful for both the Authority and residents.
- I do not want to pay for this service
- I have not answered either of the above questions as I do not agree with the council charging for this service.
- None
- Zero
- Seems you focusing on what happens if you introduce a charge - these questions make me think the decision has already been made
- None
- No charge
- cant pay income wont take any more bills
- Wouldn't pay, this question is not applicable as the answers above clearly show
- Why should we pay when council tax should cover it? Larger properties pay a higher council tax which should then cover the need for more bins.
- Charge £52 I Will give binman £2 a fortnight
- Shouldn't have to pay
- It is already included in my Band E council taxes and no further charge should be made at all. We already pay more because of the size and other factors of our property. Your model would only be for a reduction in service without a lower cost to us. Paying contractors to collect our rubbish or garden waste is then treated as commercial and incurs higher charges which must be passed on but does not change the fact that it is domestic waste not commercial. That is not reasonable and forces extra costs on us anyway. We already pay. Why should we have to pay in our taxes, plus pay for a commercial service plus what amounts to a penalty charge on top because it is then considered commercial in origin, because we are elderly. Your systems are broken and illogical. They should not be an excuse for extra scalping.
- I do not agree to the council's premise of introducing a subscription service. Simply reduce the council tax burden on properties with no garden!
- As before, I think that this service should be funded from what I already pay the council in rates.

- I will not pay
- Payment on receipt of invoice
- Wouldn't pay
- Not paying
- I would prefer not to pay
- Added on to your council tax at beginning of tax year
- Do not produce garden waste so would not subscribe
- Credit Card
- I would just burn my waste
- I wouldn't, the council can pave my gardens over.
- Actual money?
- Garden waste would be disposed of along with normal waste and in worse case dumped in areas, this would cause other issues and expense to the council. You caused the mess the councils are in through mismanagement- look in house before you start to make us pay for your mistakes.
- I wouldn't agree with any
- I would not pay an additional charge
- I wouldn't pay for a service that we already have and you now are trying to get more, I would make a compost heap in the rental I'm in!
- None I don't have much however I don't think it's fair to penalise families Maybee struggling already just for having a garden.
I'm wondering who this will affect most ? Inflation is awful and like most families we are struggling more than ever.
- No payment
- Wouldn't pay it This will just increase the amount of fly tipping
- I would NOT pay more money
- Why should we pay for the [redacted]
- I wouldn't pay it I would just set it on fire in my garden because I have no other way to dispose of it, why not just charge a 1 off fee every time someone wants it collecting????? got to claw back the £150 rebate somehow hey !
- None as I disagree with the extra charge as I already pay through council tax
- I wouldn't pay it. You want people to keep the county clean and recycle where they can. This charge will encourage fly tipping and you will be to blame.
- I Already PAY this. I AM AN OUNDLE RESIDENT.
- Standing order payment
- This sounds like we have no choice. This is basically your way of saying "It's happening, tough, but this way it looks like we tried" Are we not suffering from increased cost of living enough???
- I won't pay but will fly tip. Council tax should be enough to cover 55pounds a year collection.?????????????????
- Should be includes in council tax
- Cash on delivery
- No charge
- Or maybe have options to only pay £10 if and when people have waste to be collected. Also will you be refunding us for the cost of our bins should you wish to start charging us?
- I will not be paying an annual charge. We pay enough in Council Tax. The rates go up every year be approx £10. The council need to stop all the vanity projects that are sending NNC bankrupt.
- I don't see why we have to pay extra
- Don't wish to pay
- Council collect at the door every week
- I don't believe a charge should be introduced so non of the above
- Visiting the payment counter at The Cube and paying cash. That is of course, if the council don't decide to "downsize" that office.
- None, this is shocking and will lead to compost heaps everywhere
- None at all, we already pay through council tax.

- Only users should pay to both questions.
- Online banking transfer
- I would return my garden waste bins and put the waste in my black bin
- Don't agree with charging more for this service. There is likely to be an increase in fly tipping if a charge comes in.
- Dont want to pay
- Would not pay as only empty it now twice a year
- Apple Pay should be made available for all services.
- Do not think they should introduce one
- Not direct debit.
- I think all payment options should be available. I am against being forced onto direct debit.
- I don't
- You will bring in a charge regardless of this consultation-it's the only way you know.
- I won't be paying so I don't care
- Not at all
- I would expect a reduction in my council tax
- These are ALL loaded questions skewed towards the councils end objectives, if youre going to do a questionnaire and seek residents views then have the decency to do it properly and fairly.
- From council tax, as with other council (public) services.
- Not relevant. I won't pay for this. Sounds like you have already decided to charge so why the survey?
- Never
- None. We are already taxed beyond acceptable amounts. This is not just an increase in tax you propose but a reduction of paid for services in our normal council tax then having the audacity to give them back if we agree to further tax.
- I won't be paying, unless my council tax is reduced to take this into account.
- There should NOT be any charges!
- I will not pay
- Can't afford it, what ever the price.
- Not applicable as I wouldnt use the service.
- Looks like decision has already been made to charge!
- As now
- cash
- The council can do one will not pay
- In my council tax
- I don't agree with the charge
- Would not pay
- I won't pay it. I will end up putting it in the black bin!
- No charge at all.
- Unwilling to pay when already pay council tax for this service and as you collect the waste for over a decade and now you want to change the policy
- I strongly disagree with the council introducing an annual subscription. I pay roughly £200 per month council tax and don't receive any benefits other than waste collection..the police are not visible and don't respond to what they class as minor incidents. Knowing that many of the old senior managers have been re employed, I also don't have any faith in the new council bearing in mind the mess the old Northants county council made which resulted in their applying for bankruptcy so why would I want to part with more of my hard earned money.
- Wouldn't pay
- I do not wish to pay a charge
- I will only pay if I can afford it
- Why do I feel with this line of questioning that you have already decided that you will be charging?
- I absolutely refuse to pay a subscription charge.
- In garden waste, as this will be balanced against the reduction in Landfill tax you will be paying when I put Garden Waste in my black bin.

- If you go ahead with this you need to split the 55 pounds over 12 months not either one amount or 2 amounts. Be realistic. 12 months direct debit more appropriate.
- Do not intend paying additional cost
- I won't pay for it.
- Won't be subscribing
- Standing Order, so that the customer can be in control of payments
- Not at all
- I wouldn't pay it
- Credit card
- Don't know think it's terrible to charge that's what we pay council tax for , plus everything has gone up
- N/A as we won't be subscribing
- Will not pay any extra, already pay for it.
- No payment
- I would not subscribe
- I don't agree with the proposal
- Non payment as already stated.
- None I don't want the service so I don't want to pay.
- None
- No. It should be through Council tax banding.
- I don't.
- I would not pay
- I'd just dump my grass cuttings on the council office doorstep, it'll cost me less.
- I wouldn't subscribe.
- I wouldn't. I won't pay it.
- None. I don't want it introduced. People will bag it and put it in the black bin
- None
- Cash
- Should be all inclusive in annual charge
- Should be added to Council tax and paid by everyone to discourage dishonesty, fly tipping, bonfires.
- A charge should not be implemented as it is now!!
- Shouldn't be a charge.
- I would not pay
- I don't agree with paying at all but that option not available to the above questions. It should be one free bin per household and charge if households want an extra bin
- The garden waste collection should be covered in the annual council tax charge there should be no additional subscription or charge.
- I don't want a bin. I will compost myself
- Chocolate money, in short you have no right to charge extra after the already massive increases to council taxes.
- People with grade a tend to be in a higher council tax band so we already pay.
- Not able to answer the above questions due to still considering my options.
By the way - I don't use the education service. Given your reason for introducing this charge, (people who don't currently avail of the service are paying through the 'general fund') I would like to opt out of paying my share of education service for the same reason.
- None
- Online
- No charge should be introduced
- None, don't do it
- Disagree that there should be a charge at all
- As per my previous comments, I don't mind how I pay as long as I can sue the provider for not providing the service I pay for.

- A bag full of the pennies I would have to save if you insist on charging for a service that we already pay for. I get nothing from the council other than bins being emptied.
- Or make it free like every other council
- I am. Not paying for it so this is a moot question.
- Wouldn't pay it, just tip it in the woods.
- We are already paying for this service within our council tax
- I'm utterly disgusted by this idea, like we're not paying enough!!!
- Don't we already pay for this service as part of the Council Tax we pay?
- All ways should be available for everyone . Example at post office online . At a bank . All options should be available.
- Whilst I may prefer direct debit, I understand that there are many who would like another method of payment. Surely more than one method could be used.
- No charges
- These questions clearly indicate there's already a plan to do this and this is not true consultation. We're being given no real choice. This is just providing evidence to support the introduction of another charge but the reality is that that will just lead to even more fly tipping.
- All of the above plus payments at the local office you money grabbing [expletive]. And if they pay by direct debit monthly they should be able to pay it monthly too!!
- But as I do not agree to having to pay for the bin then all these questions above should have other options included. Not just if you pay
- In cash as not all people are wanting to pay in above as they do not feel comfortable and confident especially the people are living on a day to day budgets or older people that struggle.
- At the same intervals as current payments are allowed. In my case direct debit over 10 months
- None, we pay more than enough for the services we receive.
- None
- I feel that that is what our council tax should cover. At present the road I live on has not been upgraded in over 35 years. Fill in pot holes when really forced to, but as a main thoroughfare for heavy goods vehicles, white van vehicles, lastly private cars, we definitely feel, money is not utilised correctly. What does this have to do with waste, alot because visibly we see money spent by road users, not fixing the road. So how do I know I would get a decent service by subscription. Also that subscription could become a complacent figure which could be transferred to something different.
- I wouldn't pay
- Pay for it out of our council tax. Stop being cheap. It's already gone up by becoming a unitary authority, don't take the [expletive].
- Cash
- I feel this questionnaire is leaning towards charging people, no surprise there..
- None of the above! It shouldn't be chargeable at all!! You sell the compost you make anyway!! Stop cutting services and increasing our costs!!
- I would not pay so the question is irrelevant
- Cr card
- All payment methods should be available
- Refer to previous comments!
- I would prefer none as I already pay for it through my council tax.
- It sounds like this is going to go through regardless of my answers. I will refuse to pay and dump my garden waste somewhere safe, for free. This will lead to significantly increased fly tipping
- Be careful. Charge will mean more flytipping.
- Don't agree with an extra charge.
- None remember who's idea it was in the first place to use these bins and how additional lorries and staff were accounted for in the council tax
- Shouldn't be charging.
- Please stop to these nonsense. As the council tax is too high already and should cover this cost. Don't charge any more.
- As and when needed.
- I wouldn't pay

- These are all leading questions. My answer should be none of the above as I don't agree with a subscription charge
- People should be able to pay for anything however they can/want as long as its paid
- Do not agree and this survey seems to indicate that the council has already decided to introduce fees regardless of this survey
- Would not pay, Northampton council are a rip off pure greed more rubbish will be dumped on country road extra cost to clean up more tax rises to cover cost another brilliant idea from the council
- i would no longer pay a subscription charge for this service
- I don't agree with having to pay extra for it
- I wouldn't use the service. Can't afford to.
- No charge being levied at all. We pay our normal rates at fees advised by NNC already
- Some very one sided questions. How about the old east northants is treated like Kettering, Corby and Wellingborough and has free green waste collections and the council provides a service that the rest of the county gets allready.
- This should not even be an option, and the questions above seem written to come to a pre-conceived outcome. Asking what someone would be willing to pay, and having them choose effectively to be very unlikely to pay anything seems written to be able to draw the conclusion that someone wouldn't use the service and therefore this would be a cost saving.
The reality in my case is that I feel that this is a stealth tax ride that is being proposed.
As for harmonisation of services, Corby and Kettering - the areas that would be affected - don't have free council town centre car parks, whereas other areas such as Wellingborough, Rushden and Irthlingborough do.
- Don't have garden waste
- None - this should not be charged
- I have no intention of paying for anything else via this rip off North Northamptonshire Council
- None - will not pay
- You should also be able to only pay when you want it. If you're only want 6 months. Although this consultation is clearly [expletive] as whatever we say you'll charge us what the hell you want. You also shouldn't charge more gor extra bins, if you pay for a collection you pay for a collection, as sometimes it might be empty sometimes there migh
- None WILL NOT PAY
- As I don't support this proposal, then I will not comment on the 2 slanted questions above. There should be a 3rd option showing no payment via any method.
- Inadvisable unfair proposal!
- Don't agree with an annual subscription charge
- do not agree with the subscription
- See previous answer
- Don't agree with a subscription charge, give those who don't use the service a discount on their council tax !
- I disagree with the charge. Its a garden poll charge on top of the housing poll charge
- Not applicable because I won't be using it.
- Would not use it. Lets see how much additional fly tipping you will have. look what happened when the Council thought it a 'good idea; to stop allowing people with vans in the dump, and we are not talking professional people we are talking about someone who doesn't own a car, Does the Council never learn by its mistakes nevermind harmonisation of services lets think about common sense.
- These options are leading in their nature. By answering them, the North Northamptonshire Council could be assuming that people agree with having the proposed levy (or hopefully not, have already made a descision)
- Don't introduce it at all.
- None. We pay more than enough in council tax already. Tax the council representatives who earn the big money more instead.
- What about the collection being suspended from, say, October to April, so as to keep any possible charge to a minimum?

- there should be no charge
- We'd not subscribe and take garden waste to tip ourselves
- It is ridiculous to ask us to pay anymore for the same service we currently receive.
- It should be a monthly charge as people are struggling with rising costs. A one off payment or two payments may be difficult
- These questions are non-sensical because
 - I would have no choice but to pay because I have a garden
 - I would have no way to stop other people putting their waste into my garden bin.
 What you are proposing is highly unfair.
- None, I wouldn't pay
- Not all households can pay via Internet and lower paid households may need to pay cash. It would need to be means tested so lower paid households would be exempt from any council demand for collections. Also would tenants or landlords pay the charge for collections?
- Combined with Council Tax payment
- I will not be subscribing.
- All the above
- I would prefer not to pay or to be refunded for the service we do not use if we are to be charged for this
- None. Will the council have more gardeners out disposing of council tree leaves?
- We should not pay for this service it's always been free for a fortnightly collection!
- Don't charge
- Cash
- Cash
- None
- I will pay per bin emptied
- None
- Only pay for services received e.g per collection
- Via our council tax bill
- Not interested
- Non, strongly disagree with any increase to additional charges from the council.
Baes upon these 'in-depth' questions looks like the decision has already been made to charge householders!!
- I will do away with the green bin and not subscribe.
And dump grass and hedging in black bin
- It is a very bad idea
- Bank transfer
- I am not interested in paying for this service, therefore your questions are irrelevant
- None because I would not pay and find another way to dispose of the rubbish. There's alternates to this money making scheme
- Can't afford it so won't pay.
- Wouldn't subscribe disgusting we pay enough council tax.
- I'm not paying to have a hygiene and human right of my bins being emptied
- Do not agree in paying at all
- Add to council tax
- I wouldn't use it so no payment I only have the equivalent of 1 bin per year so I wouldn't have it
- I would not pay it
- Do not agree with any of the above and won't be signing up to this service.
- From my pension
- These questions aren't giving you the option to not support a subscript service and therefore forcing the hand to make a selection and produce 'data' that supports a subscription service.
Corrupt questioning.
- Would not pay for this service the service needs to remain FREE to stop fly tipping
- Debit or credit card subscription system like every other commercial service on the planet.
- In the council offices e.g the cube
- I wouldn't be using the service

- Free to all domestic householders
- Would not pay for collection
- Not applicable as we don't want it in the Kettering area !
- None of the above
- It should remain a 'free' service paid for by residents Council Tax.
- None. I have no garden waste
- As long as it is paid for the method is irrelevant.
- Prepayment if I needed to use the service,
- None as you get enough in rates already & you make a profit from reselling the waste
- I don't want ANY CHARGE for a service that we have had for free for a number of years now. It will cause a problem and high resentment.
If you want the community to recycle you need to make it possible for them. If the Council makes it difficult and expensive people will just use their free black bin and I really don't want that to happen because of environmental reasons.
- But I don't want to pay anymore than I do so I don't want to pay for this service at all.
- I think presently it is paid by direct debit ... this is easy and convenient and paid monthly It would be better for my low income to pay monthly and not annually or bi-annually.
- Provide the service
- Via council tax
- None.
- cash
- I am not willing to pay for this service; I will not be a party to it; it will lead to a significantly increased workload for the Friends of [redacted] Wood, of which I am Chair.
- I wouldn't subscribe to it
- We wouldn't subscribe
- I do not agree with a subscription service for removal of green waste as I have made clear in earlier comments. Rather I believe that the service should be rationalised so that NO resident pays separately for this.
- BACS
- Add a monthly charge to the council tax
- Add to council tax
- Neither shouldn't have to pay for refuse collection as it's already paid through council tax
- All of these methods should be available, although I disagree with the introduction of the charge.
- Should you decide to make a charge, which I oppose, you should allow charge payers to pay over 10 months.
- no charge don't want it
- As I disagree with being charged, I don't have a preference
- At cube
- Should be included in the Council Tax
- Not paying anything
- Credit Card
- Cash
- I don't think there'll should be a charge
- I wouldn't subscribe, so therefore my view on payment method is unnecessary in this instance.
- NONE
- Should be monthly. The point about the cost and double bins, it's part of the community based point of the council, what's next, houses with more people in being charged more for the extra waste they generate,.....
- I don't think you should pay
As I pay council tax
- Your questionnaire is clearly laying out that you plan to charge. I am well aware that funding is cut. I am also well aware that you fail the county and pay consultants to carry out jobs that you should know how to do yourself and that the top layer has not cut its own wages to reflect this. You have been incompetent to a huge degree and continue to be so. You have the means to

make money from recycling and choose not to. You want to charge us for you to do less. Why you have committed to zero carbon is beyond me. You don't seem to understand the basics.

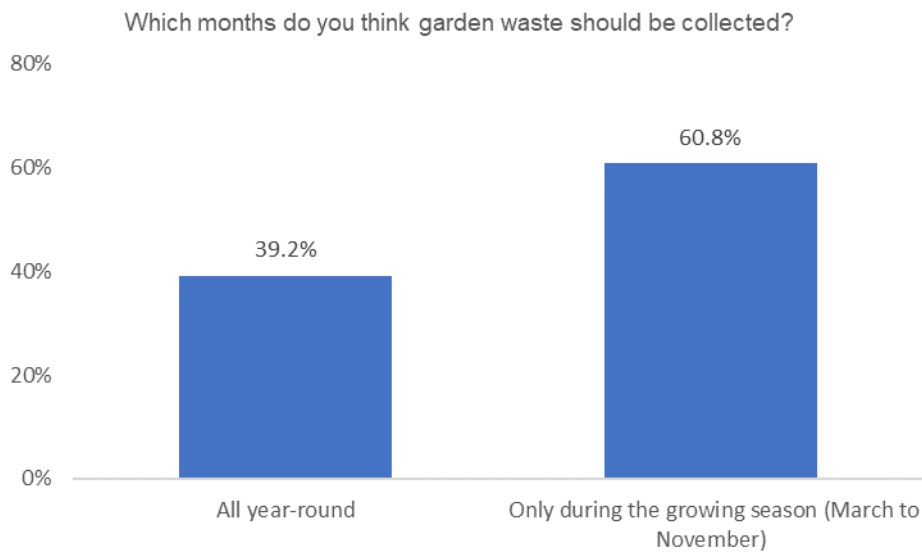
- Not at all
- These costs should be included into the council tax.
- I won't be paying anything. I cannot afford more charges.
- I do not intend to use a paid for service so none of the above.
- Questions surrounding if a charge was put in place should not be applicable when the responder doesn't agree with the proposed charge.
- Monthly direct debit running alongside council tax
- Standing Order, no one is authorised to go into my bank account.
- I don't agree in any charge. Why is there no option to "strongly disagree"? It appears you've already made your minds up that a charge is imminent.
- Non of the above it is wrong to charge for garden waste separately this will lead to more fly tipping and extra cost to the tax payer
- Online
- Not paying full stop
- Already incorporated in Council tax.
- Don't agree at all
- I would prefer, as it is now to pay monthly by direct debit as this makes it easier to manage a tight budget
- bank transfer
- None of the above. I object to paying any extra. I suggest the council look at streamlining their own running costs
- No charges at all we pay enough
- I wouldn't subscribe.
- Dont think we should have to pay more than we are paying
- I don't think we should have to pay extra
- No charge
- It is obvious you already intend introducing a charge instead of seeking greater efficiency across your whole operation and the public sector generally.
- Bank payment via online banking
- I'm sorry, but if it went to subscription, we simply would stop using the service and wouldn't be paying. Full stop.
The current Council tax bill has increased SIGNIFICANTLY, and this includes the coming years garden waste collection. If subscription comes into force, will we be reimbursed for the payments made to date???
- T
- I already pay for this service
- Why not add to the council tax
- You could have your grey bin back as I wouldn't use it any more.
- Can suggest that garden rubbish should be paid per collection because only in summer I cut my lawn
- Not paying
- Sadly, I would not be able to afford to pay. As a working single parent I could not afford it.
- I will not pay a subscription charge for a service I really need!!
- This should be part of the normal rate collection. More beaurocracy!
Cut out the waste in the running of the Authority! You could save £millions!
- This service is already being paid for through Council Tax
- Won't apply won't be paying it on principle ... and neither will a lot of others... let's see the increase in roadside dumping!!! 😡 😡
- Or standing order
- The question is wholly loaded as to suggest I might want to pay at all. Why not a further box to tick that states none

- No payment method as you people lost all the councils money ie Northampton, so you [expletive] pay it 😡

Collection

Q. Currently garden waste is collected all year-round in some areas of North Northamptonshire, and only between March and November in others. Which months do you think garden waste should be collected? Please tick (✓) relevant answer

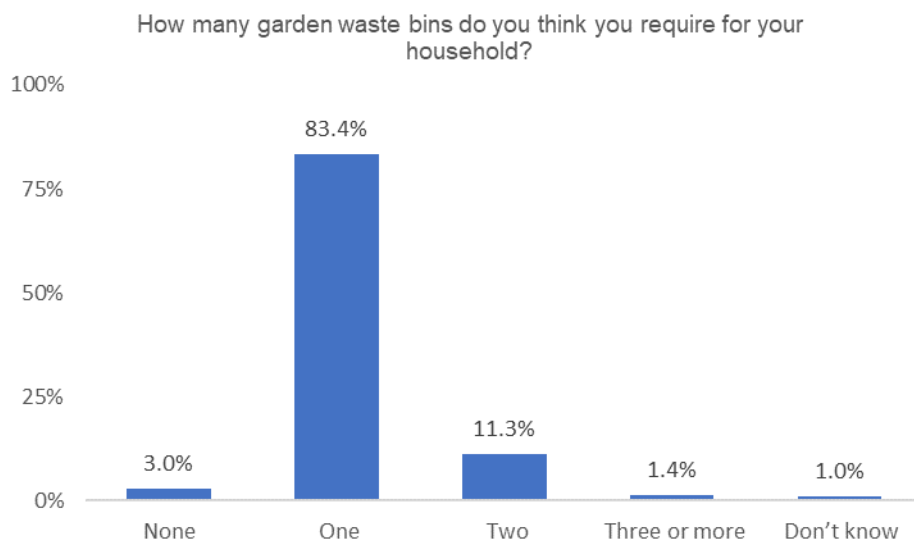
There were 8,151 responses to this question.



	Response number	Percentage (%)
All year-round	3,193	39.2%
Only during the growing season (March to November)	4,958	60.8%

Q. How many garden waste bins do you think you require for your household? Please tick (✓) relevant answer

There were 8,230 responses to this question.



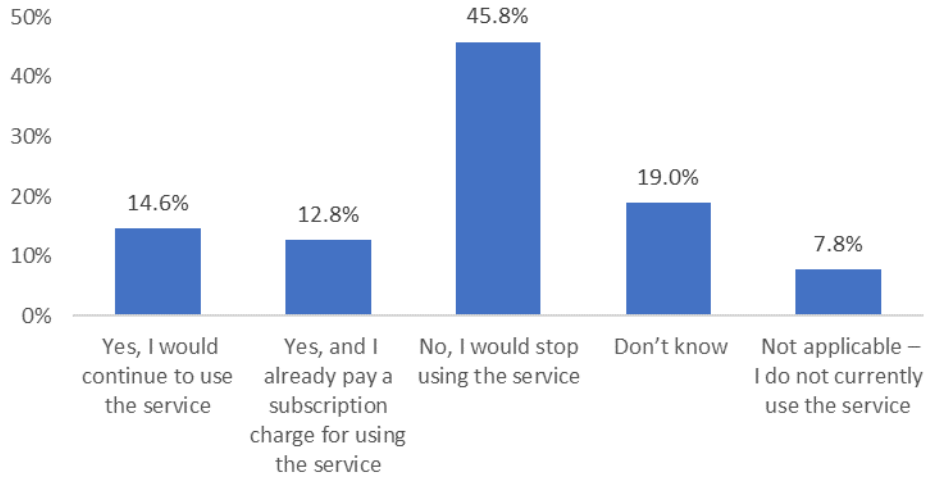
	Response number	Percentage (%)
None	243	3.0%
One	6,861	83.4%
Two	930	11.3%
Three or more	116	1.4%
Don't know	80	1.0%

Using the service

Q. If you currently use the Council's garden waste service, would you continue to use it if you had to pay a subscription charge? Please tick (✓) relevant answer

There were 8,196 responses to this question.

If you currently use the Council's garden waste service, would you continue to use it if you had to pay a subscription charge?



	Response number	Percentage (%)
Yes, I would continue to use the service	1,199	14.6%
Yes, and I already pay a subscription charge for using the service	1,047	12.8%
No, I would stop using the service	3,757	45.8%
Don't know	1,554	19.0%
Not applicable – I do not currently use the service	639	7.8%

Other means of disposal

Note: The following question was only asked of those respondents who said 'No, I would stop using the service' to the previous question

Q. You have told us that you currently use the kerbside garden waste service but would stop using the service if you had to pay a subscription charge. Please tell us how you would dispose of your garden waste? Please tick (✓) all that apply

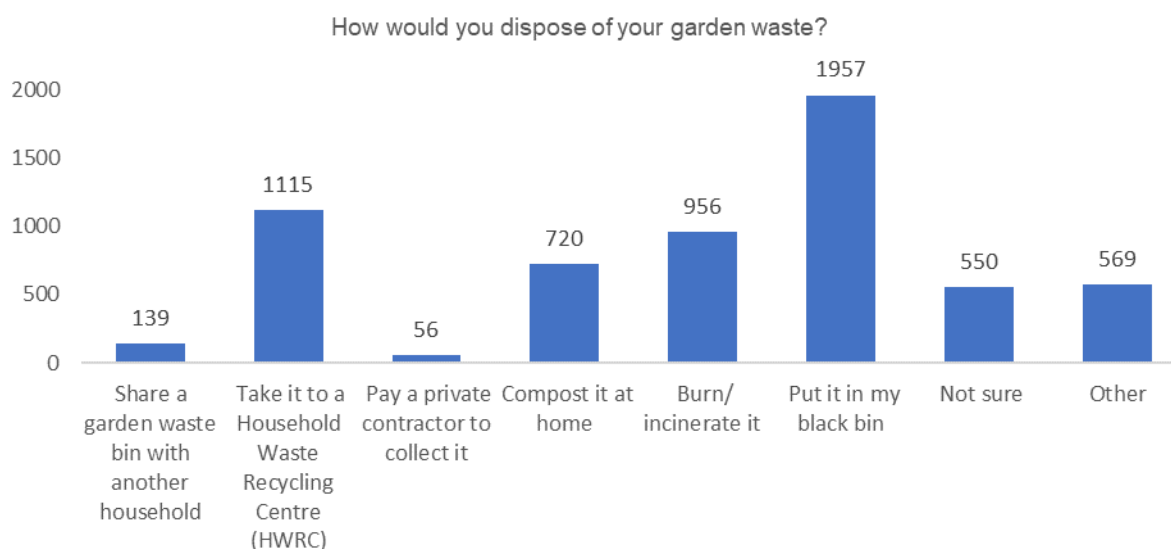
What can go in the black (refuse) bin?

Only general household rubbish which cannot be recycled or composted should be put in your black bin, including:

- Broken toys/housewares
- Cat and dog waste, and other pet waste/bedding
- Cling film
- Cold fire ash
- Cooked food and meats
- Disposable vacuum cleaner bag/cylinder contents
- Nappies
- Personal protective equipment such as face masks and gloves (these aren't recyclable and are a health risk to sorting facility staff).

- Plant pots/trays
- Plastic bags
- Plastic film lids
- Polystyrene
- Sanitary products including used tissues and cotton buds
- Vacuum cleaner contents


There were 3,670 responses to this question, with respondents being able to select more than one option if applicable.



	Response number
Share a garden waste bin with another household	139
Take it to a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)	1,115
Pay a private contractor to collect it	56
Compost it at home	720
Burn/ incinerate it	956
Put it in my black bin	1,957
Not sure	550
Other	569

Other:

- Would take all the garden waste that blows into my garden and delivery it free to your office doors
- Please continue to provide the free service
- Due to having our drive way done and astroturf we don't have any garden waste
- Let the wind blow it down the street.
- Fly tipping
- But as I am already composting as much as i feel is possible it is the burning which would increase. I would regard this as a disaster as I am very environmentally conscious and currently do my very best to recycle as much as possible and correctly.
- I would have no choice as you are forcing me to pay for the service....
- Who knows

- The black bin was where it used to go before we had the brown bins. The contents of the bins are provided by households free of charge and after composting is sold at a cost to raise money for other council services.
- Take it to the tip if it's open
Or council need to open tip every day or fly tipping which is a problem will become even worse
- Either put it in blackbin or have overgrown gardens.
- Take all plants away from the garden, stop generating green waste
- I simply can't afford to pay the charge, I cant claim any means tested benefits, im on minimum wage, disabled, I own my property and with heating, fuel, cost of living etc I simply cannot afford anymore charges, to be honest I would seriously consider dumping (garden waste) as I believe will many others, or burn which could lead to greater air pollution, eutrophication and further degradation of the environmental quality of where we live.
- Are you really so stupid!
- I currently compost as much as I can but am retired and cannot manage trips to the recycling centre. Any additional waste that's not going in the compost bin would have to go in my black bin
- I don't know yet but I won't be paying the subscription. I am keen to protect the environment and will find a way but I'm not doing this.
- Or burn or dump it in the street
- I would find somewhere.
- I have an allotment so would compost it there.
- Do you not think that people pay enough already for the poor service, how are we pensioners supposed to pay we have far more important things to pay for this year
- Can't afford to pay for it, would have to burn some if possible (wood) and the rest (grass etc) would go in the back bin.
- I'd be polluting the environment. I already pay for council tax, its not our fault the council can't look after our money and waste it.
- I know I couldn't afford another charge
- I'm not sure how I would dispose of it, but I would not be able to afford the subscription charge. I believe there would be many others in this situation too
- Which would a shame due to the environmental impact, however, with the cost of living so high, I would have no other option
- Not always have a need or time to use hwrc as it's not convenient
- Alot of people would just dump it so it increases the councils cost in clearing the mess. You cant push people to breaking point and expect everything to be ok
- No doubt everyone will dump it now. With current ever increasing costs...I think your taking the mickey
- It will continue to be collected without charge
- I have a tiny garden so not much waste
- I would stop paying the relevant amount in my council tax for waste removal!!
- Recycle centre need 7 days a week all year round anything is a disservice
- 
- Put it in someone else's bin late at night.
- Take to the allotment to burn or compost
- Why should we pay more, this is surely included in our council tax
- dump it street side
- I already pay for domestic, recycling and garden waste within my council tax. Why should I have to pay again??
- Dump it at council building
- Pay a contractor to tip it wherever they decide
- Get family to dispose of it. As a pensioner we have to look after our pennies
- Your going to get lots of complaints about bin fire
- As was the case before we had separate garden waste bins.
- I won't be paying more for a service that should already be included. It seems just another way for the council to take more money from us.

- I don't know. I'd have to take more time out of my already busy schedule to dispose of it elsewhere. I won't increase my out goings because of cut backs that along with everything else negatively effects hard working families
- This will encourage fly tipping
- Mostly just grass cuttings so I would probably start a compost pile rather than pay to have it taken away
- flytip it
- If trailer use is increased at tip sites maybe tip it. But if not burn it or put it in my black bin.
- I would compost but we don't have enough space.
- Leave it out the front to rot
- Leave to rot in the garden.
- I would NOT do this, but other will, you will see an increase in fly tipping.
- Why should we pay when we already pay council tax
- I don't know what I'd do with it but a lot of people will just put it in their black bin.
- For those who would not be able to afford a subscription charge why not provide a one off compose bin as a start up
- Dump it
- Compost in the allotment
- Council Public bins. Or wait for hours at the recycling centres as that's loads of fun
- Allotment
- Fly tip
- However I deem, its my waste therefore my problem . I would discard waste as I feel fit
- I wouldn't be able to look after the garden anymore
- Most will probably fly tip so I'd factor that collection cost into your forecasts.
- Put it in local council bins
- Fly tipping, the same as other people who pay council and are getting less for it
- This would be of no concern to you if you are not providing the service.
However, like the garden near me, I may leave my clean and tidy garden to become overgrown and block the pathways, as the hedging was planted by the local authority, but you expect me to cut and maintain
- We should not be paying. People will end up putting into black bins, burning or fly tipping. Or concreting over their gardens.
- I will blow the leafs from my garden to the outside (public)pavement, as it comes from the extra large tree , on the public pavement. The drain next to the tree has been blocked and unchecked for years due to neglect from leafs already (asked the council when was it cleaned, they have no record of it), generally the street/ pavement is full of leafs and branches and not frequently cleaned unfortunately all year around. [Redacted] is one of the few leafy street in Kettering, but has not been well-maintained for years.... tree right outside my house causing huge mess and i constantly have to clean up not just leafs but huge branches falling from it to my garden or roof of my property. I have contacted the council about the issue of the tree, the root is already damaging not just the pavement but my paved garden, but showing no interest of support or no interest of cutting back branches overhanging my garden to limit branches falling and leafs. I would certainly not going to pay for garden waste collection, as 100% collection is tree materials from this tree, belongs to the council. Can you advise and offer support?
- Landfill
- Allotment
- If a subscription charge is introduced for green waste collection I will happily drop my garden waste at Councillor [Redacted] home address for no additional charge
- Black bin or fly tip
- Give to my family in market Harborough for them to dispose of
- This service should be free we all keep being told we should do more for the environment so to encourage this the council should be providing this service
- Compost it at my allotment.
- I worry that folks would start dumping garden waste illegally. Then the cost saving would be lost.... Which is why this subscription service is a poor idea, in my opinion.

- Probably fly tip it
- Dump it on council owned property
- Bin bags and in a skip
- I already compost all that I can
- Also adding to previous question and my answer - should you after all start charging extra for the disposal of a garden waste (subscription), and some people - like me - won't be using this service, I would be expecting for the council tax bill to be lowered, of a percentage of what is the current cost of s garden waste collection.
- You can only have so many trips to the tip in a van and have to pay and we couldn't put it in the small car so it would have to go into the black bin! Costing more in the long run!
- I feel extremely strongly about this is unfair with your council tax billing as that seems to pay for nothing around here
- I am keen on recycling and fully encourage it but we shouldn't be charged for something we already been paying for with our council tax. Services are constantly being cut and taken away or charged extra for. We are already hitting difficult financial times as a country we don't need more unnecessary costs .
- Leave the garden for the grounds team to do considering that it's a communal garden area
- Deposit at the council offices
- Fly tipping
- Don't accept premise of question - shouldn't be a separate subscription fee.
- Fly tip it, costing you a lot more money
- Pile it in a corner & leave it to rot! I cannot afford any of your options.
- Leave it in the footpath
- Donate it to the local council on their front garden ,
- Many will fly tip this rubbish and you will have the bill to clear it. Look at the bigger picture, oh I forgot you just think of yourselves. Self, self self.
- We rarely fill our black bin all year round, so it will go in there. Anything which will no go in there will go to the recycling centre.
- I compost all that I can fit in my composter.
- Have a not as nice garden with no grass
- I already compost some of it
- I would put it in my black and brown bins and use the council services still.
- Leave it on the street for council to collect as it's there property
- Unfortunately many will choose to dump their waste on green land
- Have to travel to the local tip.
- Any way I could, LEGALLY
- I'd compost or use private contractor. I would not pay the council as I feel strongly that you are asking residents to pay twice
- I would continue to compost some of it. If the collection was to change to a pay for service I would probably burn it or use the black bin and I think most people would. If it ain't broke don't fix it!
- I have no idea. With 3 children and both of us working full time we would not be able to take waste away. BUT we DEFINITELY can't pay any more money each month than we do already!
- I would burn it and pollute the atmosphere
- This is deplorable. I am a pensioner and unable to afford this. It will be a struggle to take it to the recycling centre, and my only option may be to put it in black bin, which I most certainly do not want to do
- Grass would go in black bin and hedge trimmings would be taken to HWRC
- This really will result a in higher carbon footprint. I am sure many households will do this - especially putting it in the black bin, as they are already struggling with the higher cost of living. Garden waste use used to make compost, so surely money use made from this?
- If no reduction on my council tax is made for not using the grey bin, it would go into the black bin.
- My garden is very small and there is no space for composting or burning waste, if there was, I would be doing it now.

- for the little I have I would regardless of whether I should, I don't own a car so would not be able to get to the tip
- You're picking an unnecessary fight with this issue and there will be more fly tipping. People will take their garden waste to parks and open spaces to dump, and it's biodegradable, so why not? One way or another, it will remain your job to clear up. Better to keep the old system which is working.
- Not a good idea to reduce the service or move to paid
- It would be thrown over my fence onto council property
- I will either burn it in my garden or it will simply be put into my black bin.
- Drop it off outside the Council Offices
- I'd fly tip it.
- Dump it
- I can't afford to pay that charge so I would have to burn it, put it in the black bin or put it somewhere in a council bin in the street.
To compost it at home assumes you have the physical health to be able to move it which I do not, so I compost as much as I can but I can't do all of it
So I would be left with breaking a rule to get rid of the waste. There isn't another option you are left with
The council keeps bringing rules in where you are pushed into a corner of making immoral choices as all the moral ones have been taken away from you by silly rules
- Fly tip
- Others would just fly tip
- Dump it in the countryside???
- Find other means to dispose of it. Burn fuel to take it to the occasionally open recycling centre. And let's remember, it's not just garden waste, it's vegetable food waste which is generated all year round.
- However I could
- Dump it
- Well we live in a council property. And we would feel more inclined just to leave the garden to let nature take its course. But then given that it's part of our tenancy agreement to keep the garden tidy. It's a cyclical cycle where you would make us clean the garden, but then we wouldn't have anywhere to dispose of, as we wouldn't be able to afford to pay the subscription charge. We have dogs and rabbits and the fact of having compost is harmful to the rabbits respiratory system. We also have a child in a wheelchair and the compact would not be suitable for his condition
- Anyhow I can as long as it doesn't incur a cost to me.
- Fly tip it...
- Free way ur can be disposed
- It would lead to people dumping it
- I compost at home already but not everything can be composted
- Dont know but i know one thing is fly tipping would increase, we already have a big problem with fly tipping
- How is it fair , when you have HMO'S or households with far more people in..we don't charge extra for their rubbish collection, we ALL pay
- Take to allotment
- and some will just dump it at the roadside leaving you the council an even bigger bill
- Dump it outside council headquarters
- Will be an increase in bonfires and flytipping as a result of this
- Phone council to get them to cut back the trees and bushes that overhand my garden that need cutting every few months
- Think this will lead to people dumping garden waste by illicit means . Not condoning it but there is a lot of financial pressure on poorer homes without an additional charge for grass cuttings being taken away .
- I would choose a combination of the above due to the fact I wouldn't want to pay. We have never had to pay to recycle & I think it sends the wrong message.

- Consideration must be given to demographics and the size of peoples gardens when applying restrictions to the number of free bins
- We should not be charged more for something already included in our council tax
- Or just not do any gardening
- Would probably take to Kettering as Corby can barely cope with peak demand. If residents are going to start taking their garden waste to the tip it is going to be horrific and very dangerous unless a new site and suitable road infrastructure is in place
- My garden is too small to have a compost bin
- Stop creating questions that are leading. This reads as if the subscription has already happened as we don't have a choice.
- We cannot afford any more charges, from our pensions than we already have. We do not go on out and socialize in pubs or restaurants, have any holidays! Our life is in our garden no and walking every day. Now you are going to make us pay for our only luxury.
- May find some one to throw it on the way side and destroy the green land like you have almost done anyway. TOO MANY HOUSES
- All i know is i wont pay extra for it. I already do its part of my council tax. I presume council tax will reduce if you decide to charge for this? Otherwise youre just taking more money off people.
- One thing I won't do is fly tip but some people will
- I recently bought a large fire pit for burning wood but if you start trying to charge for private garden waste collections I will happily start to burn my garden waste in my garden wheter you like it or not. (after 6pm as a consideration to my neighbours) My name is [redacted] and I am the owner of [redacted].
- I would burn what I could but my grass and other things that don't burn i would put in my black bin.
- I would like a compost bin anyway but in the past I know I couldn't compost grass fast enough so still did tip trips
- Anything to avoid paying a subscription that the council tax should already be covering.
- Waste site but needs to be open more days and not charge for use of
- Anything else as this shouldn't be allowed to happen
- I believe it will cost the council a lot more in taxes on black bin waste if it were to stop the free garden waste service.
- Private land
- Use the money to buy a shredder
- Throw it over the garden fence
- I would have to look into this matter should you impose this ridiculous subscription service
- Take to family friend that has a farm
- Have a large spinney so would let it rot in there.
- Fly tip
- Wouldn't pay for the service but would have to consider how I disposed.
- We pay enough in rates for the size of our garden.
- I'd have to find a way of recycling it . Hoever that is.
- Everyone will just take it to the top, which defeats the object
- Or any of the other options, would have to see.
- I think you need to look at the bigger picture and factor in the costs that you will incur collecting fly tipped garden waste as there are lots of people who won't dispose of it correctly
- Probably stop gardening altogether which really isn't the right thing to do.
- I would look into another way of disposing of it.
- whilst I am still able to drive
- Most residents will not agree to additional payment levied specifically on them. Extra charge should be incorporated into annual Council Tax payment for all.
Any savings / or additional revenue will be spent going round collecting fly tipping - which any rational person would realise will increase dramatically!
- Hi I hardly use my bin all year round I only use it for leaves. It wouldn't be worth me paying
- Leave it to blow away with the wind
- Take everything out of my garden so no waste

- Dump it on council fields
- I would most likely compost it at home, as we do not have a lot. But I would not pay extra to to get rid of it, as I believe we already pay for collection of it in our council tax. I am against the council issuing an additional charge for collection, as this will encourage many households to be less environmentally friendly than they currently are. Many people simply can not afford to pay extra to dispose of it.
- One or the other
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- Throw it over my back fence and eventually it would mulch down
- I don't have a garden but there are two large trees planted by the council back in the 1970's and during the year when there are storms lots of small dried out branches fall to the ground next to my back door so I pick them up myself break up the branches and put them in my green bin.
- I would either have to take it to HWRC or not bother generating any in the first place!
- GIVE ME A CLUE - how do I get it to the tip if people put it into black bin you would only increase the council charge
- I paid for an additional bin
- With ever increasing costs, you are likely to find that those with small amounts of garden waste put it on verges or in ditches to dispose of it without cost.
- ADD IT TO THE NUMEROUS FLYTIPPING SITES THAT WOULD APPEAR
- Dump it in the gardens of those responsible for bringing in yet another charge on top of what we already pay, people are at a financial breaking point, with cost of living, fuel, ect rises,
- Dump it
- I THINK PEOPLE WILL JUST DUMP IT ROADSIDE IF CHARGES HAPPENS
- Dispose over fence
- Don't know but have no intention to pay more money for a service which I already receive every 2 weeks within my council tax bill. Even sometimes during the winter season my bin only goes out every 4 weeks as its not full. Maybe an option is reduce the number of collections to only 1 per 4 weeks during winter season.
- Wouldn't be able to afford it so not sure how I would be able to dispose of it. I think there will be more fly tipping around Northamptonshire areas if they started charging for the service because with the rising energy prices, paying for a bin will be a last priority for people. It should stay the same !
- Pass branches to a neighbour who has fires.
- Depending on the type one of the 3 options selected will be used.
Note: As visits to waste tips are limited by the council this is not really a viable option.
- I think it would Increase fly tipping/burning etc. if you cease collection of garden waste or introduce an additional fee
- My garden waste would fit in my black bin, however the waste generated by the council's trees, i.e. leaves, blossom, fruit and twigs will not hence my use of a brown bin. In the event of the council introducing an annual garden waste charge, a service I currently pay for through my council tax, the council would need to make arrangements to clear their waste from my front and rear gardens, alternatively I would have to arrange for a private contractor and charge the council including an administration charge, it is not my intention to pay an annual garden waste charge to have the council waste removed from my gardens.
- None of your business
- I produce very little garden waste as I compost whatever will compost, the woody stuff I would burn.
- Lob it over the back fence
- You are already paid to remove rubbish. And you will continue to do so, one way or another
- A mixture of composting at home and using the black bin
- We already compost a little of our garden waste..Rest who knows.???????
- Although this of course puts the HWRC under additional pressure and doesn't sit comfortably with reducing carbon emissions. One collection vehicle is much greener than lots of people individually taking small quantities of waste to the HWRC

- I probably only put my garden waste bin out a handful of times in a year due to only having a small garden. Paying for it to be emptied would be more than the cost of me driving it to the HWRC each time myself.
Composting in my garden also isn't an option for me given the size
- Place it on local grounds area as a compost.
- Possibly dump it on farmers (consensually) hedges for wildlife... seems natural and better for the environment, rather do that than pay a corrupt council
- Make the council collect it with the rest of the waste they overcharge us for
- Already pay with council tax
- This will make more people fly tip which is a huge issue already .
- I would be unable to take garden waste to Kettering recycle centre as our vehicle is classed as commercial (even though it's not used for work), so we are restricted to only a few visits per year. We pay Council Tax but we are discriminated against for our choice of vehicle, do you think that is fair, we don't?
- I would probably dispose in the country as, as long as it isn't in bin liners, boxes etc, it's biodegradable and can't be deemed as fly tipping, the councils don't pick up grass or hedge cuttings after cutting the verges so what's the difference
- Most people will dump their waste at the end of the street, creating more rat problems in this town.
You can't expect people to pay for a service they have never had to pay for, all while council tax, fuel, food, gas, electric, [expletive] breathing. Unreal.
- Just another way for the local council to rip off people again, our councils are turning into money grabbing, greedy people with no care for its local people who all ready pay so
- Tip it in the local field
- The council are going to encourage fly tipping 8f this goes ahead
- The council should be looking in to selling the garden waste to be made into compost , instead of charging people , I don't know where the council thinks the general public get there money from , yes councils have had funding cut , but if they concentrated more on what they waste , they would save money , we the general public are paying high gas and electricity bills , higher food bills and higher fuel cost , everything eat in to our disposable income , we the public are not a bottomless account for you to take ,take, take .
- I know it's wrong to put in the black bin but that's what will happen
- Depending upon the messiness of the waste I may go to the tip (although I have a new car so would be wary of risking putting garden waste bags in my car!) I wouldn't be able to pay as a single person running a household by myself- with the huge increase in costs of bills, Petrol and food shopping this would be another cost - yet in an essential profession (education) there has been no pay rise!
- fly tip
- The leaves that come from the tress in my road which is a lot! I would sweep it into the road and the council would be forced to clear them. They don't clear many of them at the moment which is why I use a full bins worth every other week. I shouldn't even be having to do this.
- Fly tipping!
- I compost and shred everything I can already or drive to the tip and use kerbside on a limited basis. With poor tip accessibility I would move to setting bonfires which I currently avoid
- Having a bin is better than burning things that shouldn't be burnt. All the complaints about people having bonfires etc all the time. It's not broken it doesn't need fixing
- I have indicated I would take it to landfill, but I hope it has been considered that many will not do so and dump it wherever they can. Be prepared for for a very large increase in fly tipping. Those that are risking losing this amenity will be very unhappy.
- Put it in my black bin or fly tip it.
- I would place it into my black bin because I would be able to fit it in but I know this isn't the correct thing to do. Money is a sore subject at the moment so more tax's and subscriptions is not the answer at the moment.
- Chuck it over the fence.

- I would take larger garden waste to the household waste recycling centre but everything else would go in the black bin as i am a single working parent and with crippling and rising household costs I cannot afford any further additional costs.
- Take it to a park, or put it in the black bin
- Campaign for NNC to function as a local authority and actually offer public services.
- Take it to a place I go and sheep will gladly munch it ,
- I pay enough tax for the council to deal with it
- This would be the only option. I am a pensioner with no car. This would be unpleasant for surrounding homes, but no other option
- I already have a compost bin
- There would be no way for us as disabled people to dispose of garden waste. We would just have to leave the garden to overgrow. We wouldn't be able to use it anymore and that would be a great shame. I am not adverse to paying something towards the cost but as we cannot work, our income would not stretch to paying that kind of money for something that we don't need that often.
- Cut a hole in my trouser pockets and dispose of it down the legs whilst walking the dog at the country parks
- I would stop maintaining the council owned verges outside my home. My back garden is very low maintenance with astro turf. I would burn other waste
- Unfortunately I have already paid for 6 mths subscription for the service but in future I will not be paying and putting waste in binbags in black bin!
- I will change grass on concrete... It is not eco for the planet but it will be for my purse for the rest of my life
- Compost the grass,burn any shrubbery.
- It will happily go in the black bin along with many other households. Certain households will fly tip it which in turn costs you more money in the long run
- Cant afford the extra cost
- Even the way you ask these questions is insulting and wrong.
- Get rid of any green space I have and put fake grass in. (Forcing people to not be eco friendly due to hardship of costs)
- Fly tip it
- Sneak it in someone else's bin
- You do know this will lead to more fly tipping don't you?
- I don't produce any garden waste to warrant a bin, the few weeds that might grow I put them in another family members bin.
- At one time it all went in the same bin, then you separated it and now you want to charge people for it. ? We will start to see big black bin liners scattered around the country side like we see the rubbish on a regular bases that the council has to pick up anyway .
- None of your business.
- And want the unused green bin taken away
- Dispose of it in the woods behind my house
- Fly tip or black bin anything I don't already compost.
- Edge of the public road or hidden lay-by
- We already pay enough council tax to cover this service.
- Fly tip
- Push the leaves back into the street where they came from
- My problem to sort nothing to do with the council
- My black bin is normally only around 1/3 full so easily has the capacity to hold the garden waste that is generated from my small garden
- I would dump it on a regular basis outside councillor's houses as a protest. 😂😂😂
- HWRC are only open infrequently and do not provide adequate service to the community.
- It's silly to charge as already there is a lot of fly tipping, the charge is just going to make fly tipping more

- I would take it all to the household waste recycling centre if there are no restrictions on number of visits per week and they would have to be open 7 days a week for the increase of people bringing garden waste to dispose of
- Consider letting the weeds grow
- We would not pay twice how much money do you think OAP receive????
- I do not know for sure what I would do as I simply cannot afford an extra outgoings.
- Fly tip
- As a pensioner on a limited budget what provision will be made for us
If you are on benefits what rebates will be provided
This could mean the stop to cultivation of gardens with the health health of these being effected !
The NHS have recommended gardening for the exercise and fresh air it provides!
- I would create my own environmental disaster and dispose of it myself in a legal manner and definitely put more in my black bin - it all ends up in the same place anyway.
However I strongly believe fly tipping will increase and you will have to come and clear that up.
You are shooting yourselves in the foot here.
Composting at home encourages rats.
Burning/incinerating is not permitted in some areas.
- Please remember that the Green Waste Collection Service in Corby & Kettering was introduced to Save money, Landfill costs, improve Recycling and to ensure alternate weekly collections could be made.
Perhaps a F.OC. request and the well publicised reply would change peoples minds and not make the publics perception of North Northants Council even worse.
- I would hate to say but I will put it in my black bin if I am charged to get rid of leaves from trees to keep the air flowing to help us all breath. Whilst your happy to build more warehouses on green land. Hypocrites.
- Lots of country lanes about
- There shouldn't be a subscription charge. We already pay for waste collection. It's not currently free.
- Some would possibly go into the black bin.
- A single bunch of flowers, the black bin; a bag full of garden waste, the tip!
- Won't do any gardening won't cut my grass etc
- The only waste that would go in would be that that could not easily compost yes clipping etc. I would consider the optimum method of disposal once I had the material
- I can see that people would refuse to pay (as my [family member] in [location] does). I expect most waste would end up in black bags or dumped on roadsides.
- If compost at home very high probability will attract rats and vermin, especially as live in village and near fields, creating a different problem.. what about those with small gardens how do they compost.. elderly or disabled people may not be able to do this. Just shifting the problem and cost.. a smoke screen.
- Throw it in a field
- Compost at allotment
- We have chickens now, highly valuable in helping waste to be composted, we need to get back to simple ways of helping our environment be sustainable and stop being so lazy
- Street bins, local wooded areas,
- I would deliver it to the front of the council offices if they refused to collect it under the current contract we have with them and have had since the scheme started.
You can't move the goal posts just because you screwed up....
- I would come and put it in the bins of any local council office or put it in the local park or burn it at a time you deem inconvenient
- Flytipping.
It's exactly what most people will be doing. Then the council can pick it up after that.
- Not sure but I don't agree with paying for the same service twice
- I think this is a short sighted policy and one which would very definitely lead to incidents of fly tipping. One only has to look around the town to know this is already an issue
- Leave outside council offices - must be better than fly tipping

- Go to the tip as it's not too far away but if tip was ever closed!!
- Burn it and use local park bins.
- That is for me to decide and I don't feel inclined to answer.
- I cannot afford to pay it and would therefore have to put it in my black bin.
- Good luck with the cost of having to clear the increase in fly tipping that will occur as a result of people refusing to pay a subscription!
- A bi-weekly collection lorry picking up from my driveway is less harmful to the environment than me making dozens of 5 mile round trips to the HWRC in Kettering from Broughton.
- Sadly more cost for households who already are struggling will force those to start fly tipping.... considering our rent , council tax and energy bills have all gone up... I'll be asking why we paying council tax for???
- Dispose any which way i can for free!
- Would take it to a private waste company. If I'm paying, I'm paying to keep someone's job. Not paying extra on top of my (increased) council tax
- I would put what I could in the black bin and throw the rest into the road.
- Most likely most people will fly tip it
- i would compost some and take some to local refuse centre
- I would get rid of my garden and tarmac both front and back
- I would just let my garden become as unruly as all the other people who already don't bother to maintain theirs.
- You cannot expect residents to not use their black bins (grass cuttings in black bags spring to mind), who would know.
- Not sure at the moment as it's a hypothetical question.
- I already do this.
- I pay my council tax which is enough & has always covered garden waste disposal
- The HWRC in Corby would be completely overwhelmed if households were suddenly descending on it with bags of garden waste. And there would be issues with exactly how the waste should be transported to such a site. Plastic bags? Not exactly eco-friendly! I would feel forced into putting the waste into the black bin.
- I cannot afford to pay a subscription charge to dispose of my garden waste. Neither can many others. And I cannot always take it to recycling centre.
So any garden waste will go in my black bin, just like it used to before green bins were introduced.
Alternatively, I will concrete both of my gardens.
- I wholeheartedly disagree with charging an individual subscription fee and it would make people more inclined to fly tip
- Multiple people visiting re cycling centres, running engines in lengthy queues is surely at odds with NNC's green credentials.
- Add it to local fly tipping sites
- I would try to dispose of it at my allotment.
- I'd probably reduce green waste from my garden. However moving to a charge of service without reduction in rates will result in more roadside dumping, which we don't want to see happening to the countryside 😱
- Include it with the waste currently collected by my existing commercial gardeners
- It's what used to happen - so why not
- Drop it on council land 😊
- we all need to be doing are bit for the enviroment , the council where the ones that decided we needed three different bins so that we could all do are bit, i take time out of my busy day to seperate my cardboard, plastic and garden waste food waste and general rubbish, nobody pays me to do this... so why should i have to pay for them to take my garden waste away.
- Feed it to my pet sheep 🐏!
- It would go in my black bin or the brown bin along with my dogs mess that currently goes in compostable bags, which I put in my garden waste bin.
- I wouldn't clean up the leaves that cause havoc outside my gate anymore

- If waste from my garden I would use the black bin. If leaves and twigs from the trees outside my property I would put them out on the street.
- Find other places to put it.
- That is the point, will encourage people to either fly tip or put in the black bin!!
- You will get more fly tipping
- I just wouldn't cut my garden.
- Try to share or see if anyone wants it for compost.
- We already have a compost heap that we put grass cuttings onto. It was there when we moved to the house and the one neighbour in particular has much to say about it as he appears to hate it. We simply cannot afford to pay extra for garden waste as our council tax and rent are already very high ... never mind what [redacted] will be unleashed on us with the energy prices, ni and income tax hikes and general extreme prices rises for fuel and groceries.
- No
- There will be tipping around the countryside adding to the litter problems
- I would still compost what I could but anything that won't compost would have to go in the black bin as I am not able to dispose of garden waste any other way.
- Dispose on open land
- At present the collection fee is included in my rates. I would expect this to continue included in my rates or have a deduction from my yearly rates. I am not paying twice.
- Dump it over the fence onto the highway like my neighbour currently does even though he has a bin.
- I only use the Garden Bin for the grass and I don't have an overly large garden so I would make the change to have artificial grass so I would not need the bin anymore. It's something I have thought about doing anyway due to our family not being big gardeners but I think this subscription service would help me make that final decision.
- Since the size of composting bin that we would need only costs approx. £25.00, this would work out cheaper than the proposed range of subscription charges that you have listed, so would be more cost effective for us and one less household that the refuse collectors would have to visit on green waste collection days.
- I CURRENTLY HAVE NO IDEA BUT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO PAY A SUBSCRIPTION TO HAVE MY GARDEN WASTE COLLECTED!!!
- Dump it
- Deposit it at a local bio centre
- I'm disabled so hauling it down the tip is too painful.
- A combination of composting myself and taking the stuff I can't compost to the tip. How about providing households with their own compost bins that could be used to fertilise their own gardens. With some clear instructions.
- I would drive to a town where you are picking the garden waste for free and deposit in a bin there!!!
- Dump it in at your door step in protest due to the fact i already pay for the service
- Put it in the black bin
- In the street so you still have to pick it up and I won't have to pay still, I pay £200 a month in council tax and i currently 50p worth of service So I ain't paying you another £50
- I do not agree with the proposals
- If the service is cut the savings on the service would be out weighed by fly tipping, I already pay for this service as part of my council tax so expect a rebate in-line of the subscription charges you propose
- It would increase the burning of waste at a time when the council is responsible for trying to reduce pollutants in the air to help control climate change
- Your black bin weight disposal will increase exponentially
- unless my wages are increased I couldnt afford to pay!
- The risk is that this will be dumped on the roadside. We pay enough in Council tax without adding more. This obscene
- This is of no concern to you as I would be my waste
- Burn it at home.

- Already pay for garden waste to be removed along with other bins, I will not pay twice, more fly tipping!!!!!!!
- That would be my business not yours to know
- Drop it off at your offices. I'm in Band F and therefore already pay a massive premium, with no rationale other than either I can afford it, or I have a bigger house and generate more rubbish.
- I'm not paying on principle council tax has just gone up, fuel is sky high, food, everything is more expensive and continuing to rise. If you introduce a charge I'm not paying it. I'm a single income household and don't need the extra expense.
- Put it in the black bin. Dump it on council land for you to clear it anyway.
- In real terms it may result in the need to burn excessive garden waste. While it may be possible to use a waste recycling centre the current facilities are far from adequate resulting in regular long queues and waiting times, a burden on surrounding roads with traffic already blocking access to certain businesses and a combination of unhelpful staff and additional charges/challenge reducing the likelihood of using such facilities. The impact on traffic, access and time is significant and only serves to add additional cost to residents in terms of fuel and vehicle wear and tear, while contributing to excessive exhaust fumes impacting on climate and environmental concerns, arguably offsetting any environmental benefit of such a scheme.
- Take it to a farm
- Stop cutting the grass, let it grow and grow then ask the council for help
- Charging will only create an increase in fly tipping which costs more to clean up.
- People will be fly tipping, more issues to deal with, great idea.
- Before the garden waste bin was available, all garden waste was put into the black bin if households did not have a compost bin. I do not see how green waste can be harmful to landfill. I agree that it should be disposed of efficiently but I disagree with having to pay extra for the service for reasons previously stated.
- None of your business
- I would probably dump any non compostable in a field where eventually it'll biodegrade
- I already use the recycling service
- I do believe that not collecting garden waste will result in people fly tipping. You would never be able to trace people as there is no identity to garden waste !
- I will NOT PAY for this service.
- Burning would annoy the neighbors, but so be it
- Many tenants will dump it in the hedge rows, or maybe burn it causing disputes with other tenants and polluting the atmosphere around the area. Garden fires can burn , smoulder and stink for days at a time
- We will struggle without the kerbside collection. We have a large garden which produces more waste than will fit in the grey bin. So already use alternative methods to dispose of garden waste.
- Find the money from other sources, as in my council tax
- Veg waste , tea bags put into normal rubbish
- Who knows. Perhaps I will just remove all green space and have concrete everywhere. Actually why not just do that. Concrete over all green spaces in Northamptonshire so you don't have any garden waste at all. Problem solved!
- Fly tip if too much
- Fly tip it , pour in on the road for the road sweeper . Burn it 🔥
- If I was allowed more than 6 visits per year because I use a trailer and refuse to put stinking grass in my car I would dispose of it there.
- I have trees in front and back gardens, also a Beech hedge running the length of a public footpath which I am responsible for. I would have the hedge dug up and the trees chopped down. My pension does not account for extra petrol cost to [redacted] hospital as I have regular treatment there and the extra heating and food costs.
- Leave in the street.
I already pay tax to have it removed.
- Share it between my other bins or add it to the grass cuttings the council leave when they cut the grass. Prices shouldn't go up for less service.

- Dump it on public land
- It's highly likely that I along with everyone else finding themselves without a refuse collection will simply increase the already enormous amount of fly tipping on the verges, ultimately costing the council the same money and much more inconvenience for residents to clear it up.
- I only have minimal garden waste so only put the bin out 3 or 4 times a year
- I am sure there will be an increase in dumping garden waste in black bin bags along the side of roads if a charge is introduced.
- Don't drive. Can't afford to pay someone to collect it. People are on benefits and people who are not on benefits still struggle to pay for everything especially when gas and electricity prices are going up.
- I use a compost bin and it doesn't work fast enough to dispose of all our garden waste.
- As stated previously.
- RATHER NOT SAY
- I'm sure the council have already decided on extra charge for collection which will lead to more fly tipping
- Silly question. I know that where I live and in most areas it will either be dumped or put in black bags. That is the general concern of most people I know
- Bag it up for landfill.
- Anything coming from trees in public areas will be deposited back onto the street. I will not be keeping the area outside my property clear of debris. My waste will go in the black bin
- Our neighbour would fill our bin with their waste if we paid as they would not pay
- Can't afford an extra bill I prefer to feed my family
- I would remove the garden and all it offers the environment
- Let Nature take over
- You will see fly tipping increase.
- Dump it on the grassed area outside of my household boundaries.
- My selection has an issue in that the re-cycling centres are not open all week.
- Dump it in a hedgerow. Bound to increase fly tipping,
- Not providing this service free of charge will lead to even more fly-tipping which is already a huge problem.
- But it would encourage more fly tipping
- Dump it
- Put in my black bin
- Dump it in the hedge like my neighbours do
- take it to the recycling centre
- Countryside
- Already compost most of it with shredded paper and cardboard teabags etc, just some things you can't compost, one will have to wait and see what happens, wrong move if you do charge.
- Also note that your carbon reduction plan takes no account of additional millage of residents increased use of HWRC centres.
- The trees I have to cut back that overhang my boundary that belong to the council I would be phoning them to cut or I would cut then put in on the path that is owned by the council to come and collect
- I would have to leave it where I cut it as I can not even afford to eat, pay electricity and bills since the inflation. This service would take meals or electricity away from me also some neighbours don't know how to use each bin, they would take advantage of someone paying for the service and the bin wouldn't be emptied with the wrong things put in it
- Just include in council tax .
- I do compost some but do not have ground space for all
- 4/5 of "my" garden waste is the council grass that isn't collected from the grass verge on the street that's gets spread all over the path and road.
- Do not see the justification for a subscription service as already paid for via council tax
- I try to avoid HWRC as local one in Weldon is very busy at weekends- it can take a few hours if you get the timing wrong and the inadequate entry/exit to the site causes a huge amount of congestion around the entry point/surrounding road. I can't afford to put additional fuel in my car

to drive to and fro as you aren't allowed to queue. A subscription service will isolate many people, people whose budgets are stretched to the max and it will encourage further congestion on the road around the area and flytipping.

- Dump the contents outside council offices and let you sort it out from there
- What do you cover us to do
- This charge would not encourage people to go greener it would just be put in the black bin everything is. Increasing people are struggling to pay heating and electricity what do i pay my council tax for and as normal it would be those-who work who would pay if it costs the council 3 million to run where is that money going and how would I benefit from the 3 million lettering is a run down town. .
- We plan to slab the garden entirely removing the need to have waste collection. We cannot afford further price increases so we will ask on free sites for old slabs and make do. I fear from speaking with others in the village they plan to do the same. We will loose so much wildlife
- Would go elsewhere
- Dump it in my garden preventing my children from playing and it becomes an eyesore or simply not bother with the garden.

I CANNOT afford to pay. I am benefit capped and already have too many bills for my paltry income. You are making having a decent garden space a privilege for the well off and depriving children who desperately need it an outside space to play in by bring in a charge.

You would also be increasing the carbon emissions and pollution as myself and others WILL burn it as we can't pay or have the means to get it to the tip.

- Probably dump it on council grounds
- compost what i can and burn everything else thus you will be causing environmental problems
- Dump it
- Dump it out side the council offices because I'm already paying for this in my Council Tax. I pay band D so already pay more than someone with a lesser band who doesn't use the service.
- Fly tipping
- I will stay in the middle of my garden when is very windy and throw it up in the air so it goes into the sky and become butterflies..
- Back over the fence of all the council tree waste that fills my garden every year I am [age] and they should pay me for collecting it all. About 9 black bags!!!
- As my garden waste is minimum I would try to compost it.
Would need a compost bin.
A long time ago the Council sold cheaper compost bins.
I only need a smaller one .than my current wheel y bin.
- Subscriptions will lead to Fly-Tipping !
- We already pay enough we shouldn't have to pay more
- I can see a lot of people dumping their garden waste
- Dump it!
- Asked for a benefit because it's starts to be unbereable to support the cost of live to my household
- I would bag it up and deliver it to the council offices around the county.
- There is only one choice available to me whilst I have transport to go to a recycling centre however many people don't drive or have transport to take the waste to such a place!
- Your "survey" is heavily weighted towards payment being assumed. This is not fair.
- Multiple ways
- Depends on the amount that week
- You are creating more fly tipping by doing this
- Like
Many I look after the are I live in. So would use the local recycle centre. But this puts extra pressure on an already busy service causing traffic and pollution for people having to travel more to remove their waste. I'm sure others would just fly tip instead.
- I don't understand why the council is even considering this option as all it will do is increase fly tipping
- As will lots of other people!!!

- I could just leave it the front garden to rot - this will create an eyesore for the neighbours and possible increase rats.
- I might consider fly tipping as logically a reduction in service is the primary cause even though council would emphatically insist this was not the case. As a cynic my expectations are tainted by experience. You need to get rid of the trailer size restriction for me to use the recycling centre whilst I am still capable but I doubt that you would even consider that the aged might have a largish property and thus grater need as indicated by Band.
- Have none garden waste
- You need to keep the service going as it is today except no collections needed November to March
- Over the fence
- I'm not sure. My concern is that if you charge and people won't pay then increased fly tipping would occur as queues at the recycling centre are already too long and slow.
- Make it more difficult or expensive in the larger urban areas is asking for trouble. Corby and Kettering will be filled with flytipped garden waste
- You expect people to 'self-incriminate' here??
Work it out yourselves what will happen; it's quite obvious!
- Not to sure but I certainly wouldn't be paying the local council.
- Always plenty of room in my black bin as most of my household waste is recycled.
- or take it to the tip
- Fly tip it
- I compost at home but don't have room for all of it. I also rely on the garden waste bin.
- Years ago, before the days of recycling we paid rates and this was all included. Now we recycle to help the environment and pay more for it. We already pay £1700 a year in our council tax. The roads are in a state and there's less street lighting so what gives you the right to charge extra when you're already offering less?
- I won't pay for a service you should provide within the current council tax structure of waste collection.
- I can afford a subscription, I simply can't. I can barely afford the fuel to get to my job at the minute never mind bring it to a waste collection centre. I'm genuinely freaking out at the prospect of not being able to heat my house this winter. The mold, the damp. You have no idea
- Or fly tip
- Perhaps take it out to the street
- Thats what the green bin is for
- Go and throw it in the woods near my house.
- Bag it up and dispose of it
- Fly tip it
- Stop this service and you will see your black bin volumes increase, residents are fed up to the teeth with being ordered about in this way, enough is enough.
- I dont care what you say about the council not having to collect green waste, thats only because law has been tampered with at higher level to allow councils to use this as a loop hole to exploit residents and take yet more money from them. What the heck else are you going to try and con us to pay for next? This is wrong.
- We pay to much for council tax as it is
- Questions shows a bias towards a decision already made!!! Make sure all services I am currently paying for and nothing are consulted on so I can opt out of paying for them too. Extremely short sighted approach, if this is the way forward then a push for additional scrutiny for every penny council is spending will be necessary.
- I'd put it in my garden waste bin and expect it to be collected as I pay council tax. Its a little like he police saying you have to pay more if you would like them to attend a scene of crime v doing it remotely. 1 service costs much more but is the appropriate method. If a problem exists find a solution. The easy way is charge more. Its lazy and frankly shows distain for the tax payer and a lack of competence.
- Possibly fly tip!!
- dump it on the road

- Dump it
- As long as I have a car I will do this
- I only use it to take care of council land. When I stop cutting it it would return to waste land again
- Probably fly tip it!
- Probably dispose as others do
- Dump it over a fence into a woodland area as most people would. That's why we need free bins
- To not collect will only force people to either transposed it (more car journeys), burn it in their backyards or fly tip which will not provide any benefit to the councils financial position or the environment. It may encourage people to start composting, but people will only have limited space or means to do this and will still create waste.
- Let it dry as mainly lawn. I will not pay effectively an extra tax on already a council tax that has gone up.
- I don't have a lawn, and don't have a big enough garden to compost myself, so any waste would go in the black bin.
- I compost where I can but some things need a higher temperature than can be composted at home.
- Guess
- We will cross that bridge when it comes to it.
- Help the local wildlife with it around the county rats will be very pleased
- Either put it in the black bin or leave it alongside trees/plants etc. that the council have cut down and left.
- I'd put as much as possible in my black bin. The rest will be disposed of somewhere else.
- This shouldn't be in the equation
- What can't be composted at home,use recycle centre.
- Compost at our allotment
- None of your business
- Your questions all relate to charging - to be honest I'd put it in the black bin
- I will not pay extra for a service that is currently included in my council tax bill.
- Use the drains
- Tip it in the woods
- I would not, but I know people that would fly tip it.
- Dump it
- I have fake grass, I have a few plants that I prune, and sometimes dead flowers, so my green bin maybe goes out once a year and then only half full, it would full one black bag if I am lucky, so I would take it to the tip , so I would rather not have a green bin if I am going to be charged.
- Not enough room to compost at home
- You should add fly tip to your list as I'm sure you'll see an increase..
- Dependant on what it was
- I already have three compost heaps and have been composting for over 40 years we are over [age] and do not drive. I cannot see us being allowed to take or garden waste on the buses or in a taxi. Our pension only goes so far we don't get councillors perks.
- Which is worse for the environment but your main concern seems to be how to raise more money because of years of mismanagement
- Person who currently takes it away, a gardening service. Bit illiterate of people will put in black bin.
- Find other ways of getting rid of it free of charge
- Take it to woodland
- I compost a small amount at home but the rest would have to go into the bin
- Of choice I would share a bin with another household. If that were full I would use my black bin .. failing that I would go to the local waste centre.
- You say black bins shouldn't be used for garden waste and yet you are giving it as an option in the survey??????
- Dump it. This is what your plan encourages people to do...
- Try to make more use of current bins as we are pensioners on very limited income

- I already compost at home. The only waste that goes in my council bin is that which comes off the council owned tree on the pavement at the end of my driveway. But I would stop clearing this up and leave it on the pavement if I had to pay to do the councils work for them
- With bills going up even an extra £40 is a lot of money. I do like to do my bit for the environment but have to think of my budget. This is why I would happily have the service part of the year so it is fair to everyone.
- Some garden waste cannot be home composted such as some weeds and thicker branches
- Maybe a lot of folks on a very ltd budget will start to fly tip their waste. What happens to a bin that cannot now close (despite being put out with lid down & secure) because of others adding their waste under darkness?
- There is the danger that the proposed levy would cause an increase in fly tipping. Does the North Northamptonshire Council want to be the catalyst for this poor behaviour?
- This is completely unfair of you.
- The tips would have to be available in CORBY and Kettering every day, not a shared week as is the current practice.
- Although I use the kirbside service, it's not every 2 weeks my bin does go out
- The temptation isto fly tip it like many others. Just take a look around the counties country lanes. Sick of the council taking more and providing less other than unjustified exorbitant salaries.
- I am elderly. I cannot physically use a recycling centre or afford an extra charge above the current council tax
- I would continue to dispose of my garden waste in the same way as I do now but would put the proportion that currently goes into the green waste bin into the black bin instead.
- Fly tip like a lot do now (joking of course)
- People already live on the bread line that includes working people and benefit people I would stop Keeping my garden tidy as I can barely afford food after paying council tax rent and utilities
- Share with neighbour, compost or burn where relevant.
- Dump it or take to the recycling centre
- Dump it somewhere, which I'm sure a lot of people will do
- No car so can't use recycling sites unless someone takes me. Can't afford to pay so that means I can't do my garden.
- Compost where I can and any excess in black bin
- Probably do what the majority of the public will start doing fly tip.
- It depends on how woody the waste is. Green can be composted, woody not so easy and would go in the bin normally. I try to not incinerate and create woodpiles for wildlife but can't always accommodate all the volume of waste produced
- I would fly-tip it.
- Get the [redacted] to take it and we all know where that's going to go ?
- Fly tipping it !!
- No other alternative.
- I will recycle even more, but some items would have to be burnt, as I cannot reduce larger items to mulch.
- and you will see an expensive increase in fly tipping
- Likely to drive to the HWRC causing more pollution/CO2 which feels counter intuitive
- Burn shrubs etc that don't compost down
- I currently compost 100% of my compostable waste - 95% in my compost heap and 5% in the bin. It won't be worth my while paying for such a small amount.
- We have 2 compost bins already.
- I would insist my partner cut down on the amount of garden waste she generates
- Either that or wait until council cut grass near me and add ours to that
- I do feel a large number of residents will either put their green waste in the black bin or simply fly tip it.
This goes against years of educating people to be more environmentally conscious
- Why should I pay
I pay council tax for my bins
- Compost what can already, not everything will compost.

- fly tip it as others do
- Throw in the woods
- Use it to fill the potholes
- By using all options open to me.
- I think this is terrible we pay our council tax and now we will be paying another tax. I assume our council tax will be reduced
- If a charge for a garden waste service is introduced, who will pay for the collection of leaves, pollen and fruit falling in my garden from council trees.
- By paying a private contractor you're risking the cost of further and higher illegal dumping MASSIVELY and by burning/ incinerating you're increasing environmental issues but many, like me won't have a choice because we simply have not got the finances to pay for an extra bin.
- Can't afford anymore costs so black bin it is
- Either way it would be more harmful to the environment.
- We would dispose of it responsibly, BUT if you were to enforce subscription based collection, I am certain the amount of fly tipping of garden waste will VASTLY increase around the County, which would cause more issues in the long term.
Please, before forcing Council tax payers to pay via subscription (as I'm pretty certain this is just a ruse, and decision has already been made) think of future impact on the local community when you see a huge increase in fly tipping as a result of these decisions. It's bad enough already because if the reduced access to tips for general household waste, let alone garden waste disposal being added to the equation!
- I would dispose of it at the tip as this is free.
- I would have to get rid of it by other means!!
- Taxpayers are already paying for this service through their Council Tax.
- I don't have any green waste my garden is landscape I don't think any one should pay to have garden waste removed they already pay enough maybe the head of council and all the over paid executive should take a pay cut to help all the people using food banks struggling to heat their homes thankyou

Other comments

Q. If you feel any of the above proposals would have a negative impact, please tell us what you think that impact would be, along with any suggestions on how any potential negative impacts could be reduced or avoided:

There were 4,030 responses to this question.

- More money being paid when it's so difficult to live now.
- Unfair during the cost of living crisis and could cause mess in streets if people won't pay for services
- We would see more fly tipping in the area
Place a communal garden waste bin in every street in an area that does not impact households emptied at least twice a week.
- Again this is a tax that we already pay through council tax, it's shocking at this time of cost of living going through the roof people will turn to dumping on side of roads.
- I am disabled and find it unfair to pay anymore for this service
- I would end up putting my garden waste in the black bin, therefore the council is actively working away from recycling targets and putting more towards landfill
- Once again, this solution makes those pay who can't afford it.
One bin per household free from March to November is the ideal solution.
- Estate cleanliness
- If you start to charge fly tipping will increase massively

People like me will be putting it in the black bin which will then fill up landfill with garden waste.

- Everyone is struggling massively at the moment financially at and more to there monthly bills is just immoral council tax will also go up for April yet there are pit holes everywhere so what are we actually paying for
- I think there will be an increase in fly tipping of garden waste. Also I think people may be more inclined to put garden waste in their black bins. Meaning these will fill more quickly in the summer months again resulting in more fly tipping. Or waste being left beside bins attracting vermin
- Potential increase in flytipping
Potential misuse of other bins
- I feel that people would not compost their garden waste and it would be mixed in with other recycling or even the black bin which would have a negative impact and cost to the council when sorting rubbish. The council should be encouraging garden waste collection for the good od the environment and could use it ro produce compost and sell it to create a revenue income. I also think that the current recycling centres are already too busy and would struggle to cope with people bringing their garden waste weekly.
- I think charging for this would result in more fly tipping, possible harbour unwanted rats &mice
- Would lead to fly tipping
- We have used this service from day one of its introduction and to add more on to our council tax (which is going up considerably in April) is just another expense we cannot afford.
- Green gardening waste is easily composted. The local council should invest in this, produce compost & re-sell it
- It feels like since we have changed to North Northants we are paying more for less. This is unfair. Especially to pensioners and low income families. Who's gardens are their sanctuary's. I think the garden waste collections should be incorporated with our council tax and could maybe only collect march - November to cut costs.
- A huge negative for me. Council tax is far too high as it is especially with everyone jumping on the bandwagon with precepts!!! Police want more, parish's want more, you want more!! When will it ever stop!
- Council tax is high enough as it is and the service is pretty shocking. Charging for garden waste collection will result in increased fly tipping as happened in Great Billing.
- I think users would be much more likely to use their black waste bin for their garden waste. For those without access to a truck and a trailer (let's for a moment pretend fuel prices aren't going through the roof) and with "heating or eating" a big strain on household budgets... It's not "heating, eating or your garden waste service"... I'd find free ways to dispose of my garden waste.
- I feel that there is already a problem with fly tipping in my community and I believe that charging for garden waste collection will only increase this.
We should be proud that people within our communities are happy to recycle and this should be encouraged not made more difficult.
Members of the community that cannot drive to their local waste disposal centre will be unfairly forced to pay for a collection scheme.
- It is already paid for in council tax .. if you start to charge more some people won't be able to afford it or have other more important things to pay .. which will only encourage people to put grass cuttings in hedgerows or dump black bags anywhere they can
- Surely we have beeb paying for this service within our council tax already. "Nothing comes for free"

I do not believe the council when they say it comes from a wider budget. I think this is a clear play for getting more money out of residents, especially when the cost of living is do high . I have no faith in the council at all .

- Free garden waste service would ideal. However, if necessary to charge, try to keep price sensible for all residents across the county and include payment option of monthly direct debit as this makes budgeting easier for many families. Thank you.
- Households who do not pay council tax who are on benefits would they be liable for the Charge or would other households in the county have to pick up the bill.
Why not collect every 4 weeks during March-November.
Impact on access to the recycling centre.
Gardens would be left to go wild.
Increase in rodent activity.
Negate the cost by stopping the food waste collection Corby has which we don't.
- See my previous answer
- We're paying enough as it is.
- It could result in having a negative impact with some residents if they had to pay a fee. However providing the recycling centres remained open to accept garden waste that should reduce the impact
- Can we pay monthly please with the council tax
- While I agree that only those who have gardens should pay for garden waste collection, I think that some people will simply not pay a subscription and use their black bin instead or even fly tip.
- Please continue to provide the free service which is taken from the huge taxes my husband and myself pay
- Charging would have an extremely negative impact as fly tipping would increase therefore the cost of removing the fly tipping would fall to the council. Save yourself money and effort by continuing to offer a 'free ' collection of garden waste. We certainly pay enough rates for this to be included
- My garden backs onto a tree lined public footpath. So even during the winter months I collect lots! of leaves. I compost as much as I can but still fill several bins!
I need this collecting as I don't drive, so a full 12 month service is important to me. Even if it went to monthly rather than fortnightly during the winter would make a huge difference.
I currently have to pay for my collection, something that slightly annoys me as 90% of my "garden" waste is from trees either on my estate or on a nearby footpath so not even my waste!
- We would burn our garden waste, and therefore creating air pollution in a residential area. This could happen in many other areas. More air pollution and potentially more neighbour disputes
Fly tipping would become an issue, and a cost to the council
Some residents may not be able to afford the charge, and this discriminates. Older people may not be able to afford the charge, and not be able to tend to their gardens.
More traffic/ usage at recycling centres. Additional cost to the council.
Job losses? Less bin men/ bin persons required leading to redundancy.
- Yes negative due to increased co2 due to the increased cars from people disposing garden waste. Also black bins full of composable waste going to land fill. And an increase to road side dumping in rural locations due to recycling hours not being sociable ie only open 5 days and reduced hours. This should be open daylight hours eg 8am till 8pm during the summer 7 days a week of charges for garden waste are brought in - also how are the council going to carbon off set the amount of traffic already travelling to and from these sites due to reduced services?
- Some people won't pay an additional cost even though they have garden waste
- More dumping at roadside or country lanes
- Anything you do to make collection less easy will encourage fly tipping.

- with things getting tighter with finances the charge has to be small we should be encouraged to recycle green waste who profits from the sale of the compost it produces surely this will bring in some finances to help cover the cost.
- I pay now for one bin. I would like a second bin but you have to pay a second full fee. Other authorities offer a reduced fee for the second bin which I think would be a good idea.
- I think the introduction of a subscription service would be detrimental to waste recycling. Those who cannot afford the increase for green waste collection will revert to putting garden waste in the black bin, which takes us back a decade or more
- This will go down like a lead balloon in Corby and I think it will cost the council more in the long run.
You will have no chance of asking people to pay more at the moment with the extra increase on fuel, energy, food and national insurance plus many others.
- THIS IS A NONSENSE PROPOSAL AND OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD QUASH IT STRAIGHT AWAY
- I think we'd have to take our waste to the tip. Unfortunately you have already closed our local recycling centre at Wollaston so we have to drive into Wellingborough to get rid of waste. It would mean saving up bags of waste and using fuel to drive to dispose of it which is not very eco friendly. Living in a village we rely upon the waste collections and I think many people might be tempted to throw their garden waste into hedgerows etc (I've already seen them do this) I don't feel we get a lot of value for our council tax as we don't have a library or a theatre so the waste collection for us is part of what we pay our council tax for. Other areas eg [Redacted] already offer weekly collections of garden waste all year round. We should be making it easier for people to make the right choices with their waste - not more difficult.
If you do not want to collect from all houses / streets if it's not required then why not get people to opt in or out of the collection without collecting extra payments for doing so. If people don't use the bins then they could opt out of the service saving you time and money on collection day and stopping the steady stream of people having to use the recycling centre.
- I think if you insist on bringing in a charge to make it more fair for east Northants residents who already pay then you should definitely reduce their annual payment as you will be gaining from North Northants residents.
- With rising cost of living I think this proposal is disgusting.
People will not be able to afford to sign up to the scheme and I would presume there may be a wider rise in fly tipping of garden waste across the area.
- Please see earlier comment
But in summary I think it will just end up with an increase of people fly tipping, burning waste and increasing fire risks, putting waste in household waste bins, neglecting to clear up their community or just not bothering to keep their gardens tidy.
- It would cause more fly tipping
- Charge nobody
- More people will fly-tip their waste or store it by paths and the roadside. This would cause damage and mess in our communities and attract animals such as rats. More people would burn their waste, creating air pollution. Some people would fill their black bins, and then fly-tip their general waste - again causing environmental problems. Some people would put their waste in other people's bins who do pay, which would cause neighbourhood disagreements, which the police would end up wasting their precious time trying to solve. Corby Borough Council has managed to balance their budget and provide this service as part of the household collection service for years - why can't North Northants Council manage the budget in the same way?
- Will cause more fly tipping
- Negative impacts.

1. Increased fly tipping

2. Reduction in recycling of garden waste with consequent harm to the environment.

3. Worry for residents - especially the elderly who can't afford the charge. (who may not be fit or strong enough to do their own composting or incinerating)

4. Impact on people with low incomes who are already struggling to pay increasing bills.

The negative impacts can be reduced by continuing the system we already have in place in the Wellingbrough Area and expanding this benefit to other parts of North Northants.

- Flytipping of larger amounts and garden waste being put into the general waste.
Not everyone has space to home compost, nor access to the recycling centres (which we are limited on how many visits we can make it anyway), so the garden waste will be disposed off in a non environmental friendly way. solution keep it free as it currently is and change the rest of the country to match.
- We didn't want to merge councils but we had no choice
Corby council did an excellent job with services & not charging for green waste collection also had money.
There is a lot of services that the council provide that we don't use so why should we pay for them.
The new council are just out to fleece residents as much as they can & currently provide poor service with trying to make cuts to several services instead of looking at the ridiculous wages & pensions along with the amount of pointless managers that they currently have. I feel sorry for the normal staff who get so much grief because of the poor management of this current council.
- I pay a lot in council tax because my house is in a high band, my house is in a high band because it is a high value property. High value properties often have large gardens, the larger a garden the most waste is generated, so more bins are needed. Yes this has a cost and this cost is higher than for properties with small or no gardens. BUT I PAY MORE IN COUNCIL TAX THAN THOSE PROPERTIES!
- I think a charge on top of rising fuel charges & increased council tax could cause problems in some households.
This could easily lead to increased fly tipping , especially as the days & times of tip openings have been reduced
- Reduce the amount of green waste being disposed of appropriately. More green waste going to black bins and potentially more flytipping. Some residents won't appreciate having to pay for something that was not paid for before, which would mean residents using black bin out of spite.
- People are already struggling financially without another additional cost
- I feel that if you put in place charges this would encourage people to fly tip. Equally those without transport will have no choice as to how you get rid of garden waste. I feel this would lead to people just leaving their gardens to fall into disrepair.
- Paying for a service I already pay for is ridiculous.....due to incompetence of previous councils you are forcing people to pay to bale you out..
You will find more flytipping of garden waste.
More garden waste will be put in black bins....please tell me what my council tax pays for...
- The cost of living is high enough. More expense is unneeded.
- Last year, in Wollaston, garden waste continued to be collected but Council Tax rose by around 8%.
To impose a consecutive increase over and above the stipulated maximum, excused as a subscription for garden waste collection would be scandalous. Clearly we are already subsidising those elsewhere in N. Northants.
- Charging will encourage fly tipping.
Also it's no encouragement to recycle

- Should be free as part of expensive council tax
- I think the current collection service works well and shouldn't change
It helps encourage residents to maintain managed gardens
It helps avoid residents seeking less effective & sustainable solutions
It should provide the council & contractors with an efficient, commercially viable and environmentally friendly means of providing good grades of compost
- Fly tipping in the rural areas.
- There will increased fly tipping, increased garden waste going to landfill and increased pollution from people burning their garden waste.
- The more the council cuts any refuse etc. collections, the more we will see dumping in our lanes etc. This "idea" has not been thought out properly. Just another way to place more financial burdens on people, and more destroying of the countryside by fly tipping. It could cost the council more by stopping or charging for this service.
- As explained before I cannot afford extra charges .Also I think people would start fly tipping their garden waste .My only option is for it be collected by the council .Council tax costs enough already, we don't have endless amounts of money to keep paying more, as my state pension only just covers bills now
- Putting more financial pressure on households who are already struggling will have a massive impact. Keep the service and collect data on where garden waste needs to be collected. Have collection points on the housing estates.
People could stop maintaining their gardens which lead to mess, and a rodent problem.
Queenway estate is already a mess.
How long before you stop other services. Unfortunately garden waste and waste is a service that needs to be run otherwise there will be more cars on the road trying to dispose of rubbish/ garden waste.
We pay council tax and the services we get are already a joke. I suggest that budgets are looked at and sorted correctly. wasting money on things that isn't needed and spend it on things that are. Like the new prison. It's meant to be a prison not a hotel holiday camp. There are families living in much worse conditions yet the criminals get it lovely. Great job there!
- There will be a lot more fly tipping and a lot of green waste will end up in landfill. I think the 'greener' way would be to have a regular free collection service instead of many road miles of private vehicles making journeys to recycling centres. Thin green !!!!
- We pay enough council tax and other charges to not be charged for something g that should be free.
- We have enough fly tipping in rural areas will cause more
- I am copying the comments I wrote in answer to a previous question:
The collection seems to me to be the most efficient environmentally responsible way to dispose of garden waste. Making the service a paid-for service could encourage more fly-tipping of garden waste.
Putting the responsibility on to individuals can have re-ercussions, particularly if their is a financial disincentive (such as paying for specific collections).
I am aware we all pay for this through national or local taxation and that there is no such thing as a free collection.
- Look in field gateways and then judge for yourselves. People will dump their garden waste on other people's property!
- More encouragement to home compost. Possibility of buying black compost bins & open, wooden square compost bins & more advanced composters (?) from the Council website.
When will it be possible to have kitchen waste collected - that would be a brilliant way to reduce landfill waste, and encourage composting.

- Will increase fly tipping.
Open tip every day ,with better access To tip , with increased facilities at the tip .
- Increased risk of fly tipping. Inefficient waste disposal by multiple vehicle heading to and queueing up at waste disposal centres. I think removal of the inclusive service is a bad idea.
- Overgrown Gardens as people on benefits could not afford to pay extra, then council would be taking people to court over not paying , same as bedroom tax and council tax, just another bill for residents on benefits to worry about.
- Reducing access to waste services increases fly tipping which spoils our countryside and neighbourhoods. Your policy should be about encouraging use of waste services not dissuading it and encouraging nuisance behaviours.
- Doesn't the council make money from composting the collected garden waste and selling it?
If they aren't doing this then they should be!
- The above proposals would lead to an increase in waste being put in the bottom of black bins, or into bin bags in the black bin, to keep costs to households down. This would have serious negative implications for the environment.
If you were to introduce a charge you should (for at least the first year) make freely available large composting bins with tips on how to compost your grass and garden waste, to support people in keeping their costs down.
The proposals would also see already struggling households put even further into financial difficulties. When record numbers are using food banks, and others are making the decision between putting the heating on or eating, these proposals scream that you do not care and are taking no action to support people to keep costs down.
- Lead to more flytipping and people would pave grass areas which isn't good for the environment
- You are inviting flytipping already by closing tips and not having the others open all week - the situation will get worse if you change collections and charge. We all pay for fly tipping to be cleared up, it is so short sighted not to improve what we already have, educate households about composting. We can't keep paying out, especially when we see other services that we are paying for being stretched so they can't provide what we need
- Some people might not need garden waste collecting every week/fortnight but might need this occasionally. For example if they have a paved garden with some pots and planters they might have garden waste a few times a year eg at the end of summer when annuals are finished. There should be a one-off service available eg by buying special bags which can be put out on the designated day for collection.
- This proposed cost would cause hardship to many, it would create more fly tipping, creating additional cost to the council to clear up. More traffic back and forth to the tip, which defeats the purpose of the councils actions.
- I don't think the council should be looking to make a profit from this service in order to use the money for other council services. I think it should be charged as a not for profit service. Why should other services benefit from residents needing to pay to have their garden waste removed?
- Why is it always to harmonize the payment has to go up for everybody why not harmonize down and why was there not an option for less then £40
- Cost of living is high enough, adding this expensive and will cause people to dispose of it by other means or not look after their gardens anymore, causing the place to look run down.
- You start charging to collect waste and people will find other ways to get rid of it. I already see black bags of grass clippings dumped by the side of the road all around where I live, this will be become a much more common occurrence and the cost to clean it up will likely far exceed the cost of collecting.

- Waste will become higher if you start charging, people will use black bins instead. Some will probably fly tip too which will cost an awful lot.
- Whilst personally we would subscribe to the service those who do not will still need the service unless they live in a flat otherwise the negative impact i have described is bound to occur.
- Forcing thousands of people who already pay council tax for services like this to pay extra, would just create issues that people who don't want to pay will just dump the green waste elsewhere, or use black bins which are not recycled.
- Home composting is not straightforward. It requires construction of composting bays that a lot of people have no idea about nor might they have access to wood and tools to create them.
- Some people will not use the garden waste bins and just put their garden waste in the normal rubbish bin. Which is not environmentally friendly.
- Reduce the charge for all users to £25-£30
- Increased potential for fly tipping
- The more you charge people the uptake will be low and there will be more fry tipping
This has happened already with building waste and so forth
Pensioners on a low income still keep there gardens tidy
This is going to put them off keeping there garden tidy
Plus we only us this service more in the spring and summer
- This would create more use of black bins and increased fly tipping which has increased since the changes to the use of recycling centres and is a blight on the countryside and has got to cost more to clear up than collect
- £55 for the year? But your saying maybe do it from March to November? That's not a year..
- Council tax has been increased, which includes waste disposal, therefore I don't feel there should be an added extra cost for garden waste.
I believe I wouldn't be the only person using black bin for garden waste and there would also be an increase in fly tipping if there was a cost for garden waste
- Likely to lead to more burning/incinerating, more pollution
- Greater illegal dumping
Air pollution due to burning
Greater use of household recycling centres - traffic pollution
Increased poverty
Less access for those most unable to pay - disabled, elderly etc
- The main negative impact on charging for garden waste would be more fly tipping which would in the long run cost Councils more.
- Because one smaller district got away with charging you know wish to "harmonise" the service by charging everyone else. You really take the biscuit!
- Energy bills rising, families using food banks, this would increase as poverty would rise
- I think a lot more fly tipping in the local area people are stretched to the limit with bill rises at the moment anyway so can not afford extra charges
- People might fly tip or put green waste in their black bins. Just keep the existing system
- If you introduce charges this will affect three quarters of the Councils residents.
Currently only east Northants residents pay for this service, and I guess that not all residents of East Northants actually use and pay for this service.
I am unsure that there would be a big uptake of this service in the other areas of North Northants.
Peoples budgets are already stretched thin, with the cost of living increasing and petrol prices rocketing. They would not be happy facing another charge for garden waste, along with a now annual increase in Council Tax as well.

- Keep things as they are
- I would object to paying a subscription for all year garden waste collections when we don't generate any garden waste. How would you stop people who don't pay from putting their garden waste into someone else's bin or the nearest hedge row. The cost should be a lot lower than £55 if we have to pay.
- Let's have a system that is unified without any charge.
I consider the current Wellingborough scheme middle of the road and covers the stays quo. We have seen years of good service without being charged and now is certainly not the right time for for taking more money out of the council tax payer.
If a charge is bought in then there will no doubt be a further rise in fly tipping.
- To charge for garden waste would result in everything going in the black bin or even worse fly tipping which would cost the council more in the long run. We pay enough in council tax without an extra charge.
- There would be more fly tipping.
Pensioners like to do a bit of gardening- a further charge would be detrimental to them. People are being encouraged to " go green" and grow their own vegetables etc- this means more garden waste - so an extra charge would discourage this.
- Don't make people suffer for encouraging wildlife havens and nature into their homes. The mental wellbeing of having a garden and being outside is massive to some people and with household bills going up this feels like it could be a bill too far for some people and then the local wildlife will suffer causing more concern for climate change.
- I think a subscription would yet again penalise those on low/fixed incomes such as pensioners
- I feel this is a money making scheme and feel if there was a collection once a month instead of fortnightly there would be a saving.
This shouldn't be forced on households so an opt out scheme should be available
- It would cause more fly tipping,
Council tax increases every year yet they are decreasing what they are doing for it. It's ridiculous.
- Low income households or deprived households would not pay for this and then they will either not cut back their gardens or do it and dump the cuttings. With the rise in electricity bills it would be bad timing to levy another cost on people
- If a subscription service is introduced whereby only those that want it would pay, how would this be managed? What is stop those who haven't paid putting their bin out? Are you going to remove brown bins from those that don't pay or are you expecting the bin collectors to have a checklist so they know who has paid and who hasn't? I suggest sticker goes on each bin to identify who has paid.
I would also be concerned about the negative impact of increased fly tipping by individuals who refuse to pay but still have waste. There is already a big problem in this county with fly tipping and I fear this could add to it.
- The potential impacts would be increased flytipping, disposing in black bin and not recycling. Even more loss of faith and belief in the new North Northants Council. I am all for change when it's needed but this is just a money making exercise and households are being pushed more and more.
- Subscription may increase fly tipping.
Reducing the universal charge by the annual subscription amount would make it more palatable to residents. Any extra charge would be seen as money grabbing and cause resentment.
- Would probably cause more flytipping
- I am very concerned that fly-tipping which is already a massive issue increases further due to affordability

- I think quite a few people would probably dump their waste. Like a few do now with other rubbish
- I would be willing to pay a subscription if I could have 2 bins rather than one as one is not big enough when you have a large garden with hedges and a large lawn. I would prefer all year round so I could keep garden tidier without having to travel to the recycling centre throughout winter season
- A lot of people will have to travel to a recycling centre to dispose of garden waste which means car emissions going into the atmosphere. Not very environmentally friendly especially as we should be moving to a zero carbon society.
- There will be a lot more fly tipping
- If high charges are made for collection, then more people with cars may travel to HWC sites, using fuel and causing congestion at the sites. People without cars, and others, may just put garden waste into their black bins.
Could be avoided by providing collection of garden waste at lowest possible cost, preferably free to users.
- People will flytip their garden waste... they don't think about opening their car windows and throwing bottles, takeaway food packaging etc... they will do the same if they have to pay for garden waste removal.
- Charging would lead to an increase in black bin waste, reduction in recycling and composting.
- People will put garden waste in their black bin and not pay the surcharge.
- It would encourage more fly tipping and households would use of the black bin for garden waste.
- Not all people have access to the tip so would be detrimental to them
- I would not... but other people may be tempted to fly tip.
- There are people on low incomes, they are struggling to make ends meet without extra costs
- I think there would be an increase in fly tipping.
- The level of rubbish on the side of our roads is appalling. I have never seen it so bad. Pushing a subscription based service for garden waste I believe will further add to the problem.
- To continue using the money we pay our council taxes for to collect our recyclable green waste
- Introducing charges discourages recycling and encourages fly tipping
- There would be increased fly tipping. There is already a lot of garden waste collected by contractors that is flytipped locally thus would significantly increase. The number of people tipping waste over the garden wall in to farmers fields would increase. The charge will not take account of those that only need one or two collections a year or only part fill a bin each time and those who fill the bin to overflowing each time. Most people have small gardens these days and the charge would not represent the amount of waste they generate. Garden waste should be composted centrally for the best green outcome. The charge will hinder this from happening.
- This is another way of raising costs and it has to stop. The councils already increase tax by the max each year, and each year we receive a worse service. It is disappointing that you have used this survey to justify what you want to do. You should conduct a cost saving review within the councils, as money is wasted all over the place. We are not an unlimited pocket for you to raise money from.
- 1. Better financial management of money to reduce 'wasteful' and unnecessary expenditure.
2. Reduce bureaucracy within council processes.
3. Offer a D/Debit on a monthly basis not 6 monthly.
- Stop this charge otherwise you see a massive increase in fly tipping
- The council has declared a 'climate emergency' yet many decisions they have made following this do not seem to have the climate in mind - potentially charging for garden waste collections, making additional refuse capacity easier to apply for...

If the council is not willing to provide a year round service that residents pay for in their council tax then a reduced collection service (March-November) is surely better than charging residents extra.

How will charging for this service save money if the collection vehicle will still have to cover the same area and there will need to be people to administer the service?

- It does seem unfair that charges differ from region to region so why not charge a nominal amount, say £20, for everyone to spread the load.
- Pensioners and low income household will not want to spend any more money on top of the rise in Council Tax and ever increasing cost of living.

- People will not pay for a service that is only every other week and sometimes longer if the bins are not emptied. Households will hide it in their black bins or dump it somewhere.

Where/what will be extra money be spent on earned through the collection charge?

- All this will do is increase fly tipping, the cost of dealing with fly tipping in the wider community costs local councils an absolute fortune, all paid for by tax payers. The cost & manpower could be better used on other services, stop wasting our money restricting rubbish collections only to then have to setup a team to collect & dispose of the fly tipping caused by the restrictions!!
- I am angry that it is over 18 months since North Northants was formed and yet only now are you are considering garden waste costs. There should have been equality within the different towns/areas from the start.
- More waste would be dumped in lay bye's as people are able to afford additional payments to the already high council tax

- More waste being dumped on roadsides

Too expensive for majority

Perhaps charging half the price for 1x collection pm for 12mths.

- No charge needed for what is already paid for in council tax
- The bin collection service is already poor in that it is unreliable and too infrequent (black bins should be emptied weekly). Making a further charge for garden waste is completely unacceptable and will be self-defeating as it will encourage illegal disposal and fly tipping.
- Will surely lead to yet more flytipping
- Having a subscription fee would encourage more fly tipping the town and does not encourage recycling.
- Firstly charge for car parking provided by the council then look at the whole thing again.
- If we had to take all garden waste to recycling centre there would be implications for planet in additional car trips.

More people would put garden waste into black bins

Council would have reduced amount of compost available

There may be increase in fly tipping

- Reduce costs by only collect during growing season. Do not add more costs to households that are already under severe financial pressures!!
- We are being told to not burn garden waste as it is bad for the environment, yet many people would try to do so. Others would fly tip, arguments would occur between neighbours with overhanging trees etc " why should I pay for your waste etc" We already operate on a fortnightly waste collection service which I also strongly disagree with in the summer as it's a health hazard.

Also, the entire premise of all areas being equal is popcock. A rural community doesn't get the same services as a large town, pandering to the lowest common denominator is not the way to run any successful service or business.

- I think this charge should just be part of our council tax bill as with out other waste collections!

- More people would fly tip- throw cuttings into fields, ditches and pathways to avoid the cost. Others would neglect their gardens
- We really couldn't afford an extra out going...gas/electric is already a 1/3 of my wage monthly.
- Obviously more fly tipping will take place as many have already commented on your social media pages
- I believe there would be a negative impact as people would dispose of their garden waste in refuse bins.
- Increase in fly tipping
- Increased trips to waste centres, people growing less to avoid waste, how is this meant to help CO2 emissions
- It does not encourage recycling, it will just get put in black bins meaning people requesting extra black bins. Plus more people are likely to dump their garden waste and we'll see a lot of fly tipping of garden waste. Or people won't tend to their gardens as often resulting in messy overgrown shrubs or leaves left unswept.
- The two most important impacts that bringing in charges would raise are:
 - 1) On households that are already financially challenged
 - 2) Heightening the risk of people having something else to flytip which they won't feel bad about because it will eventually rot away.
- Increase fly tipping across the borough.
Leave it how it is.
- I would like to know how the council would monitor who pays and who doesn't so bins don't get collected from households that don't pay and also to make sure the charge is deducted from everyone's bill and not just replaced with something else.
- Additional charges would lead to even more fly tipping and burning of greenhouse gases releasing more CO2 into the atmosphere and creating health implications for neighbours
- I/ a lot of people CANT AFFORD the extra cost. The cost of living has gone up so much and now you want people to pay extra for garden rubbish to be collected.
- Many families will struggle with the additional subscription cost. This is likely to result in more garden bonfires. On the other hand, it may also result in more compost heaps. Some households only have a very small garden and so wouldn't fill their bin and would put it out for collection less than others who have a larger garden and more garden waste. How could this be moderated fairly?
- This will result in fly tipping of green waste as has happened in West Northants! This in turn will have a financial impact!
- As detailed before -
Council tax is ever rising with absolutely no gain for those that are paying for it.
The additional fee for garden waste is not acceptable and doing so will massively increase the amount of branches, trees and other garden waste littered across our already, disgusting fly tipped country side.
I can also see this having a negative impact on landfill sites having to deal with black bags full of garden waste instead of household waste.
- People are more likely to burn, or dump elsewhere as unlikely to drive to a centre.
- Taking into account rising prices across all areas for households it could easily become unaffordable for households to subscribe to this service, this would increase fly tipping and cost more for the council and its residents in the longer term.
Why try to change what isn't broken
- This survey is appalling in the question year round service the options should have an additional 3rd question of what months as I was still cutting my grass in November and started cutting it again in February

I cut back a lot of bushes in November tidying up and picking up the leaves so I would say the collection should revert to the household waste each week in December and January !

You are penalising a lot of elderly people if this were to be introduced.

You talk about things being fair and equitable throughout the county but since this amalgamation the services and facilities have definitely been reduced!

- Already pay and think that's the right thing as it's a discretionary service and other residents have other options(eg composting, local recycling services) Equally think the council should be able to monitor misuse of residual waste bins
- It should be per size garden. Ours is tiny and we use it rarely but also recycle our open fire soot. We don't have a 100 plus foot garden.
Should be based on garden size
- I think increasing council tax for this service would generate extreme negativity in the north Northamptonshire council area as it's not something all households use and if a subscription was in place I would just put my grass clippings in a bin bag and take them to the recycling centre as I have a small garden it's just not worth it I can barely afford my bills as it is and that's again something that the council need to consider the rent and council tax for Wellingborough is extortionate and not worth the dump we live in maybe we could increase council tax for important things like stopping knife crime and putting shops in the town centre that people actually want to go there for Wellingborough is awful I moved here because it was cheaper than Northampton and now just 3 years on it is no longer cheap
- Imposing a charge, at a time when household bills are increasing at unprecedented rates, will discourage recycling, increase landfill, increase plastic bag use (for putting what could otherwise be recycled into black bins) & as is usual in such cases, not save any money - the admin / information / branding costs will probably be higher than anything saved. What next? An admin fee for school admissions? I'd love to know how the £3 million quoted compares to the cost of rebranding & new logos on everything for NNC, which gives us zero benefits / additional services.
- People will just dump their waste in neighbours bins. I've had/seen neighbour disputes, it's not pleasant. Or they may dump it in nearby green spaces
- The trouble is fly tipping..not sure what you can do to stop it.
- The whole country is under so much financial strain this would just add to the long list of expenses. People would end up putting it in the black bins, when it should be getting recycled, it would also result in people fly tipping or dumping in local woods etc. It's really not necessary to collect all year round, we haven't put ours out since October ish so collecting just in the summer would be fine and would save the council a lot of time and money.
- I think it a very poor idea. I don't understand how people make up such bad business decisions and still manage to keep their jobs. If you really think about it it will cost the council more in clean up costs when people dump waste. Pollution by the sheer amount of cars taking a couple of bags to the tip each and complaints from neighbours for you to sort when gardens are overgrown or rotting waste.
- The cost of bills is rising substantially ie energy. Households are already being 'squeezed to their limits.' This is an unnecessary charge.
Why should residents be made to compensate for councils inappropriate spending causing them to go into administration?!
- I'm disabled and have people help with my garden this would either cost me more or I have to pay more for others to dispose as I have mobility and arm issues I can't do this myself
- Things should stay as they are.
- Like I said before, we already pay enough for our council tax and hence garden waste should be included in that fee!!

Households are already struggling with high inflation and a large increase in energy prices. This just seems like another move for the council to make mir money when household are struggling financially!!

I strongly think that garden waste collection for one bin should be free. If people need more than one bin they can pay for those.

- Stop looking to get more more money
- The whole idea is negative and discourages families from green recycling.
- It is going to impact by making us poorer. I am a working single parent and already rely on universal credit and occasional food banks . I can't afford this but my garden is enormous the garden waste is an essential service
- I have already mentioned my concerns in other parts of the survey as well as an alternative suggestion.
- Likely to result in more fly-tipping and burning of garden waste by those who cannot afford the charge
- More fly tipping and people would put it in the black bin anyway . People would want a reduction on their council tax
- I feel that garden waste should be collected within the current fee.
Otherwise people will add garden waste to their black bin
Stop trying to add more onto the tax payer
- It would get put in black bin or fly tipped
- People may stop caring for their and others outside environment if they have no way of disposing of the weeds etc. Also, what will happen to all the unused brown bins . Are you going to go round and collect them from non subscribing households. What will you do with them then?
- As above, some people would start fly tipping making the back lanes look a disgrace , I am happy to only have my bin emptying in growing months.
- We pay enough council tax as it is just because other councils are charging doesn't make it right.
- I think it would discourage people from recycling their garden waste, especially with the current cost of living increases already happening paying for garden waste won't be a priority.
- People sneaking waste into other peoples bins. Can just see the fights that will cause!
Increased dumping it on the road side somewhere. Current Economic climate is hard enough already and getting worse. Do we really need more financial pressure right now?!?
- I think if it was a cost to residents you may see an increase in dumping of waste or burning.
Fly tipping significantly increased when restrictions were introduced at local recycling centres, the cost of clearing this yearly is probably more significant than providing a free service.
- Introducing a paid subscription service will increase incidence of fly tipping, contamination of black bin, I believe that reducing the service from all year to March to November would be a better and fairer option for both residents and the council. As costs of living are increasing, local authorities need to do all they can to help residents financially
- It will stop some people recycling due to charge, people may put in black bins, neighbours bins or worse fly tip. It would be a negative move to public relations. May create unscrupulous vendors to dispose of waste cheaper who may fly tip in bulk. It is not much of an encouragement to people to supply waste that will be composted. Lorrys also may be riding round only half full as green waste will be reduced good move for CO2 reduction.
- The Council should be there to provide services to the public, including all types of waste disposal.

There are MANY services that I pay for through my Council Tax that I DO NOT USE. I accept that. The Council are there to provide the services.

For me, I could go 8 weeks between black bin (general waste) collections but because of smell, bacteria etc this is not acceptable. My recycle bin is full every 2 weeks. Charging for garden waste would be a step too far.

- As already stated may lead to it being put in wrong bin or fly tipping
- I think this would increase black bin waste having a negative impact on the environment when we're active trying to reduce land fill waste. To charge more when the cost of living could already have significant implications is not right
- I still think if only empty those who pay a subscription are emptied they'd still have to go up that street/road!!surely
- Everything should be covered by council tax, no sperate charges.
- I think charging for garden waste collection and calling it 'harmonising' is yet another example of the new unitary authority's money grabbing ways. Perhaps it would be better not to charge anyone and encourage the use of garden waste bins and give households a free compost bin too.
- I feel if you have charges for green waste, people will fly tip, which means the council will need to pay for collection.
More people burning off their garden waste, which in turn affects air quality.
- Terrible for the environment as a large number of people will be forced to put garden waste in black bins or to burn it.
Increase in fly tipping as people will be tempted to just dump their waste (could well end up costing the council more in the long run than if you just continued to collect the garden waste as you always have done?)
- I think there will be higher rates of fly tipping over the county if introduction of an annual charge is applied.
- The suggested charges are too much. You will be pricing out people and you are making people less likely to be green and increase fly tipping. For a world where you are encouraging people to be more green reducing this is a stupid idea.
- Making the service subscription based would affect households on low incomes in times when budgets are already squeezed and lead to residents being forced to dispose of their garden waste by other means.
- Please do not charge too much extra for this service as the cost of living is rising but wages are not. We already pay council tax which goes up every year. Keep the cost to a minimal.
- Increased fly tipping
- The questions seem to be worded in a biased way which encourages certain responses.
I have already explained why having free green waste collections encourage people to have greenery in their gardens to increase biodiversity and to help reduce CO2.
Making people pay will only affect the honest as those that don't wish to pay will find a way around it. Some people may just tear their planting up rather than pay, others may fly tip their garden waste rather than pay.
Charging people also costs money in administration. This is unnecessary.
We pay enough already.
- If you charge for the service I feel a lot of people would then not use it due to not making use of it (many people just cut their lawns so don't have much waste) they would either dispose in the wrong bin or you would see it being disposed of elsewhere causing other problems. I would go to the main recycling centre but some times can be long queues so this would then put me off again.
- The council should be able to make a profit on using garden waste to make compost, and then sell it back to the community. Most people I think will use the black bin for their garden waste, if the subscription idea is introduced, not everyone has a car to enable them to use the recycling

centres. The present system in our area of March to November collections has worked well over the last few years, so why change what works.

- Fly tipping
Using black bin
- I feel a subscription charge for all to use the services is the fairest way as this allows for choice of provider and choice not to pay additionally fee for something they don't use or they choose to get provided elsewhere. Our private company currently provide a much more reliable service than that we received from the council garden waste service in the past.
- If you start charging people will just put the garden refuse in the black bin. Fly tipping would increase causing the Council more money to clear up.
- It would create more fly tipping in the area. Along with the already unsightly eyesores by the traveller sites around the area it will only make the countryside worse.
- Charging people to collect garden waste is bad for the environment, many people will just place it in their black bins.

Many councils also compost the garden waste and sell it in, bringing in funds.

Cost of living is rising and this is another bill people can't afford

It should be included in our ever growing council tax

- Cost of living is already sky high, I believe if you were to impose an additional charge for garden waste we would see more and more people burning their waste or even fly tipping.
- Please see additional comment earlier on in my feedback. Additional incentives to gardeners to compost at home and support gardeners to create more wildlife friendly gardens because they are actually having a good impact on the environment that will counteract the petrol to collect the waste
- I do not think that the council should reduce services we already pay for as a result of central government cuts. You have already put the council tax up year on year. I do not support the introduction of a charge for a service that many households use and could not afford to pay for at a time when cost of living is massively increasing. This is especially problematic as Northants has some of the lowest income and highest poverty areas nationally. You have not suggested monthly payments or exemptions for pensioners, dosabled and those on benefits. Introducing a charge will have a negative impact on fly tipping and will lead to residents putting green waste in the general bins, therefore making council costs higher not lower. You have not produced any evidence that this will save money, time or resources as part of this consultation or will produce a benefit for the community as a whole.
- I'm worried about people starting to dump their waste rather than putting it into a garden waste bin.

I think you need to really educate people that if they weren't paying the subscription they would be paying via their council tax.

Consider making household waste centres open more days.

- This will lead to much more fly tipping and ultimately cost the Council and residents more to clear
- I believe this will reduce recycling, add to fly tipping, increase garden bonfires all year round and increase private car emissions by extra journeys to council recycling centres.
- Charging a subscription is likely to increase fly tipping
- The fact you are asking residents to pay extra than the contributions made through council tax is disgusting and I would say that in this economic state that you should rethink your actions. People are going to just put it in the black bin therefore not eliminating any waste or making you any money.

You as a council/government decided that we need to have the four bins we currently have instead of the one bin we used to have now your going to charge for one of them for now what's next? Charging for the others?

In the sake of saving the council money try cutting the amount of people you have employed that are actually of no great need.

Why anyone in their right mind would agree to this is beyond me as we all know it will lead to you cutting the jobs of our bin men that come round and worked all through the pandemic. It always affects the little people.

With that in mind do you think people on lower/medium income can afford the extra cost.

The sheer fact you are pushing this screams that you have money we don't stop forcing more charges on people

- People dumping rubbish as they don't want to pay. People putting garden waste in the black bin.
- Currently my waste is collected year round. I would be happy for a seasonal collection however believe this should be spread evenly through taxes across North Northants. Not charges for only those who use the service; more potential for missed collections.

I believe we would be encouraging fly tipping and incorrect use of other bin facilities.

- As per previous notes
- People would fly-tip waste - which will cost you more in the long-run.

When environmental concerns are becoming more pressing, this is discouraging people from recycling - it will go in the black bin.

Why don't you sell composting bins at a reduced cost and produce info as to how to set this up in your garden?

- It will encourage more fly tipping. We have a big enough problem with that, without encouraging it further.
- I think the amount of garden waste fly tipping would increase a lot
- People are struggling enough at the moment without adding further charges to there monthly bills. Surely this service should be included within council tax payments. If people cannot afford to pay a subscription are they then going to dump their garden waste elsewhere? Possibly even in their black bins.

- Dumping of waste
Financial burden

- See previous responses
- It's a very financial difficult time for many households and to add an additional charge for something that is included in council tax, is money grabbing and penalising those who have no other means to dispose of their garden waste and will then be fined for not keeping on top of the garden or using the wrong bin.

- None
- Please see comments already provided and consider vastly improving your services that I pay so much for and see so little of.
- As previously stated fly tipping would increase, and there would be an environmental impact on the transport going to recycling centre.

In the current climate most house holds would not afford the cost. Kettering needs to show a strong commitment to the environmental issues created by the charge.

- We have a very large garden with a number of hedges, we use our garden bin a lot. We would have no choice but to subscribe and continue getting it collected.

I would hope that the cost of this is minimal to encourage people to participate rather than resulting in even more fly tipping.

£40 per year / paid in two instalments, would be acceptable to most households and hopefully result in maximum take up of the scheme.

Higher prices will drive households to dispose of waste in 'other' ways.

- What about the households who are on low income or do not drive? With rising energy costs, how are people supposed to afford this? Give the option of additional bins where you are charged extra.

Why not give one free week a month where your garden waste is collected and if you wanted it to be collected more frequently, book a slot and pay?

- Bit of a joke to consistently increase council tax yet consistently remove services.
- Absolutely disgusting all your going to encourage is more fly tipping as bins will be full of garden waste, so won't have space for the normal waste.
- Being a middle class family. We aren't entitled to any help. With all the cost increases things are getting tight financially.

One of your options was to build in the cost into tax. It doesn't mention a cost for this?

Council tax is one of the biggest bills and yet our county seems to have so many issues unresolved by both town and parish councils. To add another thing onto our tax for people who may have no garden or no need for this service would be unfair and unnecessary

- think if the charge for the bin still stands then you might encounter people still burning garden waste and fly tipping it. also the impact on the recycling centres with people still taking it to the recycling centre with congestion or in addition as we have prior to the garden waste bin dumping it into the black bin
- If you want to see more Kerb side dumping and the cost of that then go ahead but you should not blame people doing this as we have enough to pay each year.
- Charging will result in people putting rubbish in other people's bins. Charging will increase fly tipping.
- There will be more fly tipping if the charges are brought in which would be unacceptable and more garden bonfires
- There is always alot people won't pay for it we pay enough council tax if you want use recycle you should pay for it
- I believe that any of the changes being proposed will contribute to the current fly tipping which is increasing with garden waste. The collection of garden waste should be the same as black and recycling.
- Of course this will have a negative impact. Everyone is suffering financially what with energy price hikes and fuel price increases. Now this? I literally can't recall the last time I had a pay rise and this is unaffordable although I would have no choice to use the service as I have large front and back gardens. Fly tipped waste will increase massively (more costs for the councils) the hwrc's are not open when residents need them and presumably you will take on more staff to administer this charging system (or will you just land it on the staff members Who are already over worked and underpaid?)
- i think it will cause a surge in flytipping
- I believe there would be many more issues with fly tipping. People would also use their black bin more for garden waste.
- Cause unnecessary financial hardship. Impact mental health as gardening is a good outdoor hobby but restrictive/financial cost of service could prevent people doing what they love. Strongly believe this would lead to increased fly tipping. Creates community tension due to those who can afford vs those who cannot. Increased traffic / traffic pollution at recycling centres due to having to dispose of when necessary.

The council may not have to provide free garden waste disposal - what exactly is annual council tax fee being spent on? Surely there are other cost savings to be made?

- If you start charging people will put it in their black bin.
- Fly tipping. It's already a problem but some items are traceable.. garden waste isn't traceable, people won't think twice about tipping there greenery into a field/lay-by.
- Have different levels of a subscription fee for the amount of garden waste that is to be generated . I only have a small grass area plus a few plants in my garden. This means that my garden waste bin is only emptied a handful of times per year. It's doesn't seem fair that households like mine pay the same as a household that produces are large amount of garden waste
- You will end up with more fly tipping which is apparently costly to remove. With household bills rising constantly this would be an additional burden to people. Kettering council managed to incorporate the cost and the rest of the councils should have followed their example. We should not be penalised for their lawsuits and fraud cases, they should have been more transparent and accountable. Our council tax is already over £3000 a year and frankly high enough.
- It would be wrong to charge those people living without gardens a service charge. It would cause damaging backlash defeating the idea of encouraging composting and energy savings. People on benefits must be allowed the same relief as housing/Council tax or this too would have knock on effects like fly tipping etc.
- With all other bills rising this would just add to it.
Also, those that can't afford it are more likely to fly tip
- The cost of flytipping will go up also unlicensed gardners or whatever will make money to dump stuff they have gathered doing a job
- The garden waste can be made into compost and it would be a shame if garden waste goes in the domestic bin
- There is no way i could afford another bill with everything going up!!
I pay council tax, that has increased take some out of that
- We have an old house with an old established garden, it provides habit and requires no watering, we do not have an option to simply not have a garden or produce green waste, unless we should just astro turf it. No waste from that and the associated surface run off would be a massive negative. We already pay more council tax than our neighbours, this is a stealth tax.
- **NEGATIVE IMPACT WILL BE AVOIDED BY DOING YOUR JOB OF COLLECTING ALL WASTE AS USUAL. END OF!!! STOP TRYING YO MOVE THE GOALPOSTS!!!! DISGRACEFUL BEHAVIOUR.**
- Lead to more fly tipping
- Do you not think that fly-tipping is a big enough issue already? Charging for garden waste would only make this even greater and still cost the council to clear it up
- I feel taking this away and making people pay will result in fly tipping/other people filling others bins and people putting it in black bins
- At a time when everyone's income is being stretched you are looking at introducing more charges.
Fly tipping happens because people won't pay a charge to take rubbish to the tips.
Whst do you think will happen if people can't or won't be able to afford it - and are you making a deduction in the council tax bill if you charge separately?
- If you start charging then the fly tipping problem is going to get worse
- i believe this discriminates against those that cant take their waste to household recycling centres (the elderly, vulnerable and those without transport means) and you can only have it collected if you pay when council tax and other household bills are going through the roof - for most people the only visible service they receive from a council for their council tax bill is waste collection

- There would be an increase in fly tipping of garden waste, absolutely ridiculous idea and whoever thought this up and put it forward to the public needs a reality check
- Surely we pay enough already in council tax our post code is band d yet we then have to pay extra for garden waste. Yet my father is band b and he gets his collected for free. So we are charged a higher council tax rate for a very similar sized house just different areas. Yet we have no bus route and we are pretty isolated.
- People pay the Council Tax to have their waste taken away - this includes garden waste.
- MONEY, I have none so stop taking it. And yes I have a full time job.
- Lots of people may stop using the garden waste service and using the tip instead therefore increasing air pollution as they drive their waste there and the council would still have to pay to dispose of it
- YESSSSSSS
MORE FLYTIPPING YOU FOOLS
- I already pay for this service but don't use many other services you charge me for. How about you start billing every service separately and I will pick and chose what I use and pay for. I object to many of the uses you put my money towards but I have no option as you decide what you are going to do with it.
If you charge for garden waste you will encourage fly tipping, thus costing the Council more which I am sure you will happily charge me more for.
- The negative impact would once again mostly be on the poor and vulnerable.
- i feel you want to introduce this and make people feel their council tax for those who dont use it will not rise. you are a failing council that does not look to save money in the right areas. when weekly black bin collections were taken away people were told no more changes and no additional costs. this is disgusting
- I won't pay a subscription as I already pay a subscription via my council tax. Why should I pay again??
- The questions are a bit odd - you can't simply answer you won't use the use service if a charge is bought in because what else would you then do with your garden waste? The questions are a bit leading in that sense. There was no real option for it being kept as it is now.
- This would result in more to landfill. More fly tipping. Gardening services would take waste and dispose un ethically
- In a time where everything is increasing in price I feel to charge is totally wrong . People will fly tip more .
- I have put possible negative impacts in a previous box, but I would be concerned with:-
Increase in fly tipping
People using their black bin for garden waste
To reduce this, please keep any charge as low as possible, also make using the Household Waste centres easier to use for people.
- There will be an increase in fly tipping which will impact the environment and cost more than the benefit of introducing a charge. We also already pay for this service via our Council Tax bills. There is a current trend of adding lines to our bills for services we already pay for and this is not right.
- Composting some materials such as branches privet hedges etc cannot be composted... transport to the tip is often a problem... May also add to fly tipping...Or bonfires ... many people on low income will not be able to pay extra charge for disposal of green waste.. then will probably end up in black bin or brown bin which will defeat the object of composting And segregating the different waste products
- Garden waste is easily disposed of.
Do the residents of east Northants pay less council tax?

- I think it is a very useful service and some people would flytip their garden rubbish if it wasn't collected.
We would not ..
..we would get rid of it sensibly but not everyone is the same..
- Start charging subscription charges people will fly tip so will cost the council more doing clean ups
- Fly tipping would be on the up which would cost more to clean up
- With increasing energy costs and living costs this seems like just another unnecessary cost that at the moment is covered already.
- People will not pay when they can just put waste into the black bin.
- More fly tipping, more burning which damages the environment
- I'm not sure if I would pay a subscription and probably bag up waste and take to the local tip
- What exactly are we getting for the council tax payment,
- Negative impacts? Asking people to pay to get rid of waste on top of council tax. Asking people to pay something else on top of rising fuel bills. Expecting people to go without essentials so they can mow their lawn! You think about the negative impact on families
- I think more people would fly tip or maybe put bags in street refuse bins. With everything that is going up the extra cost sometimes cannot be found.
- If it is proposed to levy a charge for garden waste collection then I would expect it to be a whole year service. How this will be introduced needs consideration, if it is intended to harmonise the charge then council tax should also be demonstrated to be harmonised which may mean reductions in some districts perhaps a three year phased levelling up approach?
- We should not have to incur further costs just because other areas are paying. It should be adjusting their terms so they mirror ours
- If kettering and corby have all year free....east northants pay all year and welling borough are free but march to november....
Why not supply everyone for free from march to november (the growing season) surely that's the most equal option financially and practically you're saving four months fuel costs from kettering, corby and east northants. It works fine in wellingborough so where the problem?
- Cost of living is rising dramatically along with council tax which has covered garden waste collection so should stay the same. Many households are struggling with increasing prices so this will add greater strain to families and increase the risk of fly tipping or dangerous removal.
- Would be lot of money for retired, disabled, unemployed to pay and would only increase fly tipping or people may leave hedges n shrubs to become overgrown
- People will get fed up of fires. Rubbish will build up. People already struggling to eat warm their house. You are trying to add to this nightmare
- Some people such as myself already find it hard to pay bills so if I had to pay more I couldn't do it
- A huge negative impact for many families and people who are already struggling with rising living costs who may not be able to afford another extra payment to the council. People will improperly dispose of waste, fly tipping will worsen; many may try to burn off their garden waste themselves and cause uncontrollable and dangerous fires that would require the fire services to tame (which would then cost money). Increased resentment and lack of faith towards the council who seem to only increase charges and decrease services and quality of services offered.
- Fly tipping would get worse
- The tone of this survey would suggest that this is the usual council "consultation" ie the decision to introduce charges has already been made and this is simply a "tick box" exercise

- Bad for environment to burn things. Less good for environment to go into general waste. It encourages poor disposal of garden waste. It could lead to poor environmental choices by households. Less plants and trees are likely to be planted.
- People are already struggling with the cost of living and this is an additional charge or bill that will just put more financial strain on people , people will be unable to pay for it and the waste will just build up or people won't care for their garden and they will become over grown
To combat the cost , I agree with the reduced months for collection
- The disposal of garden waste doesn't need to to be covered all year around, only during the "growing seasons". Households in the former Kettering and Corby council areas may feel there would be a negative impact from reduced collection season. The tax payers of Both those areas and the former Wellingborough council area may well balk at paying extra for a service that they feel they already pay for. This could well result in more illegal dumping and fly tipping of such waste and therefore ultimately, an increase in costs to the authority.
- I find it funny that you are asking our opinion when you have already made the decision
All council tax varies across different areas depending on the service you offer hence why some pay and others don't
I'm sure if you start charging across the board we will get even more fly tipping
- Need to stop cutting services and find cheaper ways to operate them instead.
- Given the state of the highways, fencing, local roads, asking for this service when already within council tax costs is insulting and is clearly a means to gain more funds.
- We already pay heavily for council tax and personally use very few of the facilities. Of the ones that I do use, I expect them to be fully available. We all have to pay for things we do not benefit from so garden waste should be part of it especially since it is composted and no doubt sold at a profit to farmers etc!
- It could be if a charge was introduced some people may put there garden refuse into the black bin as they may object to paying an extra charge. This may be there only choice if for instance they had no other way to dispose of the waste.
- payment system will lead to more fly tipping
- For a service that is already paid for it is terrible that the council are wanting to target hardworking people who are struggling in these times. This will cause more trips for people to the already busy tips. Causing people to spend more money and for the people that can not do this you are forcing them to pay a charge that could put them in hardship.
- I have pay service charge and they never do properly around what this for pay.. waste my money.
- I do think that if you make people pay for it who are not already, they will not bother, but instead will resort to bonfires and dumping of garden waste where they shouldn't ie. Dried leaves into waterways or garden waste over their back fence onto council land - as we see here in Barnwell.
- I'm a single occupier and already do not think the reduction for this is very well thought out. Some weeks I do not even put my bin out as nearly empty.
- I think alot more people would not use the service and either start putting in the black bin or there would be people fly tipping there garden waste
- The cost of living is going up people are struggling some people can't afford to feed themselves or their children
- More fly tipping by some who cannot afford the payments and they do not have transport to go to the recycling centre.
Free collections for people that apply for help because they are low income families who are entitled to HB.
- I use the bins but do not create or need regular collections, is it possible to pay per pick up.

I do think it would encourage people to put the garden waste in their black bin and disguise it! Creating a different problem.

- I am now cancelling as at present I feel it's unfair
- I think this is another money making Scheme for the North Northamptonshire council. This will cause people to burn in their gardens, or Rats if the garden waste is left to rot. This also will cause stress to the elderly and poorer that cannot afford living increases currently on the rise.
- I just feel it is discriminatory towards those residents trying to take pride in their properties and local area and outright profiteering to charge for services that you then make a profit out of. It will add to flytipping in the local area.
I feel you should be doing food waste collections already but instead the priority is a garden waste service that already works. If people don't need it, they don't use it.
Council tax costs are already increasing at a time when the cost of living is through the roof and now you're threatening people's mental health by discouraging them from gardening.
- Waste will be put in black bins and or fly tipped
- Fly tipping would increase, tip opening hours have been reduced over the years so not always convenient to get there
- At the moment local waste tips are only open at certain times and I feel that if it was a choice between paying a subscription charge or not have the garden waste collected it would increase fly tipping which is already pretty prolific in this county. Additionally, I believe you can only make a certain number of trips to the tip (6?) before you are required to pay to use the tips.
- Kerb side collections of kitchen waste should be introduced.
- Carbon emissions from burning, disruption to local residents due to smell.
- I don't agree that we should pay for it if other places nearby get it for free, some people simply can't afford to pay and I think it would lead to more fly tipping which is bad enough at the moment as it is.
- If the prices increase then this is one area people will cut back on which increases the risk of home burning or fly tipping.
Also instead of stopping collections during the winter months, maybe reduce the frequency to monthly instead of stopping completely for 3 months.
- We already pay enough! This is an insult. Sure reduce collections to summer only but not a charge on top. I already had to pay for an extra domestic bin due to inheriting a small bin from previous owners.
- I feel this will lead to a big increase in fly tipping with garden waste dumped in parks, woodlands and hedgerows. Senior people can help to keep themselves fit and active, gardening is also great for mental health, not everyone in these times can afford to pay extra nor can everyone get to a recycling centre. If charges cannot be avoided then the recycling centres should revert to opening 7 days per week and until 8pm during the growing period which would allow people who don't get home from work before 6pm more time to dispose of the waste in the evening. Also people should be allowed to visit as and when they need to, which would allow for helping friends and relatives who are unable to do it themselves due to mobility or health issues.
- Introducing a paid subscription service will increase fly tipping, contamination of black bins and yet another added expense to residents already struggling with the rising costs of living, keep the service inclusive within council tax, just reduce collections from all year to the growing season of March to November
- My biggest concern would be that this is foisted on us and we then have to store a further bin. Already there are bins hanging around communal areas instead of in homes which I understand if you have a small garden. However it's also a hazard especially on poorly lit areas and also a fire hazard with some idiots around.

- Removing the accessibility to free collection of garden would inevitably lead to further increases in 'fly tipping' as you are already aware, and this will blight more urban and rural areas. It will also lead to more untidy gardens and a general worsening of the environment which as a council you always profess to be caring about.
- There will be more fly tipping because people are already having to deal with costs going up in petrol and bills and now the council want more money to empty bins. If people have a garden then they have no choice but to cut their grass and most of the time, dispose of it in some way rather than compost. The council will end up collecting it from all over the place where it has been dumped.
- The removal of this service or the penalisation of residents with gardens who already pay council tax in a banded structure will cause compostable waste to be disposed of by other means including fly tipping, black bins and uproar from residents
- It feels like the working class families are being exploited more and more. Adding another expense to us is terrible and a complete lack of respect to the county. It will either hit us financially or time wise. With my work I get little time with my son. A trip to the local tip takes no less than an hour.

I also feel that stopping this will cause more people to illegally use other peoples bins, put garden waste in the recycling/black bins and also encourage fly tipping.

The roads are in bad enough state with rubbish, gateways on country roads look horrendous and the public already have little respect for those that make decisions.

Keep it as it is and don't take more away from us.

- I think it should stay as it is and only collections between the months of March and November. We have enough with all household bills and council tax increasing without charging for garden waste disposal. If a charge is put in place it will encourage fly tipping and for some, people won't bother doing their gardens and will make the estate look a bigger mess than it already is. And maybe cut it down to one grey bin per household.
- Additional cost with all cost of living going up this would be something I would not pay for. Wages are tight for most house holds
- Potentially people do not want to or cannot afford to pay may decide to dump their garden waste illegally rather than disposing correctly.
- As put before, be the worry of garden waste put in black bins or tipped under hedges etc. And excess trips to the WRC , resulting in carbon emissions etc as the council has set out.
- I think fly tipping of garden waste would become a big problem
- I have discussed the impact on fly tipping previously, if a subscription is to be introduced then I think it should be per household and not necessarily per Bin. Some houses in the village have large gardens and utilise two bins at certain times of the year , not necessarily every week. This could be considered.
- There are too many abandoned bins on the street too many abdonded wheelie bins on our streets the council need to set an enforcement on bins just stored on the public footpath
- Increase of:
 - Fly tipping
 - Piling up of garden waste
 - Attracting vermin
 - Encouraging people to use others bins without permission
 - Loss of revenue for the council in sorting the above issues

You won't stop the negative umpact, it will happen as people are already fed up with the cost of living, level of taxes and the state of the services provided, this will only create animosity towards the council

- The majority of residents in private housing have gardens this would just be a stealth tax, there would be increased fly tipping or filling of black bins.
There are many other services which not all residents use such as social services, education and libraries which are paid for by all for everyone's benefit.
- People will just dispose of it in any way possible
- Could potentially increase fly tipping
- People will not pay and will just fly tip. Put it in black in so it isn't recycled. Or burn it.
- It is very likely to dramatically increase the amount of flytipping which is already a problem.
- Inappropriate discarding
- Families with gardens who are on lower incomes will opt out of the subscription bin, creating more flytipping and unkempt gardens
Families may choose to industrialise their gardens hard scaping and using synthetic grass adding to the environmental impact we are suffering
- People would have more bonfires bad for environment
- It's crazy that some pay and others don't. How is it any different to collecting the other bins.
Putting a charge on the green waste would add to people just dumping it as not everyone has a vehicle to go to the recycle centre
- Negative impact on lower income families and elderly who may not be able to afford the subscription charge or have the means to dispose of the waste.
- I would have no choice to pay to use the bins as I use 2 bins in growing season now
I would rather pay it over 10 months a year as it would be a smaller amount then as I struggle to pay bills as it is with my income
- As stated in another answer, there are already issues with some neighbours not looking after there properties or gardens which bring the street down a d essentially de value properties. This would increase without a doubt. Are the council going to end up paying for environmental health court cases when rats etc are rife?
- Hugely negative impact - residents already pay huge amounts of council tax and I can't think what for if garden waste collection is cut? You are implying you want to increase residents out goings at a time when all household bills are going up and cannot be afforded. This will inevitably result in garden waste being disposed of in an incorrect way which will be detrimental to the community and environment.
- The cost of living is already going up. We pay for the garden waste in our council tax at the moment.
- There is already a big problem with fly tipping of multiple types of waste in Northamptonshire - I feel these changes would add to this problem.
In addition, it may discourage people from having plants, trees and grassy areas in their gardens that are vital for insects, wildlife and the environment.
- Annual subscription would have a considerable impact on funds which are already stretched for a family.
- It would impact families already struggling. Who wouldn't be able to go to recycling center.
- People will put it in their black bins so keep it as it is. People don't benefit from everything they pay their council tax for and this service is no different.
- It sounds like that the charge has already been decided on.
We already pay 3k council tax and green waste should be collected as part of this.
- Of course getting rid of it would have a negative impact, council tax is always going up yet the service is going down. If you stop collecting the green bin every 2nd week you should collect the waste and recycling instead

- I do believe it would have a bigger chance of fly tipping that is already a prevalent issue. Also, having people pay for this service just seems to be a money grab in some ways. I'd rather everybody pay for the service, but if you don't have a garden you are exempt from the charge. It'd be fairer that way.
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- The waste would be dumped down a green lane in village as it is now and would be worse
- Splitting the payment would be ridiculous, a) it's only £50 (ish) and b) people would pay for the summer and then cancel, making the scheme inefficient
- Fly tipping of garden waste will sky rocket. And you will end up paying to clean it up, as you already have to do for other waste because of charges brought in for other waste collections. STOP wasting money on other pointless things, and use them for things that benefit everyone, not just select few.
- I don't understand why you trying to push this through , the system we have is working fine I don't understand why I should.pay extra for it . Everything is going up .so how do people supposed to get money for this you will end up with more fly tipping if you introduce this
- I think we would have many more over grown gardens, elderly would not be able to pay and those on low income. This will mean more untidy areas
- There will be more garden bonfires. This can lead to large garden fire. With more bonfires I will have to keep my house windows closed stopping air coming into the house to help keep the smoke/smell out. I won't be able to air my clothes outside as they will come back with a smokey smell. This will not be good for the environment or help mu child who has asthma.
- Increased Roadside dumping
People using other peoples bins without permission
Fuller black bins - also leading to more roadside dumping
- The two biggest negative impacts I can see straight away are the financial impact on families, especially during a time of hardship for a lot of households this year.
The above also results in more green waste ending up in landfill if households cannot afford the annual charge.
Negative environmental impacts.
- Needs more than mowing season alone but could be reduced or o service in December
- Household rates should cover garden waste collections. If it doesn't - what the point of having a rates scheme ? That's what it pays for. Just collect garden waste as part of the existing rates.
- We pay an extortionate amount in council tax for a service that has been so badly managed over the past years. This service should remain free. It will no doubt cause the increase in waste dumping in gateways, country lanes, etc. which will be at a great cost to NNC. Green waste should be managed in such a way by NNC that it provides all the compost/mulch the council land needs and more which could be sold on to local residents, garden centres, businesses, etc.
- Unfortunately adding an extra subscription charge could see alot more flytipping in the area
- I think its unfair for families who are already struggling and believe people are more likely to dump garden waste or burn which causes more issues.
- Price of living is going up and wages are staying the same but let's add more expense to the residents of NNC by having garden waste be an additional payment. Feel it isn't necessary to do this.
- What about older residents and disabled who have limited funds and have no other way of disposing of garden waste - would it be free for them or a reduced cost?
- When the cost of living is rising, you want to add another charge onto already struggling households.

There will be increased flytipping around the area where people can't afford to pay. Unless you catch these people in the act you can't trace back where the grass, and garden waste come from and charge the individual so that's another cost to the council

- Most people will stop using the service resulting in, more fly tipping, people burning it in their garden creating air pollution, people leaving the rubbish in their gardens attracting vermin etc. Solution? Don't make this extra charge!

- I think this could lead to increased flytipping by some and increased use of cars to go to the recycling centre. Plus people will probably transport it in plastic bags so detrimental to the environment

- I imagine some people who currently receive a garden waste disposal service that they do not have to pay for may discontinue use if there is a charge.

This may lead to misuse of garden waste - tipping, inappropriate fires or disposal in household rubbish.

Difficult to mitigate but information about proper disposal may help.

- Over complication of a working service.

Feels like a way for the council to make more money, always.

Is a pick and mix council tax option on the table next if we are going down this route?

- More fly tipping of garden waste
- Reduce collections to once a month.
- Making people pay would lead to more fly tipping and bigger queues at local tips
- If a charge was bought In I think a lot of people would stop using the service and put it in the black bin or fly tipping will only get worse.

- There is already a huge amount of rubbish dumped on the road I live on. People would dump more rubbish. I live down a banjo and the amount of rubbish that blows down is awful. No one ever comes to pick rubbish as it is off the road. I am forever cleaning up after people as it is. I can imagine garden waste will get dumped too, adding to what is already a messy road.

- People are struggling enough right now, this will lead to mass fly tipping

- More fly tipping

More people chopping trees down and getting rid of grass areas.

- Your asking for more illegal road side dumping by bringing this in.

- Charging would reduce recycling of garden waste and be a negative contribution to carbon neutrality. Would

Also lead to more fly tipping.

- Any further charges will increase fly tipping. There are many ways the council could easily improve their own efficiency and increase the surplus margin of current income. The council should be reviewing their own performance with a view to reducing waste and duplication.

- With the rising cost of living and fuel, is now the right time to introduce this?

This will put an extra expense on pensioners who are more likely to be unable to go to a waste collection centre.

- As said we already pay for it in the council tax you don't do things for free

- An increase in fly tipping, additional problems with vermin.

Additional waste such as garden waste left on the pathways, and obviously put into the black bins.

- I think this may cause a lot more dumping which is a bit problem already

- Fly tipping and rubbish in the county is an absolute disgrace. Charging people to collect garden waste is going to lead to even more fly tipping everywhere.

- People/households can not afford another bill on top of our existing bills. The cost of living is at an all time high.

This proposal will increase fly tipping.

Households may stop gardening as much, therefore effecting damage to our eco system.

- People can't afford anymore money

It will lead to fly tipping and an increase in illegal waste disposal operators.

Keep it free but, reduce it to growing months only

- There will be more untidy and overgrown areas potentially over growing onto path ways making the path unsafe to walk on especially for those with prams and in wheelchairs. There will be an influx of fly tipping and instead of the garden waste being used in an environmentally friendly way as it is when it is collected it will all go to waste.

- This will have a significant financial impact on our family in the current times.

Please do not introduce this charge

- There will be a massive increase in bonfires, a massive increase in fly tipping if you start charging. People do not have the extra money. In addition to the fact the council makes money by composting garden waste and sells it back.

- If not collected There would be:

More fly tipping

Garden waste spread around unused areas

More Stress for householders

Increase of vermin and unruly gardens

The whole environment is slowly becoming unkept and uncared for.... Few grass cuts, no cleaning of drains, no tree pruning, dirty roads and the list goes on. This encourages the uncaring attitude that keeps breeding . I hate to think what our towns and villages will look like in a few years.... Along with the little boxes that are springing up all over the county.

- People will start using the black bin, if you take away our grey bin why not provide a compose bin instead
- Bringing in a chargeable service will put a lot more pressure on the local waste disposal unit. You will also have more people burning waste which is not good for anybody. I sure you will also see a rise in fly tipping which is only detrimental to the whole community.
- People would end up burning it - which would have a huge impact on the environment! I suggest you don't charge people.
- If this is introduced & residents can't afford it would it lead to fly tipping? Also when the refuse collectors empty the recycling bins they could look at which streets need to be visited for garden waste emptying. Although the questions seem weighted that a decision has been made to introduce subscription?
- If you plan to increase the cost on those with a garden and they sit in the same band as someone who doesn't you need to reassess your bands and make it fair .
- I think it would increase the amount of fly tipping which would end up costing the council more. Couldn't the council compost the garden waste and sell it back to us.
- I understand the need for harmonisation now that we're under the same umbrella but feel as though garden waste collection should ideally be included in current charges and not an extra charge. It opens the door to other services being charged as "extras"
- To reduce costs consider emptying the garden waste every third week rather than every two and not pay a subscription.

Concerns re increased fly tipping. Working in the country side see lots of fly tipping and this includes large volumes of garden waste. Some people just don't care which is very sad. Farmers then have a huge expense to clear

Recycling centre should be open more and review what category of vehicle can enter into it to try and reduce fly tipping. We are very concerned any major changes will have a negative impact on the country side.

- If people can't afford the extra money so the garden waste would end up in the black bin
- Charging for garden waste collections is likely to increase flytipping and/or people hiding it in other bins. Surely this will cost council tax payers more money in the long run?
Don't have a solution to offer for this.
- The issues behind this are no different to those faced by the Borough Councils who did not charge extra for the service. Only East Northants charged extra. NNC whose leadership is that of the old ENDC obviously want to continue as they did at ENDC, which as we know has had very dubious activities recently brought to light & Court. It is obvious by the way the survey has been worded that the Council will impose collection charges regardless of the opinions of the Council Tax Payers.
- This will increase fly tipping
- The grass is not always greener, this crazy idea will create duplication of costs defeating the point of having charges in the first place. Save money just include it in council tax fair to all. Those that can't afford it will be unequitably treated, flytipping will increase, local communities will be scruffy.
We are entering a time of material cost rises for families who need local services with no additional charges more than ever. Protect local government with sensible ideas that will not cause increased public health problems and increased cost of policing and fly tipping collections.
- People are already struggling financially, we need to stop paying for extras that are covered in other areas of the country for free.
- Fly tipping, other councils have proved this has increased.
Unkept gardens
Increased financial hardship in an already hard climate
Will you reduce council tax for everyone and the. Just charge those that sign up?
- Increased fly tipping which is already an issue in the area
- If you make everyone pay extra for garden waste disposal- I believe you will see a huge increase in illegal dumping of garden waste (which will then come out of your budget) to remove it
- Impact to finances
Impact to low income families
Taking garden waste on the bus to the tip
No motivation to keep garden tidy if no where to put it
Whole thing is shocking.
- People are trying to live greener lives, having plants and grass etc helps make a small difference. People will opt to have fake grass or paved areas, causing wider disruption. I would be more likely to go to the recycling centres, again not energy efficient.
People have had a tough couple of years. This is not the right time for this
- Just another excuse to get money from people , I already pay council tax which is far too high anyway . The council waste money all the time as well .
- Will lead to increased fly tipping if you charge and that will cost council more
- As previously mentioned i think the main problem would be fly tipping if there was a charge and some people were not prepared to pay
- Just another added cost , most residents would struggle to pay it. I think if you start to charge there will be an increase in fly tipping as the recycling centres restrict how many visits you can make. Surely we all pay enough in council tax
- You say it's a free service but it isn't because we pay our council tax. You are suddenly just deciding we don't pay for it. As far as I am aware on the blurb you give to say where tax is being spent you included waste collection in that explanation. So not free
- Most people would refuse to pay a further charge. I definitely would not pay.

- Making house holds pay for yet another service where we already pay council tax is going to far. We have to pay for green belt in our area to cut our grass extra but don't get a reduction in our tax for that so no I don't agree to this at all.
- I wouldn't have much choice. I need 2 bins. To be quite honest with your questions I think you have already decided to do this. I would like to know other services I pay for but don't use(no children). I think I pay for some services that I do not need or use!
- It would have a negative impact as we would potentially have to pay out more money just to get our waste taken away when we already pay doe this service through council tax
- Unfair on those who don't have a garden at all
- Do not create a huge problem with fly-tipping and mixed waste streams by imposing this tax.
- Increase in fly tipping - abuse of black bins. A fair and just system is to have garden waste bins free across the unitary authority with the compromise of only having collections in the growing season - March to November.
- People will fly tip dump their rubbish.
- I feel you are in a lose-lose situation, people who haven't had to pay will be reluctant to start paying. Starting with the cost lower may improve uptake of the paid for service, but if it is the case to plan to increase this over time, better to advise people of this.
In fairness those who have been paying while others have been getting it free since becoming NNC, should get a rebate to even it out...
- More fly tipping which is already a big issue. No idea what the solution is to fly tipping. Council tax banding already charges extra for size of house garden. Providing 1 bin to those who have a garden is sufficient. Any extra bin collections should be charged. Supply service in growing season only.
- People will start fly tipping their garden waste
- Could council tax bands be used as a guide to green waste provision? Band a no bin, band B & C 1 bin band D&e 2 bins above band f 3 bins?
The survey is loaded towards charging for this service where currently the majority of the electorate are already paying through their previously local authority council tax payments.
- Residents are struggling as it is , especially with the rise in fuel due in April . This will have a even bigger impact financially again on the elderly and / or those who don't have access to a vehicle .
- The financial impact on most families will probably mean they don't use green waste collection this WILL lead to more fly tipping which has its own costs ,
Even if you have the green waste limited to spring summer that would help both residents and council
- If you charge for this service people will dump their waste in general household. People should be encouraged to utilise the green bin and more campaigns targeting this. There should be an option to flag that you have a green bin that needs emptying so wasted trips are avoided. For my needs fortnightly collections are too often as I rarely have more than half full bin. If im doing a big project (unlikely after sorting my garden last year) i would make a trip to the local recycling centre.
- Garden waste collection is already included in our council tax.
The tax is being increased but services provided are being reduced!!
If subscription was introduced this could result in increased flytipping and/or an impact on the environment if people were to take their waste to the local recycling centres.
Household bills and general cost of living is continuing to increase, this is causing huge financial issues. An additional bill for green waste would have a huge impact to already struggling households.
- I think more people are likely to fly tip .

We'll see garden waste on nice green areas/spaces .

Waste will be put in bags in other bins

We already pay enough council tax when will it stop soon we'll be working to live with other increases that are planned

Petrol Gas Electric now this it's absolutely ridiculous!

- you only have to look at the number of people in cars dropping off garden waste at the tip in areas that do charge to see that if people had to pay it would increase the traffic at Kettering tip dramatically.= more pollution!
- Gardening benefits us all, creating a better environment for wildlife and keeping properties tidy and less likely to cause a nuisance to neighbours. It is also good for peoples mental health. We already pay for this service in our council tax, and making it optional will mean people choose not to pay and dispose of their garden waste irresponsibly (probably in their black bin if it will fit). Personally I feel you should be doing the opposite and collecting all waste under council tax (eg including big items) as that should cut down on fly tipping etc which would save money in cleaning the mess and create a better environment for us all.

I feel that this is just a money making scheme and that you will start to charge regardless of the results of this survey. The decision has likely already been made but this ticks a box.

- This is totally ridiculous the councils are a joke
- Cost - needs to be a reduction in council tax first as the existing provision is removed ... then introduce the subscription for those who want to opt in. Otherwise we are paying twice and those without hardens are effectively still paying.

I think people would dump waste in black bin or you would get more fly tipping

This is not a small amount for households to find!

- It will just drive a wedge and create an us and them situation. The council should be looking to support there customers (the taxpayer)
- I live in a road where houses have large gardens, with the economic climate as it is now people will be struggling to put food on the table so an extra charge will be too much for many households.
- People will use their black bins an more - bad for the environment- bin liners.
Much waste will be dumped in open spaces
- If people get charged for this service there will be a lot of people dumping their garden rubbish elsewhere or burning, the only solution is to carry on with arrangements as they already are
- Negative impact on services if a subscription charge was introduced.
- It will just add to the problem we already have with people fly tipping around and just outside the village. I don't think we should be charged anymore for the services we already are receiving as I feel we don't get very much for our money and will be really disappointed if the council try and add this extra charge as people already struggling
- In a world where the cost of living is increasing but wages are not to start charging people for a service that many believe they are already paying for through their council taxes is ludicrous, it will people more of an excuse to fly tip and to get rid of their rubbish unsafely
- It's so unfair as we don't work due to ill health and our income which is pensions won't increase. We don't qualify for any help yet everything is increasing beyond affordability
- Lots of people will Just put their garden waste in their black bin or dump it.
- Another additional charge in this joke of a unitary council, Corby has lost out as usual we were doing well as a town before unitary, worst idea ever
- People will fly tip!!!
- If a subscription charge was introduced, what would prevent someone who didn't want to pay it from bagging up green waste and putting it in the black bin? That situation would only increase use of plastic refuse sacks.

- People would put it into the black bin meaning less room for household waste and not saving the environment.
Having a separate garden bin means this is added to composite sites /recycled which is much better for the environment
- If this goes ahead there will be a lot of fly tipping
- Although some people live in housing without gardens everyone pays council tax according to the band they are in. This is supposed to pay for council services such as waste disposal. We already have taxes going up and services getting reduced. People are going to fly tip or use the black bin. This will mean the council will not be meeting their green targets and there will be an increase in waste going to landfill. Scrap the charges across the area.
- It will just leave to more people dumping waste.
Maybe large council compost bins that people can use would be a cheaper options
- It will increase fly tipping. The problem is already terrible around mears ashby and earls barton etc and will only get worse. Ultimately, the council will end up collecting the waste anyway.
- Fly tipping would no doubt increase in areas where no charge was previously made or garden waste would be disposed of via the general waste black bin, unless checks were made and fines for fly tipping enforced.
- Coming from [Redacted] Road area which is tree lined we have to clear leaves several times a month when the leaves start to drop. We do not push them to the roadside (like some) for them to block drains! This goes into the green bin that is collected. If we no longer have this collection service do we just push it out onto the road where leaves block drains and cause flooding?
- More chance of fly tipping costing the council more money.
Adding another financial burden to families who are already on breaking point. Hugely inappropriate and irresponsible at the current time
- - it would cause an increase in fly tipped waste
- less people would be 'recycling' their green waste and use the black bin instead
- people may be more inclined to pave over green areas, that are much needed to accommodate excess rainfall
- less gardening = less pollinators
- Perfectly good waste would go to landfill, increased fly tipping
- Fly tipping would increase immensely. To cut costs maybe collect once a month March to november, but towards November increase to fortnightly collection. With warmer winters and no early frosts collections need to keep going until end of november.
- With the rising cost of living and constant rising council tax costs, this will not be affordable for a lot of families. It will then result in people disposing of garden waste incorrectly by putting it in other bins, or finding another less economic friendly way of getting rid of it.
- Could you not collect the garden waste and recycle it as compost for sale at local garden centres
Cut down on pollution miles
- An environmentally and financially negative impact on households
- Though I don't mind paying toward this I definitely would not pay more £50 a year I would end up getting a gardening service who would probably dump everything on side of road there would also be lot more people leaving gardens to over grow or placing garden waste into black bins instead worse people will cut down trees and put down astro turf to lower need for bins
- I feel this will cause more fly tipping and more people using their black bins for garden waste causing more issues in sorting and landfill
- I feel that by perusing this course of action you will add to the already high number of fly tipping incidents in the county. People are encouraged to reduce, reuse and recycle and this is a secondary tax on recycling a waste product that the local authority is turning into a general compost type substance and selling at some local recycling centres, how can this be allowed?

- I am more than happy to contribute towards anything useful but it's ridiculous with everything rising and businesses are just look for extra ways to charge people without salary inflation increase to match. Our council tax is quite high in the area and does not warrant it in my opinion as there are so many things wrong that the council are responsible for but never fixed, can hardly ask for more money! People will just refuse and end up dumping waste that the council will have to sort anyway
- If it's a subscription how are you thinking people will be able to afford it?! Especially with the living costs through the roof, gas and electric soaring and rising council tax! People will either dump it or put it in the black bins and the garden bin gets emptied along with the recycling bin so it's not like your making an extra trip for it just another money making scheme
The bins only really need emptied through the growing/summer months no one cuts the grass in winter so surely that would save yourself having to pick another bin up on recycling day
- I already pay my taxes to get my rubbish collected, why should I pay even more. What are you going to do with the money saved, I bet you don't put council tax down to reflect the reduced service offer.
- We need to encourage gardens and green spaces in our homes. No matter what your budget. Until the cost of living crisis is over, this should be deferred.
- For me personally, it is a constant struggle and would never pay for something, wich was never my issue and the tree bits belongs to the council, not to my garden anyway
- Increased fly tipping
Increased number of fires
Increase in pollution because of burning
Increased fly tipping = increase in attraction of rodents
Some households couldn't afford the extra cost
Negative impacts will be avoided if you keep the service as it is!! Simple really !!
- It would be a great shame to our area as people are less likely to use the service
- This would potentially cause fire hazards of stockpiles of rubbish and no doubt more fly tipping. To reduce costs just do the part year collection this will reduce the costs in areas where its all year round and save areas that don't have year round pick up paying this stealth tax. Either that or make every service that the council offers optional so we can all benefit from picking and choosing rather than you being selective
- I have a very small back garden only. It seems very unfair to me that a property with a large back garden and possible front garden would pay the same amount.
- Please keep it as a 'free' service as much as possible. Keep it amongst the garbage collection charge bit of the council tax
- The council tip will be inundated with people queuing to get in with engines running to get rid of this waste or it will just pile up in people's gardens creating the perfect nesting areas for Rodents.
- Flytipping will undoubtedly increase.
There will be much fewer user of the service, making it even more costly to operate.
Why do you feel you have the right to persecute gardners over other minority interests?
- I would be worried about the increase in fires in backgardens where people who couldn't or didn't want to pay now burnt waste. Anti social complaints about burning are already a high number for the fire service. This would increase I think if people had to pay for garden waste to be collected.
- I think many people would put it into the black bin or fly tip instead.
- Compostable waste will end up in land fill sites if you start charging.
Garden waste should be collected free for all households to help the environment

- If free collections were to cease, there would be an increase in fly tipping of garden waste. Clearing this up would incur costs to the council.
- It may lead to fly tipping. Where there are public trees outside of the properties people will not clear them up as happens now. So more street cleaning will be required
- If the service was kept summer only I would not be able to dispose of leaves and other winter gardening waste.
- We already pay enough tax and this should be included with what we pay already without implementing an additional charge. Disgraceful that we have no choice in any of this as it will be implemented regardless of how we feel.
- By charging for this service you will drive people to place it in black bin bags in their black bins. This is not very environmentally as the plastic would need to degrade over hundreds of years at landfill.
- People have enough extra charges going on at the moment. The council should be supporting its residents and helping to make things easier, not add on an extra charge for something that is already in place.
- As this is potentially waste which can be composted or recycled, it should be used for this purpose with a rebate to the council for the sale of it
- People who don't drive and unable to pay, dumping green waste in bin bags where ever they feel like it,
- Gardens will get overgrown which will cause environmental health and rodent issues. There is nothing to stop others putting waste in the bins which others pay for, potentially causing discord among neighbours. Some will take their garden waste to the refuse centre in their vehicles meaning more pollution at a time when the government are trying to improve their green credentials. There will be a huge increase in fly tipping. There's just too many price increases, please, we can't cope with more.
- I think if you charge people fees for green waste you will have households that will fly tip the waste to somewhere else. You will find that the recycling tip will be more busy which will affect the community during growing seasons if more travel to get rid of their waste. E.g. Rushden. I think you need to incorporate the cost of collecting green waste in the council tax.
- I feel that lower income households would be negatively impacted by another cost on top of increased energy, fuel and forthcoming NI contribution hikes. I also feel that we will see an increase in the burning of garden waste during the summer months from those not paying the subscription charge and not willing/able to get the the HWRC's.
- The garden waste service in the Kettering area was introduced in 2004 and is a very valued and well used service in the local area- by introducing a charge for this service, many people (including those who have small amount of garden waste which they currently separate) will simply place it in their refuse bin. With landfill tax at £120+ a tonne and rising, this makes no financial sense as refuse weights will increase and for a council which just a few months ago declared a climate emergency, thousands of tonnes of green waste needlessly going to landfill will be of great detriment to the environment. If it is essential a charge must be introduced, perhaps a case of strictly 1 garden waste bin per household with additional bins charged for on a subscription basis might be an alternative to introducing a charge across the board?
- I think you need to make the garden waste collection as cheap as you can in order for people to use it.
- Maybe you could charge per use of the service or something like that. We had incidents in the summer where bins weren't collected as those with huge gardens had very heavy bins. If you're

going to charge for the service you could have options to have your bin collected every two weeks or once a month

- People may dump garden waste.
Time and petrol to get to dump.
Already pay more council tax depending on rateable value of home which would tend to equate to garden/garden size.
All north northants area should be included spread in council tax
- cost of living is already high this is an extra tax on some of the poorest homes and would mean more tipping. which would cost more to remove.
- People will put it in the allready overflowing, and small black bin or
Will try to burn it
- People will just put garden waste in the black bin.
- Should be universally free for all - not stealth tax. Charging doesn't align for Kettering or Corby residents, and charging doesn't align to the councils green/sustainability agenda.
- Paying for a service I can't afford and I don't even use. You can't charge people for not using the service. I chose the garden without the need for green waste just so I don't have to pay a charge!
- So people will refuse to use their bins if have to pay a subscription service, but then will probably use a neighbours bin while they are out (and that neighbour is paying!).
Either that or people will dump it where they see fit.
Or people will start burning it at home, causing more of a nuisance with bonfires etc,
- I would be very disappointed if a subscription was introduced. ALL services are factored into the Council Tax Charge therefore where there is currently no subscription I would expect a reduction in CT before an annual charge was introduced for those that might wish to participate.
Personally I rarely use the garden waste bin from December until the end of March. As Spring comes (April/May) and likewise Autumn (October/November) I fill the bin every fortnight but for summertime it's likely to be once every four weeks. On average over the year along with neighbours I have consulted I average 13/14 collections. Assuming I am average even at £40/£45 that equates to over £3 per collection.
Perhaps consideration of a reduced price subscription could be applied for a "smaller" wheelie bin.
Alternatively a book of stick on vouchers which could be purchased from the council and used whenever a collection is required.
- As we are both in our 70s and on a very tight budget how would we be able to pay for it on top of council tax
- Divided areas calling each east. South ECT. Then start charging people more & more.
Everything has gone up . YOU CAN'T AVOID YOUR NEGATIVE IMPACTS by putting a Questioner that only covers the councils concerns.
- Increase in rural flytipping as do all charges for disposing of waste. If the primary objective is too improve our surroundings then all waste disposal should be included in existing council charges.
Why not reduce inflated government body salaries and ridiculous pension costs first before increasing charges for bloated local councils to waste
- We are in the midst of a cost of living crisis the local councils should be looking the ease the financial burden on residents not increase it.
- I think the current plans breed resentment. This is something that has a negative impact on inter Town views. It also affects property prices by having greater amenities and services.
- Misuse of black bin. Flytipping. Increased emissions taking it to HWRC.
- All negative why charge people more when we are already struggling with rising prices.

- Fly tipping is already a very big problem in Northamptonshire. The costs are very high and council tax payers are already paying for this. If charges are made for garden waste, with recycling centres strict and scrutinising and not accepting certain vehicles as well as restrictions on opening hours there will be more illegal fly tipping. Councils should be able to cover the costs of collection through the income they receive for the green waste. If not, why not? Fly tipping would increase.
Misuse of bins with garden waste hidden in other bins
People filling other neighbours bins
- Another bill to pay. Disgusting. The council services are appalling. Desborough is pitch black no one can see the pavement in front of them the lighting system is useless and the roads are full of potholes and you want us to pay more. No choice of decent secondary schools. The town is a mess and just becoming one big sink hole housing estate with no infrastructure to support it. We haven't even got a decent supermarket
- With the never ending cost of living rising at an alarming rate I feel soon many people will not be able to afford a subscription service. Therefore if the costs are too high people will revert to other methods of disposal that dumping or burning. These proposals may be fine for richer property owners but not for lower income properties.
- You really need to consider poorer households and the impact of another bill to pay!
- It is far more sustainable to have one collection method rather than have many households effecting individual journeys to the tip or even not bothering. Making it difficult or awkward just makes it easier for the unscrupulous to find a quick fix which could easily be flytipping.
- Just plain greed the service should be part of our council tax as this is already way too expensive. The council wastes money on new paving in Ketterings dying town centre I could manage the Kettering budget better to save residents money on there council tax. Obscene the amount of money the councils waste of the council tax they receive.
- It is clear from the questions that a paid service is coming
- It will definitely have a negative impact as people will not want to pay the service and instead will dispose of the material inappropriately and the council will end up clearing it up in some other way.
- I think we also need food waste collections.
- I think there would be an increase in fly tipping, especially in the surrounding villages on the quiet roads, theres already a problem with garden waste being dumped on the forest path near where we live and this will increase if people don't subscribe to the garden waste collection. Another way people will start to get rid of garden waste will be by burning it, and this is not good for the environment and can also cause problems with neighbours if they are continually burning waste. Then there are those people who will put their waste in someone elses bin... not even the garden bin but they will use any. Keep it the way it is, it works and helps to keep our county and beautiful villages clean and tidy. Perhaps those who don't have a garden can receive a small discount on their council tax- that would be fair.
- Instead of increasing payments for people that use the service, why not charge it the same yet have an option for people that don't use it to opt out and pay a little less without it impacting the people that do. I don't feel it's fair to charge a subscription for this service. You will end up with more fly tipping as so many bills are already going up. We have no end of fly tipping already in our village. Not everyone can or has room to compost at home either.
- Would people not pay and use black bin instead.
- Corby is already a fly tipping nightmare. Now people will simply tip their garden waste/ I have no idea how we are being charged more for receiving less because the council went [Redacted]. It's shameful
- People will start dumping their garden waste along roads and in local fields

- I can see people will just start using their black bins for garden waste or will end up fly tipping more
- Charge a minimal subscription so you can manage vehicles routes but if it's £45+ people would say too expensive & use the tip or fly tip so not helping environment. I'd expect more fly tipping as the tip isn't convenient.
You can sell the waste for income to cover lower subs. Or create community compost areas to leave waste for the farmers to collect.
- More waste tipping will happen
- If there is cost to the collection there would be more waste tipped at the side of the road and the council would have to clear it away. This would make the country side unsightly.
- Charging extra for the collection of garden waste would be a nightmare. We already pay above & beyond for our council tax, it's unaffordable for us to need to pay £55 extra per year on top of what we pay already (nearly £210 per month). Garden waste collection should be included in our council tax, the same as black bin and recycling collection. It's outrageous that this is even being considered.
- People are already struggling with all bills rocketing especially the council tax among others trying to add more taxes is not helping, I might vote a different way in future!
- Referring to my earlier point, with the huge rise in living costs, I believe that implementing a subscription cost needs to coincide with a reduction in the council tax cost. Removing the cost of the current garden waste disposal shows that the council are making the changes for the right reasons, not just to increase their own income. This would also mean that households are not paying £50+ extra a year on top of their same (or more than likely increased) council tax, putting additional strain on low income households. If we are talking about not charging those who don't use the garden waste disposal, how are we making it fair for those who need it less frequently? Could there be an option to pay by use? Averaging the weekly cost of the subscription and allowing people to book a garden waste collection and paying only for the averaged weekly cost of collection.
- I think this should be offered to all and be paid by all with no additional charge for the service but consumed within the total council tax charge.
- I would let people pay monthly because some people are on benefits. It isn't there fault if they are put in a social housing house with front and back gardens. Plus if you agree to pay a subscription charge then I would expect the bin to be emptied on time not a day or 2 late.
- People are already struggling with the cost of living - council tax has already gone up again this year - so to add even more charges will encourage fly-tipping - vulnerable residents may be exposed to exploitation - people will use their black bins instead.
The council can recycle the waste at its HWRC creating a revenue for its collection.
Alternatively do a pay as you go scheme - you pay for the date you want it collecting with a cut off deadline so the refuse collectors know which houses have paid - meaning if you only want it collecting once you just pay for that one off collection!
- If people are made to pay there will be more mess amongst the streets and alot more fly tippers
- Surely maintaining the free collection service is more beneficial than the cost of clearing all the fly tipping that will arise
- I foresee an increase in antisocial bonfires. Fly tipping. Incorrect use of black bin.
Tip vists are limited, maybe lift the restriction on number of visits?
- i believe people will start to dump the garden waste or put it in the black bins. To avoid it i believe there should br a free collection service but only once a month e.g. First week of the month and only from March - October.

- Growing season and tidy up / prep time extends beyond March- November due to our milder weather, hence why its needed all year. Yes one could limit it between 1st March to 1st December but how would that impact on the jobs for the bin men?
- I think people would burn their garden waste rather than pay for it.
- Cost of living increasing why including council tax why should I pay more for a service that is already part of the council tax in the first place? More people will just get rid of grass and replace with artificial making it less environmentally friendly for wildlife
- All would have a negative impact. Everyone is increasing their fees and reducing their services. Its unfair to everyone. Your fly tipping budget will have to be greatly increased if this comes into effect.
- Teach people how to compost at home to avoid the charge.
- The scheme appears to work well in East Northamptonshire; I've lived in this area for 3 years and most people in my area in Thrapston seem to pay for the service. It's collected every two weeks all year round and everyone is provided with one waste bin, which seems adequate. If I had more waste than could fit in the bin I would take it to whichever household waste centre was open and dispose of it there, but this would be very rare so it seems pointless having loads of bins lying around unused at a cost to the taxpayer.
- Fly tipping
 - Smell
 - Pests and vermin
 - Austerity
 - Pollution from household cars desposing at tip... and congestion.
 - Pollution from burnt garden waste, and increasing risk of fires.
 - Rogue traders improperly disposing of waste.
 - People just won't keep their properties in good condition.
 - All of which will lower the tone of our county and create even more resentment
- If it went to mar-Nov only I would have to use black bin for ash and hutch waste through the winter. Not ideal.
- Fly tipping is an issue as it is, reducing the availability for poorer households to have access to regular bins will increase the amount of fly tipping. This should be included in council tax
- The concern would be increased fly-tipping. As this is already an issue and enforcement appears limited, using at least some of the income to invest in an anti-fly tipping task force might reduce the scale of the negative reactions.
- As I previously said it would have a serious negative affect on so many people. We already struggle to pay our council tax bill. Adding extra money for a service that should be apart of it already will just make it even less affordable.
- Stop ripping the tax payer off
- Increased illegal dumping
- People are already struggling enough. Gardening is good for mental health which should be better supported by the Council.
 - As all costs this is not essential spend and then I think this would result in more fly tipping.
- This changes the entire point of council tax and the way collective funding works.
 - Why should one particular area be singled out for additional charges?
 - If you do this when can I opt out of other parts of council tax payments and reduce my tax bill?
 - Clearly with a significant cost of living crisis going on this will likely encourage fly tipping and poor disposal of garden waste.
 - It will have a negative environmental impact as those who can't afford the additional charges will have to find a way to get rid of their waste.
 - As ever likely to effect the poorest in our community the most.

But I wouldn't expect anything else from a bankrupt council who has mismanaged this counties financial situation for many years.

- Fly tipping, garden waste in
The black bin. Extra damage to the environment, households burning garden waste, more cars travelling to tips to get rid of garden waste
- If it became a subscription only service that would create a vast surplus of bins all over the county, as people would have excess bins. Would the council take these back and repurpose? It is also not easy for people to take garden waste to HWRC which can often be very busy and congested. Those who cannot drive would struggle too.
- Cost of living is increasing, I'm a pensioner. This should have gone up this year by a decent amount but didn't. Are you going to give a reduction for pensioners? I doubt it.
- People would be dumping garden waste all over the place including in local woods and parks, this would mean extra clearing needed by the council which considering the fly tipping and rubbish problem already in the county I cannot see happening.
Keep the collection free for all in North Northants Council
- People will put it in black bin. Perhaps council should reduce staff.
- I don't really feel we have a choice given that some areas already charge for this service. The whole system is wrong we shouldn't have to pay for our waste to be collected and given that the bin men don't collect already in the winter it would seem we have already switched to only being collected in the growing season without consultation
- There would definitely be more fly tipping
- As mentioned before - lots of households, especially rented, will neglect their gardens and the area will look horrible, losing that kerb appeal it has.
- Charges might encourage fly-tipping of garden and other waste.
- If you are trying to get people to recycle more adding a charge will just make it stop. Garden waste would end up in black bins or fly tipped.
- I feel that people would fly tip
- Annual subscription is ok if we have too and a second bin at a lower charge would be great if possible because genuinely my garden is only one of a few round here where its maintained for the wildlife!
Woodpeckers, several bees nests, kestrel,
Feild, harvest mouse, hedgehogs, foxes, grass snakes and newts just to name some.
The bins and the service is vital to me as it would not be possible to burn everything I have.
- I have already mentioned that the option to opt out would increase fly tipping. It could also encourage rogue collectors who would fly tip more than just garden waste.
- I feel that you need to re look at your council tax costs and if you feel it's ok to itemize this part of our bill then it should be a much better service then currently offered or a better alternative except you can use the tip on days that it's open.
My family who live in Essex find this county very messy due to these silly charges as they cause fly tipping which is also repaid by the council tax charges. I take it that costs more then the extra £40 and administration of this charge would make. Good luck.
- I strongly feel we should not have to pay an additional charge when we pay extortionate council tax already
- Inflation is growing faster than wage increase so people currently struggling will feel the pressure of extra costs.
I would find alternative ways of disposing my waste if the service incurred additional charges.
- People have no more money to give you

You take more than enough in council tax your un fair on the working class and the pensioner's sometimes a little bit of gardening is all they have you keep squeezing money of of stones people will find other ways stop and think
Enough is enough stop taking advantage

- With no wage increase, the increase in petrol. Food. Bills. Council tax. Any extra would break us.
- With the cost of living rising so rapidly it does really concern me having to pay for another outlay.
- I'm assuming part of my council tax already goes towards paying for green/garden waste collection as we currently have this service. Are we already paying more than the people who chose to opt out in areas where there is already a subscription?

I also think this will lead to a rise in fly tipping. Since vans have only been allowed 6 free visits per annum, the amount of fly tipping in our area seems to have spiked, this will just be another reason why.

Having lived in Wellingborough previously and being use to no collection over winter, I think this is a better place to start to reduce costs before you start charging people more.

The cost of living is a worry for a lot of people at the minute, with people having to chose between eating and hearing. A lot don't have an extra £55 to spend on waste collection, so I really do believe cutting the service (no collection in winter) is a much better option than charging more.

- The only negative would be to offer the service only from March to October, but that suits me fine personally due to the fact I use the recycling centre at Wellingborough if I have any garden waste outside these collection months. I help out at our local Pocket Park and take the green waste from there down to the recycling centre anyway as I tend to do this after the growing season.
- As per my previous comments you cannot start to split services out for people to pick and chose which do send do not apply to them. Does this mean we can expect to get a refund each year when we don't use certain services? Also gardening should be an activity the council encourages as it is so good for physical exercise and mental wellbeing, adding an additional cost to this would be a very poor short sighted decision by the council.
- There would end up being more fly tipping, the place would look messier as people can't dispose of long grass and things would become overgrown. People with green bins might have them stolen or other people may fill them without them knowing. It's another charge we don't need as we have had this service within our council tax for years and years . We shouldn't be penalised and have it increased because a different council charged their people and now you've merged together we have to suffer. It's not fair!
- Green waste will be going landfill in black bins.
- Burning green waste would cause problems to the environment as stated previously. Imagine all the neighbours burning rubbish at different times of the day we would never have a smoke free atmosphere. People's health and quality of life would suffer.
- Garden waste collection should be free (albeit contributions made from council tax as per other household waste collection).

The council benefit from the waste being turned into compost.

Should consider the impact of residents having to use vehicles to take refuse to a recycling centre, adding to the already high pollution.

Fly tipping is a major issue. Action must be taken to stop this by offering easier means of disposal of waste.

- I have a decent sized garden and have 3 compost bins but still fill my garden waste bin to the brim for collection every 2 weeks. Compost just isn't made that quickly to be a constant viable option. I've just moved to Isham and was disappointed that the bins aren't collect from Nov to March, as maintaining a garden is done all year.

One suggestion could be to just ask residents if they use their garden bin, if a particular street all say no that can be taken off the route unless they have some in which they would have to contact the council?

- Higher fuel cost to the household.
Unfair to some people to be charged for living in a house with a larger garden!
People will just fly tip the waste elsewhere
- I think there would be a further increase in fly tipping and irresponsible disposal of waste. This would be worse for the environment and cost the council more money.
- Fly tipping will increase if you start charging households where it was free like corby Kettering and you have to stop charging east northants it's disgusting that we have had to still pay last year when it north Northampton merged we should get a refund I queried it at time and council staff says tuff that's how it is you have to pay or you don't get it collected
- Yet again no benefits to residents from council reorganisation!
More and more money demanded for reduced services.
- There is already lots of rubbish dumped by the road side, I can only see this getting worse
- I already answered this in a previous question.
A lot of people would not pay and then dispose of garden waste irresponsibly, this would need removing by the council therefore still costing money so does not make economic sense.
It's something that struggling families would not be able to afford, this does not seem fair.
- Fly tipping increased, burning green garden waste creates smoke, more people using recycling centres makes them even busier at weekends (again increased fly tipping) waste will go in black bin and then not recycled.
- 1. If you charge people for this surely they are more likely to put it in black bins to go to landfill rather than recycling which is better for the environment.
 2. If you're going to charge have a sliding scale so those with larger gardens pay more than this in a 4th floor flat with no garden.
 3. Rather than fortnightly collections for 6 months could you move to monthly?
- Fly tipping
Increased green waste in black bins
These negative impact could be avoided by continuing to provide a service for our ever increasing community charge
- Fleecing householders even further at a time when bills are already growing out of all proportion. We already pay fir this in Kettering as part of our council tax and no one has explained the need to charge separately for it. Make your case, don't make assumptions on our behalf. People are about to be hit very hard in their pockets so why are you jumping on the bandwagon without respecting us enough to explain yourselves. Make a case please out of respect for the people you service snd maybe you might get understanding in return.
- My ward is already a hot bed of flytipping. I can only see this being exasperated by introducing a subscription charge. People will find quite rural areas to dump their garden waste and avoid the charge and/or add their green waste to the black bins. To avoid this - don't introduce a subscription charge and keep it within the general council tax budget.
- As said above it should be collected as part as our waste march to November as is done in Bedford Borough, with cost of living rises, the green waste will end up in landfill of flytipped causing more cost to the taxpayer,ir
- Don't you think we have enough to pay as it is
- Payment of the service will result in more residents getting rid of their garden waste illegally. This could be avoided if the collection of garden waste is free
- Simple, charging residents who are already struggling during the current cost of living crisis is immoral especially when they have already paid for the service via their council tax. Fly tipping

will increase making the Kettering area look even worse and costing the council even more money to clear. Plus bin collectors constantly having to check the system as to which household has paid etc will slow the rounds down and not be efficient

- Flytipping of garden waste

More pest problems if waster and household organic waste is not collected regularly.

The council could provide dedicated garden waste tips and have them fully manned and open regularly.

There will be an impact on the elderly and those on a small income who may have difficulty paying the extra charge - gardening for some is a vital part of their mental and physical health.

- You will be encouraging fly tipping, it's the wrong time to propose. The cost of basics is going up for gas, electric, food, wages aren't even close to matching these rises. You are putting additional stress on households at already troubling financial time.
- Absolutely no need for this extra burden. Poor people won't be able to pay extra money. They will be busy trying to heat & eat.
- Everyone will stop recycling, which means heavy black bins going to landfills and less composted material
- I appreciate current non payers may not like the idea of having to pay an annual fee but if the initial charge is realistically low then I think more would be prepared to pay.

Any level of charge made provides a revenue from the garden waste collection not charged to everyone currently using the service. I currently pay £110 for my two bins which means if A.N.Other is not having to pay you get £55 from each of us. If you charged £40 per bin then revenue would be £120.

- Fly tipping will increase.

Local tip use will increase.

Individual debt will increase as all bills continue to go higher.

Less money will be available for general purchases due to more and more percentage of income going on basic requirements such as gas electric council tax mortgage rent fuel groceries and now, Refuge.

- Environment impact

Admin costs

Neighbourhood issues

People in rural locations having to travel and don't benefit from other services - will they get a refund

What next - a fee to enter a park?

- My concern is fly tipping it's already a huge problem don't want to add to it. People even fly tip outside the tip in Kettering road.
- I feel this would create more rubbish being dumped illegally, people unable to afford to look after gardens and affect well being
- The increased general waste tonnage will most definitely cost more to dispose of than you will make back by charging for garden waste pickup, and your recycling rate will surely fall. The top 5 league table councils for recycling all provide free garden waste pickup
- Leaving residents to find their own way of disposing of garden waste will result in some doing it in irresponsible ways.
- You can avoid negative impacts by not bringing in fraudulent charges if you are going to bring these charges.
- Many folk will fly tip their waste, you will have the bill to clear that. We already pay for this service in our council tax, extra money will definitely not go to more staff, just more bonuses for yourselves! Total greed from the council when many families must choose food or fuel,

unbelievable! Greed, greed greed, and not thinking of the people who live here with less and less spare cash. But what do you care, it's a done deal!

To avoid negative impact, leave the service as it is, or at the most just collect this refuse Mar-November.

- If I had to pay I would want a weekly collection not fortnightly
- I fear the removal of the free service will drive up fly tipping
- I don't have a choice if a subscription charge is bought in as I have a garden and don't wish to be going back and forth to the tip with it all!

However I don't think there should be additional charges if you need extra bins. I would just be worried others would be tempted to use my bin if they hadn't paid!

- Families are struggling with increasing fuel costs etc and this additional charge would tip families over the edge. Can't it stay as it is or name it free for whole area?
- Increase in incidents of fly tipping and increased use of black bins for garden waste. Also all the existing garden waste bins would need to be collected if they are no longer needed.
- Do not charge - people cannot afford more.
- Our service currently offered appears to be well used most weeks for the months it is offered. I believe if we were charged for this, less people would use the service. I think more would either just put it in their black bin, take it to the recycling centre or worse - fly tip it.
- I feel the service should be free to all and not selected areas
- There will be an increase in fly tipping, already a big problem in this area
- Will encourage people to grow less, impacting the environment, will lead to fly tipping, dumping in others bins, bin theft. It will also affect the aesthetics of areas if people can't pay so don't do their garden.

Discontent when a fortune is already paid in council tax as it is for less and less of a service and now to pay more for an essential service.

- There would definitely be a negative impact on the environment because garden waste will end up in the general waste bin and make landfill sites even bigger. Garden waste is recyclable so please continue to recycle it.
- Council reorganisation has provided no benefit to residents. More and more charges for less and less service. Council is too big to care about local people.

What happens in Kettering, Corby or East Northamptonshire is irrelevant to Earls Barton.

- As I've already indicated, if a subscription charge is introduced in the whole of the NNC area, you had better brace for a significant increase in fly-tipping- a major and growing anti-social and dangerous public nuisance about which very little is currently being done.
- I feel that especially in this area it would encourage more fly tipping and create more of an issue than there already is with large items that you already deal with efficiently, but with possible bags of garden waste or just pile left it could become an issue. Personally we have a small garden and it would be a decision if we took the waste to the recycling centre as this is well laid out and useful.
- I think people would dump their waste, I don't think there should be a charge. With council tax already increasing I think it's an outrage, people will already be struggling to pay the rent, council tax, energy and petrol increases to survive and now this.
- There is a risk of increased fly tipping of garden waste.
- This proposal is only acceptable if it coincides with a transparent reduction in Council tax
- Any subsidiary charge will affect struggling households. It could lead to over filled black bins and additional bin bags on the side of the roads on collection days or possibly the neglect of garden spaces in order to save money having to pay for collection of garden waste.

The survey mentions people with 2 or more bins, likely that is balanced out by the number of people that do not put a bin out which wasn't mentioned.

This survey is leading in it's entirety and gives the impression that the consultation only has one path forward and it's not to retain services as they currently exist for those people who do not pay additionally on top of their council rates.

- Fly tipping and contamination of the general waste (black bin).
- Council tax is already rising along with fuel and household bills.
By introducing another charge- there will be even less money for people to live on.
There will be more fly tipping and rubbish on the streets
- Possible increase in fly tipping
- I think it's disgusting I've lived within Corby boroughs all my life and the services have never been charged for - it's disgusting given all other household bills are going up that this is even being considered.
- Would lead to even more fly tipping than we have now.
- I think charging extra would increase fly tipping or complaints about antisocial bonfires.
I agree that the council could save money by only collecting seasonly (March-October) as I haven't used my garden waste bin over the winter.
- I would be concerned that a subscription would encourage people to dump waste rather than pay to have it collected.
- I think there is a clear option missing here, if the majority of North Northants have been paying nothing whilst in east Northants we have been paying £55 a year why can't there be a more reasonable subsidised option? For example this could be at £25 a year, this would seem fairer to residents of east Northants who have had to pay a lot for this service, and not such a high increase to the rest of the residents of North Northants?
- Charging would mean most people would use their black bins for garden waste. People would also dump garden waste.
- What about residents that receive benefits? As usual they won't pay a penny but the people who work will be penalised. You will encourage fly tipping by bringing in addition charges.
- I believe the current fortnightly collection is the right level (what we have in the former East Northamptonshire Council area). However, I would be happy if this was reduced to monthly in December, January and February (possibly November as well). This would be a way, I believe, to try match collections with demand.
- The proposals are ridiculous. Scrap the garden waste service educate people to use alternative greener env friendlier ways of recycling and reducing. Waste of money,resources and polluting the environment with use of large refuse vehicles using diesel pollution and expensive running costs. Unfair taxation for those who choose to seek environmental ways without the need to use such a wasteful service
- Stated already previous box
- Why is this an additional charge, my council tax has increased yet I am looking at less service for my money. If this service is being taken away from us that already have it are we getting a rebate on our current council tax. You say this is a free service but we pay for it somewhere. Do you not think we have had enough price increases.. this will lead to more waste being dumped in our country side and quiet lanes. Ridiculous
- Fly tipping already caused by poor management of recycle centres.
- This will drive people to burn the waste locally in their gardens which poses a risk to fire and is damaging for the environment. This could be avoided by maintaining the existing service.
- It's going to end up in black bin waste and also being dumped on kerbside.
- It could push already struggling families like us further into poverty.
- Those that can not afford it will use their black bin or dump elsewhere just like they do now with other household goods because of rules getting in to the tips. There will be more fly tipping which is more cost to the council/tax payer.

Year on year the prices go up but services are cut.

- People will start putting their garden waste in the black and brown bin and cover it up with cardboard paper and glass. You are going to cause yourself more problems.
- Fly tipping is bad enough without garden waste too.
Council composting should be encouraged over using landfill.
- The trouble is some households will not pay for this service and they will wait until a householder who does, to put their garden waste bin outside for collection and use their bin !!!!
- My property is end terrace and end cul de sac, my green space is at least double that of most neighbours. We are encouraged not to replace living gardens with hard surfaces but if I were unable to fund the green collection I may have little choice.
- If charges were introduced its highly likely to lead to illegal dumping of waste. The service should continue to free
- A lot more smoke all through the summer from burning garden waste as a way to get rid of it.
- How will you tackle disabled households that have gardeners come & do the work? Theres already enough strain on all households with cost of living increases, how do you justify asking for more money?
- I believe this will be the beginning of greater problems as previously written
The council tax will inevitably increase this coming year, this we accept year on year however to begin removing services is in my opinion will in the long run cost the council more as people choose other options to dispose of their garden waste
- People will resort to flytipping
- Fly tipping would increase, surely cost of cleaning this up out weighs the money that would be brought in from such a subscription.
Our local refuse Centre already struggles to cope with demand, this would make the situation much worse.
One free bin collection every 2weeks for garden waste is sufficient, any extra required should incur a fee (they could share a neighbours bin).
- My argument isn't about if it's right to charge or not - it's about the means and wording of the questionnaire -
The options should include a chose fo disagree with both not select a charge. The charge should be offered as an option of less than £40
The charge should be offered as a "book a collection as and when needed" this would allow a charge of £2.50 per collection - if used weekly it would provide the council with well over the £40 -£50 stated but would allow users to dispose of waste as and when needed safely rather than incur the whole cost.
- Charging people by subscription will stop lots using it and putting it in black bins instead.
- There will be more fly tipping.
It will encourage more people to burn stuff that is bad for the environment.
- With the hike in fuel prices we cannot afford this as well!
- It should be left as it is. Subscription charge is silly and will create more problems. People won't take care of their gardens or bushes as they won't be able to afford to get it collected. It will also lead to more fly tipping and more garden fires. No disrespect, but subscription charges are stupid! If your looking to cut expenses, look at emptying the bins monthly instead of fortnightly and not all year round.
- I think the whole county should have kerbside collection & not be charged. As said before lots of other household bills are rising and we already pay for refuse collection within our council tax. Why do we need to pay more?
- People cannot afford extra payments. The council tax rise was so high last year forcing me to have to pay over 12 months instead of 10.

Where do you think people will get this money from? You have to take in consideration the cost of living this year. Everything is going up.

- Feel if there's a charge flytipping would increase and waste would be put in the black bin
- I feel concerned that people would fly tip even more than currently happens.
I try to help my environment by litter picking but I am increasingly feeling that it should not be my responsibility. The while area would become a great mess.
I, for one would burn my garden waste if I needed to, impacting on the environment once again when we were making an improvement in this area.
- Massively negative impact on the finances of local residents at an already difficult time. Also why should those with larger houses be penalised, of course they will have extra rubbish as they have extra recycling etc
They already pay extra council tax
Pensioners/low income families may struggle with extra charges too and may see this as an extra unnecessary cost
- It will lead to a domino affect of service being outsourced. Living in a town who pays precept when will then end as we are short changed by NNC already
- For some people, who are not prepared to pay, will just dispose of their garden waste in the black bin instead
- If you only charged people who use the service you would get more fly tipping and people putting garden waste into other people's bins
- Fly tipping with households throwing their garden waste in black bags and into the streets.
- This is a ridiculous proposal and would have a seriously detrimental impact on recycling, composting and consumer satisfaction. Please rethink as I think it will be a disaster that also will result in increased fly tipping and unpleasant & unhygienic outcomes.
- As mentioned previously, it would have a negative impact on the environment by discouraging people to have green gardens.
It would lead to an increase in flytipping.
It would unfairly impact negatively on those on low incomes and the elderly who grow their own vegetables and fruit.
- I feel that paying second time for the same service is illegal. I do not agree pay for this service, because I paying this in my Council Tax payment.
- Those on low incomes will of pay for such a service. You will create an issue of fly tipping. Why not use the green waste and make money composting.
- This is ridiculous, what's next, subscription charges for collection of recycling? Additional charges for additional glass bottles? I already pay for these services, I dont get access to many of the offerings as I'm not on benefit, removal of old appliances as an example. I assume those on benefit would be exempt from this additional charge also?
Longer queues at recycling centre? Fly tipping, more bonfires causing friction between neighbours, not very well thought out I'm afraid
- There would be more fly tipping and less people willing to compost garden waste.
With everything costing more recently a further charge could impact those who turn to gardening as a way to improve their mental health. If struggling to make ends meet some may not afford to be able to pay the subscription
- It would be a negative impact
People are already having every household bill hiked up. We all pay council tax. The garden waste would end up in people's black bins or could even be fly tipped
Why don't you consider using the garden waste to make compost to either sell or use within community?
To have a yearly charge is wrong as it wouldn't be needed all year

- The costs can come out of your unnecessary yearly council tax price hikes, we already pay for bin collecting through our extortionate council tax, why should we have to pay for the service twice
- We pay enough, to ask people, who are already struggling to make ends meet, who are already paying extremely high council tax, childcare bills, energy bills and fuel bills would be a mistake at this time. As a household we can't afford extra trips to the tip to dispose of garden waste and I doubt I will see any reduction in my council tax as a result if I did. Other councils pay for these collections by turning waste into biofuel, why are you not looking at these options rather than just expecting us to foot the bill.
- Negative impact on people who are struggling enough with all the rises around them.
- Disabled. Can't go to the council dump. Wheelchair user
- We are all different and have different properties and gardens. Some have more money but not much of a garden vs less money but a big garden. We all pay for services we don't use in our council tax. We wouldn't say that people should pay for the police force if they are affected etc.
- At a time when more and more members of the public are doing litter picks why charge extra for rubbish disposal - it will result in more mess laying around.
- Fly tipping.
- I think with the way people are squeezed left right and center at the moment introducing yet another charge for a service most house holds use is needs is unfair and just another cash cow for the government
- I have a large garden and generally use my garden bin all year round, I have young children and don't feel it's safe to burn anything in my garden! I don't have the car spaces to take several sacks to re refuse center
- We are taxed too much already. You will make more people annoyed and not use the service at all.
- Increase in fly tipping.
- Haven't we all got enough to pay for already?
Higher utility bills, gas, electricity, and water.
Higher fuel costs, travelling to and from work.
Higher food bills,
Higher insurance costs,
Higher crime levels, and fewer police officers.
- If the service was removed then peoples pride in their open space would be compromised. Less effort would be made with hedges, edges and lawns- many of which are visible to all. Many people have no access to a vehicle to remove the waste to a suitable recycling centre, so instances of fly tipping or inappropriate disposal would increase and therefore the Council would spend more money dealing with fly tipping and shared space improvements.
- Yes I'm struggling to pay as it is with grounds maintenance, council tax, increase in heating, petrol you'll cripple us I only live in a small bungalow
- People would just dump the waste (fly tipping) as queue to tip (household recycling centre) .in the summer ate too long
- For those who don't have transport their garden waste could end up becoming a hazard or eyesore as people won't clear their gardens
For the elderly who can't dispose of their waste who will help them??
- Would increase people's visits to the dump, putting more pressure on those services. Fly tipping of green waste would also increase which could cost the council more to dispose of in the end.
- I can understand people living in homes without gardens / requiring disposal of garden waste,objecting to paying towards this service, taking this into account possibly a more comprehensive council tax should be looked into?

I don't have children in school nor have I for many years, but I understand children are the future adults and need to be educated etc. So in accordance with elements of the council tax charge I don't object to paying towards this and many other things that I don't directly use. So for there to now be a proposed charge for one of the elements of the council tax that I actually use is totally wrong.....

Personally I felt poll tax was a much fairer approach. Why should a person be penalised for living in a nice house that they have slogged all their life to buy and maintain, then you can have a house over the road with many more occupants, but a smaller house resulting in them paying less than one person in a house.....

Anyone above the age of 18 needs to be responsible for contributing towards the running of the country.

I feel fly tipping would become an even bigger issue.

- Charging to collect the garden waste would result in a rise in fly tipping or a build up of waste in back gardens resulting in pests such as rats and mice, flies etc.
- We pay enough in council tax and we shouldn't have to pay extra for this. It will encourage fly tipping.
- People will just put it in a black bin. You need to consider that the majority of people require little effort and convenience to convince them to use the correct waste streams.
- I think the above proposals would have a negative impact. People will be filling litter bins and household waste bins with their surplus garden waste.
- I think the timing of this is very insensitive. Council tax is going up yet again and residents are struggling with rising costs and impending National insurance rise. I also think it's wrong to single out services for charging on basis that not all use the service. This would apply to many services the council deliver. People are likely to just dump their garden waste in black bins
- How about make it free for everyone
- Financial impact, when families are already struggling with Cost of Living, fuel, inflation etc
- I think you will get more fly tipping and people not doing their garden especially with the cost of everything else going up people just can't afford it
- This will result in more fly tipping which must cost more to clear up than collecting in bins at the road side.

It's just a fund raising exercise.

- The public are already facing enormous cost increases in heating, power, food and fuel. Raising taxes for one aspect of waste just adds to this burden. Have you looked at the end to end process and costs involved across all waste collection to see how savings could be made?
- Increased fly tipping is highly likely, another option could be a 4 weekly collection at 50% of the charge making it affordable to more people
- People are already struggling with the rising costs of fuel, food, utilities and national insurance, they can't afford another fee especially when it has always previously been included in the standard council tax charges
- Please think of all the fly tipping that will occur if residents are obliged to pay for Green waste removal. What will it cost the council to remove said fly tipping? Our countryside will look a mess.

At the moment Corby has beautifully tended flower beds and parks. Please think carefully before you introduce payment. As an OAP and disabled person I would have great difficulty in going to the council tip. It would be a step too far for me.

What's wrong with providing this service free for the elderly folk who live in the borough?

I am very grateful to our refuse collectors in the help they give me on a weekly basis by taking my bins out for me. Will this service end up being charged ?

- In introducing charges you will be encouraging fly tipping and black bins being filled with garden waste.
- As per previous answer
- We've moved forward over the years to recycle materials including garden waste. The council should continue to be the pioneers of recycling, including collection of garden waste. Those who don't have garden waste should apply for a reduction in council tax if they feel they shouldn't pay for a service they don't use.
- Concerns over fly tipping and waste not being disposed of properly
- Yes, this is unfair to low income families
- I think charging for collecting will lead to more fly tipping, which is illegal and will cost public money to clear. It will also lead to people putting garden waste in the black bin, which isn't ideal - leads to more going to landfill.

The fact that certain parts of the county pay for this already is not relevant to those who don't. None of us were consulted about belonging to a larger council. This is a political problem, not a practical one.

People are struggling enough already with increased fuel and energy costs. As a food bank volunteer I see this every day. We can't cope with much more demand.

- As far as I am aware the council receive credits for the green waste, if a large number of people pulled out this would lower the amount of credits. I would imagine more fly tipping, and over grown gardens.

Not everyone can afford extra money especially when everything else is going up substantially, between energy bills or disposing of my green waste I know what I'd pick.

I would also hope my council tax would be lower if the optional annual charge was introduced as we are already paying into this.

- On a street with no own parking it can be hard to take the green waste to the car depending on where it is parked. Shared communal green waste bin an option?
- More waste will be placed in black bins if there is a charge for garden waste
- I think more people would stick into the black bins or not look after gardens in the future & more neglect for the planet
- Council tax is astronomical.

The cost of living is increasing, squeezing budgets and causing hardship, but you are still trying to add to bills. As a council you are failing children with SEND, you are failing to maintain roads and other services, but you are wasting time and effort on consultations like this one!

Northamptonshire residents should not have to keep suffering because councillors were so inept the authority had to be dissolved and reformed. How are you going to support low income families with this cost? If you are not, what are you going to do about the increase in fly tipping and failure to

Care for properties. Without anywhere to dispose of garden waste what incentive is there for people to keep trees trimmed back to help

Disabled and visually impaired people negotiate pavements?

- Do you really want fly tipping which is a lot more expensive to deal with or are you happy to let private individuals deal with fly tippers at their own cost. This scheme will not save money it will pass the cost to private individuals and businesses
- You are encouraging people to fly tip and discouraging them from keeping their hedges and shrubs well trimmed. You are also alienating people, especially those who do not use a lot of other services.

If this happens, I shall stop weeding at the outside of my fence, let my shrubs grow to full height and consider an artificial lawn.

- I am a [age] year old lady and could not manage to get my garden rubbish to the tip. I worry about council charges though as I am retired and stretching my monthly income becoming hard to do
- There is a lot of garden waste between November and March. It either goes into the black bin or the tip or fly tipped
- Feel that this would increase dumping of waste which is already a problem, black bins would be heavier and fuller. Just another money making scam
- I can understand that every part of council struggles now with bills as much as citizens but thought times are coming and you really should not add more stress on this poor people.
- Another way to tax residents.
People who cannot afford this extra service will either black bin or dump their garden waste.
- People will dispose of their waste in other ways. Households already are facing higher costs of living without needing to worry about another cost to pay for.
- I still think it would encourage fly tipping!
- Before the Council provided a garden waste service people often used to deposit their grass and hedge clippings onto nearby communal areas of grassland and hedgerows and I foresee a return to this happening again. Either that or people will wrap their grass clippings/hedge clippings and put them in the general waste bin.
However I can't think of a way to prevent this.
- It is unfair that I pay for a service that others get for free, I think based on your council tax rate you should be able to have two bins for the extra council tax charge
- Ending free service could increase flytipping
- Already answered ..
Flytipping
Financial hardship
Mental health concerns
- We pay a ridiculous amount of money council tax each month (just increased!) The garden disposal service should continue to be included in this, fortnightly as is now. If discontinued it would lead to more fly tipping than there currently is at present! More and more cases!
- Huge increase in fly tipping
- I live in Ecton we have enough trouble now with garden rubbish being dumped along lower Ecton lane it will become a no through road to us villagers if you go ahead with these charges.
- If there was a paid for service, fly tipping of garden rubbish would increase. People would probably use the black bins for garden rubbish.
- I cannot afford extra cost council tax is increased regularly and included this
- I understand collection costs but don't believe we should pay more to have the waste desposed of on top of the already extortionate fees
- If the garden waste collection was reduce over the non seasoned months then it would save on the running costs and should help to keep any costs minimal
Council tax continues to increase every year with less services included which seems ridiculous
- The Council tax is very high already and with increasing energy costs i think people will struggle to pay and may result in more fly tipping which will cost the council more in the long run.
- Fly tipping. More queues at the local tip. More garden fires. Don't charge for garden waste.
- See my previous comments.
- With increased household charges people are liable to fly tip garden waste which surely costs the council more money. In East Northants we have had to pay unlike other areas. Since we are the only ones paying at the moment we should be treated in line with the rest of the area and not

penalised the rest. Since we are all trying to be more eco friendly cars travelling to the tip regularly are not good for the environment

- Introducing a charge may increase the instances of fly-tipping which is more expensive to clear up for the council, and Environment Agency etc. The green bins could be collected less frequently for example monthly if this helped to keep the service free.

In addition to the free green bins, ensure that it remains free to use the household waste recycling centres.

- People are being squeezed for every penny at the moment with the rising cost of living. People will be less able to afford to go out and about, and those with gardens will have a private space for them to get fresh air, exercise and just somewhere that isn't inside. The lockdowns showed us how important this was.

To then charge more for people who may wish to do work to make their garden space enjoyable and pleasant is scandalous. Where do you want people to find money from? £40 could be a weeks shopping. It's worked for Corby and Kettering so far- find a way to make it work for the rest of the county.

- I think we pay enough in council tax to have all waste taken away. With all expenses going up this year I think the timing is extremely bad to be adding an additional cost. We've just found out our monthly energy bill is more than doubling, so how are we expected to find more money to pay out for garden waste collection?
- The cost of living is astronomical at the moment and yet another increase to costs through a garden waste subscription charge would add to existing financial pressures. I feel that residents in Kettering etc would be being penalised for the councils becoming a unitary authority.
- Whilst I agree to the principle of payment for this service I disagree that every household should be made to pay for a service that they do not use. If this is done correctly and only charged to the relevant households then I whole heartedly agree, but if like myself that already pays a housing association to remove any garden waste when they cut the communal gardens **STRONGLY DISAGREE** with being made to pay twice for something that I have never and will never use.
- Absolutely negative impact. Have you no brains? Stupid question.
- Increased fly tipping and where you have garden waste fly tipping then you will also have additional household tipping as take one lot of rubbish, take all.
- More fly tipping
Additional costs to households
- People cannot afford anymore expenses and will consequently put garden waste in the black bin or dump it on roadsides. It can be avoided by not charging for this service.
- We have little or no doubt that this is a consultation where the decision is already made. The cutbacks mantra of more tax and less service is getting pretty tired now. If adult social care and other areas are going to remain centralised then the unitary split experiment is clearly failing. We'd recommend minimising impacts by culling duplicate positions within the seperate councils and more funding from central government. A windfall tax on energy companies would also help individual household incomes in current circumstances.
- Waste would be hidden in other bins, fly tipping, incineration.
- I think it would have a negative impact as people will dump their garden waste rather than pay for it to be collected. They will also not collect their grass when they cut it for instance. Generally I think as only one part is currently charged it would be unfair to then charge all three moving forward
- Share the profits the council have with residents that pay for such a service, what is the point in having a survey when we know your going ahead with it anyway.

This is a tick box exercise

- More fly tipping, more waste on common grounds ie behind bushes and in hedgerows.
- This will affect my business as a gardener, as many people I work for ie the elderly will not be able to afford me if you charge extra to remove their garden waste.
- This will only lead to more fly tipping, increased general waste and more bonfires. This is a mistake, people are fed up of having to pay extra for everything.
- Encouraging home composting increases rat populations
There will be an increase in fly tipping
- I think there would be a lot more overgrown gardens and flytipping of garden waste and a lot more compost able waste being put in black bins and going to landfill
- People will dispose of waste where ever they can which could end up being blown e every where or even being set a light causing more problems for the emergency services.
You need to keep the service even if it is reduced.
- Where is all this extra money going to come from
Things we already pay for are going up by more then the wages
- I think the majority of the people would just use their black bin to avoid paying a subscription
- This is just a way of charging more council tax. The same happened with water when it was split from council tax. Do you really think your contrived questions will get a true picture? Of course people don't want yet another increase in our cost of living.
- A big increase in flytipping which is already a problem as it is.
More people having fires in their garden which is bad for the enviroment.
- Increase in black bin waste if a charge for garden waste collection was introduced
- Completely ridiculous idea dreamt up by fat cats with with their finger firmly off the pulse!
Leave it as it is, the system works. If you change it people will dump their garden waste in other people's bins of fluly tip.
- A subscription charge really will result a in higher carbon footprint. I am sure many households will end up putting garden waste in their black bin, fly tipping or many trips to the already struggling recycling centre, which will also increase carbon emissions. Most household use the service, so it should just be part of the service. Garden waste is used to make compost, so surely money is made from this?
- If no service is provided garden waste will be dumped illegally.
Many people have small gardens and no room to compost garden waste so a service needs to be provided.
- Surely the garden waste that is collected at the moment is used to to create compost which is sold? Where does this money go?
If the above is not happening, why not?
- Read my previous response - you ought to design intelligent forms! A charge for all residents is a regressive tax that is likely to hit the poorest the hardest. If you don't understand this you should not hold public office.
- Maybe offer a pay as you go service so if you only need say 2 collections a year, book it in a month or fortnight in advance.
Another option could be monthly dd so it spreads the cost more.
- People will fly tip their garden waste . Households are struggling enough without having to pay out more money
- Many people will be very angry that they are being conned by their own council and stop helping out with recycling etc.
- It is just another thing the local authority is looking at taking away. Cuts have been made to day centres, support in schools and elderly care.

- This will be totally counter productive. It would be punishing people wanting to responsibly dispose of green waste at a time of climate emergency. Its a continued example of the negligence that this NNU is taking things away after forcing us to pay more for a council we never voted for. All this would do is increase the level of landfill and/or fly tipping. I cannot fathom anyone in their right mind proposing, let alone supporting this hair-brained scheme to ameliorate rip off Britain. The rose of the shires thrown on the landfil due to lack of interest.
- Negative impact. Fly tipping, individual journeys to get rid of garden waste, increase in burning waste in gardens to the detriment of the environment
- I think many would dump their rubbish in hedgerows around our village, as they do domestic waste at the moment.
- People will be putting their garden waste in black bins and/or fly tipping.
- If too many people burn it will cause pollution and more complaints to the council to deal with bonfires and run the risk of people burning other rubbish which pollutes eg plastics. Lots of flytipping. People will say it's good for environment to scatter garden vegetation in the countryside
- With rising costs you're more likely to see people burning their waste, increasing carbon emissions. I also think that you would see an increase in flytipping which also leads to criminal investigation which also costs the tax payer.
- Will increase landfill.
- There would be an increase in garden waste mixed into the household waste (black bin) stream, leading to garden waste no longer being composted and handled in the correct way in line with the waste hierarchy. Keeping collections free encourages waste to be handled in separate streams.
- Reduce the collection season to the growing season (March -November) across the county so it is there when it is most needed, but keep it free.
- The Council could encourage more home composting by providing better guidance on how to home compost effectively.
- If charges are introduced, demand on recycling centres will increase, which may also lead to an unwanted increase in fly tipping, which is already a problem in the area.
- People will just resort to fly tipping across the county which is already a massive problem. This is a ridiculous idea. Council tax constantly going up and services being reduced. If you do charge are you going to give us all a reduction on our bills?
- Fly tipping will be out of control if people have to pay, but we know the council does not care anyway
- As per my previous answer, I feel a lot of people would use their general waste bins for garden waste if a subscription service was introduced. The cost of this service is already included in council tax, leave it as it is!
- Stop trying to divide our communities more than they already are.
How much money are you going to spend policing all of this, and is it really worth it?
If garden waste can be composted, why can't KBC compost and maybe sell it back to gardeners etc?
And as for biting gardening waste, have you lost your minds? How many more fires do you want the fire service to attend during the hot, dry summer season? Are you going to spend money on fire safety PSAs - negating the profit you make from the charge? Ask the fire service how busy they are around 5 November and then multiply that over six growing months.
And of course the NHS will take a hit, due to all the burns and fire related injuries. Worth it?
Really?
Think it through guys.

- Flytipping would increase or nuisance related cases from burning waste would increase adding costs for investigation and enforcement
- Burn it not good for environment but cheapest alternative
- Currently garden waste collected March - Nov, and bin has been full since New Year. Maybe just monthly Dec, Jan & Feb, but is still a need.
If people have to pay extra more likely to put in black bin, burn, or dump to avoid payment. Very little in my black bin, but garden bin always full.
Is a core service.
Even £40 is too much in comparison to other councils who charge.
How much does it cost to collect a subscription, and police the service.
- If this is brought in I can see much more fly tipping which then means the council will have to then pay out to have it cleaned up.
The council gets enough money from council tax to cover bin collections!!!
The elderly only have so much money to live on but making them pay extra on garden waste collection is a joke. This could be their only enjoyment which you could stop them doing it as they just can't afford to pay to have their waste collected. Families who are having to pay out for school uniforms, bus fares, school trips, putting food on their table, clothing their children, paying for their car just to get to work to get some money are now facing yet ANOTHER bill just to take some garden waste when the council can take it, turn it into composite and then maybe sell the composite on to someone who could use it!
- I think that more people will either put their garden waste in their black bin or dump it somewhere, for the council to clear up, probably at a cost to all residents. I do not think this meets any environmental or sustainable aims. Household are being squeezed enough at the moment without this extra charge. How can you as a Council, justify this, when some households cannot afford to put their heating on and have had to reduce the amount of food they buy.
- More fly tipping of garden waste which would result in tax payers money being used to clean it up.
Working with local businesses who want to use garden waste from domestic properties for composting, logs for fuel, wood clippings, mulch, encouraging vermicomposting with leaf waste....
- You could try not creating an unnecessary charge for something we already have, FOR FREE.
- I think at a time when utility prices are rising so much you are putting an extra strain on people who are already struggling. There will be increased fly tipping and burning which will be detrimental to the environment.
- More & more residents will dump their garden waste wherever they can & ultimately cost the council more to get it cleared up! Charging more for a service that we already have is not the way to go about this! But as usual, the council will do whatever they want regardless of what we say / want to do !!
- I think garden waste will just end up being dumped because tips are no longer easily accessible, this will increase the cost to the council clearing it up and it will be harder than contained waste in a bin. I live on an estate where my high council tax bill only covers bin collections and this has been the case for over 11 years. The roads are not adopted by the council and nor are the green spaces so to incur even more of a cost for this is a joke. Or perhaps in that instance you should offer a discount. I'm paying the same as other people getting full council services yet I only get bin collection. The rest is paid for by an annual fee to the company that manages the estate.

- (1) Yes would subscribe to it but wouldn't be happy having to pay for it. Others would also do the same, that doesn't mean they agree with it, just feel they have no option. So be careful how you interpret results.
- (2) Feel fly tipping would increase, grass cuttings etc then the council will have to pay for it to be removed, no it won't have addresses on like normal fly tipping.
- (3) Although some residents rely on garden waste collection, those same people don't necessarily fill their black bin so might just put garden waste in it. (Single households who don't have much general waste).
- (4) If you are going to be fined for putting garden waste in black bin then how much are you going to spend on admin costs.
- (5) OK for car users as they can take waste to the tip but what about non car users especially the elderly.
- (6) Wherever you live in North Northamptonshire the same garden waste rules should apply, in the same way the same council tax rates should apply.
- I'm concerned about it adding additional costs to people using the service particularly with all the other costs of living going up.
- As already stated you are really risking people fly tipping rather than pay for something extra
- Increased fly tipping
- Increased trips to recycling centre
- Yes this would have an impact on the budgets of all council tax payers. To start paying for a service that is already budgeted for and paid for is not on.
- I feel that people who don't have gardens waste should not be charged for this service
- Year round collection is important for many older people so losing 5 months would cause difficulties. Many older householders have gardens and enjoy them and thus need the support of collection as delivery to a waste centre would be difficult.
- I wouldn't be surprised if people began dumping their garden waste in inappropriate places.
- Do NOT charge for curbside garden waste collections. There are a number of highly negative unintended consequences which I've outlined in early answers.
Little Stanion already pays additional £150-£300 pa plus our council tax. Any other charge is completely unaffordable.
- I believe money should be saved by reducing collections to March to November and if households do not use the service, they should be eligible for a reduction in council tax.
- I think given the amount paid for such little in return that frankly, the council is taking the [expletive] now. Any degradation of services will be met with dumping of waste by more than just myself im sure.
- You'd find a lot more dumping waste around.
- In the current climate even the top level of subscription may not seem expensive to the council but for a pensioner who can't afford to cover their heating bills in winter 2022 then their choice would be garden waste disposal or to eat or heat. It may be more encouraging if instead of a waste bin you give us a decent basic composter and then the option of donating compost or selling it to allotment holders. You could then recoup some of the money and eventually become cost if not carbon neutral.
- It would mean more stuff ending in landfill due to use of black bins, more bone fires or dumped. We already pay enough as it is especially considering EVERYONES bills are rising, so people can't/won't be able to pay so will put it in the black bins. You could have monthly bin collections for garden waste in non growing months
- I believe if you was to start charging a subscription you will see a lot more people burning it in there own gardens or disposing it in other ways such as fly tipping, also charging a subscription

would result in conflicts about council tax i for one will want cheaper council tax if this proposal was to go ahead.

- There will be more fly tipping as people wont take items to the tip with increasing petrol prices etc. People will leave cuttings etc to pile up in their gardens making things unsightly. Less waste will be recycled.
- I have always felt that those in east Northants have paid a premium for the same service as those living in other areas of the county and instead of using this opportunity to charge other counties this should be used as a positive to reduce the fees paid by an already over priced east Northants district. Especially during a time of financial crisis. The local authority should be thinking about how to support the residents of north Northants, not trying to exploit them of as much financial impact as possible and make as much income for the council as possible. North Northants could and should use this as an opportunity to bring the county into financial similarity and ease the burdens of the local residents who may have been struggling to make ends meet by working on the poverty line for so long. Those residents who sit just above the threshold for UC and struggle everyday without any support and constant pressures of financial increases and no cost of living rises to match
- By charging a subscription charge those that dont have much waste are likely to put it in the black bin rather than recycle it.
- I would strongly oppose a further charge for collecting garden waste.
- Another way to squeeze money out of that everyday tax payer, disgraceful!
- I think it will increase dumping of waste, I would even have to consider it, which would go against everything I believe in.
I can't think of another way you would get rid of it if you can't afford to pay the fee.
If you can't drive it to the tip because you can't drive, through disability, money or ability. There is no other option
- I think asking for an extra charge is not a positive experience for the people, when we see how the council have paid out for legal action they have lost. It feels the people are paying fir the higher peoples mistakes. I am sure the council could it their own expenses before asking for more money from residents.
- Fuel has gone up, the cost of living has gone up to introduce this as well is ridiculous and a lot of people will not do it. It will lead to a lot more people burning waste or fly tipping
- As mentioned people will put in their black bins or fly tip. With the cost of living going up and wages not increasing the same people will feel they have no choice
- This is a joke people can not afford it and you will make it harder for people to do the right thing
- You say about paying more for having more bins my in laws are elderly and have a bin garden area that's fills more than 2 bins and the council moan if the hedge over grows on the path. Why should they pay more for the collection when the council make them cut it. It will cost them more money it's not fair.
- People will burn it or put it in the black bin. Won't help the council achieve its zero carbon targets.
- It is unfair to start charging for something you previously haven't. We pay enough in council tax and with energy bills going up we cannot afford this. It would also encourage people to fly tip.
- I believe that the current charge of £55 per year in my area should reduce if
 - a) the subscription
- If you charge there will be much more fly tipping.
- If there was an additional charge for garden waste collection then this would make people not use the service and increase fly tipping. Why not compost the garden waste and sell the compost to recoup costs and or use for council parks, flowerbeds, etc.

- People will fly tip, people are struggling to pay for things as they are, if people have to choose between buying food for the week or paying for garden waste disposal it's a no brainer. I can't believe in this current climate it's actually being suggested that people should pay on top of a already inflated council tax
- It will cause more fly tipping
- You put the amount of council tax up by the maximum year on year and provide less services, you are unitary council now so all of those promised savings that were promised can be used to carry on with green waste collections.
You are also inviting more fly tipping by implementing this sort of policy, classic council policy short term gain long term loss.
- Charging is just part of the overall tax for council services and should be amortised over council tax - I.e. no subscription
- The payment should be monthly whether one or two bins are collected from the same house. All areas should have to pay the same amount.
- I think fly tipping would increase as it already has done for other refuse. I think if u dropped it to monthly instead of fortnightly if people want extra collections then they pay
- Charging for this service will result in more fly tipping, an increase in vehicles going to tip, and is a thoroughly bad idea.
- Gardens will be unkempt.....Rubbish will be dumped in countryside.....Bonfires will pollute air.....
- As stated in my previous answer I believe introducing a charge will lead a number of householders stop using the service and we'll see an increase in garden waste being dumped. This is extremely likely given the huge increase in the cost of living that recent and current circumstances have brought.
- I do not understand why we should pay for garden waisting. If somebody have not garden, can paied less council tax.
- The council collection removes my garden waste without it the waste would be collected in my black bin or incinerated.
- Already explained.
Just take it away with the rubbish as you already do.
Will you start charging for taking away recycling next?
- See previous answer
- As a pensioner I only have my garden and with everything going up how are we supposed to pay on 180.0.. a week. Should I not eat I cannot afford heating do you want to kill pensioners off.
- We shouldn't be paying extra. Council tax keeps going up and it should cover the cost of the service already. It could encourage more fly tipping and that is more costly.
- There are many services provided by wider taxation that are used more by some than others garden waste collection is no different and should remain the same or at least remain included during the months March to November as suggested. I regularly use some of the more rural roads in the county and see huge amounts of fly tipping of garden (and other) waste. This will no doubt increase particularly if a charge is instated during a worrying time of rising living costs. People simply can't afford an additional subscription. I believe money saved in removing or charging for this service will be spent on the cleaning up and investigation of increased fly tipping!! Also local household recycling centres struggle with demand already if the service is removed I wonder if they could cope with an increase in garden waste??
- We have had to pay or take to the tip - it should be fair across the board however we are talking garden waste that should be used to create compost or towards biofuel therefore as this seems to only have been charged in east Northants maybe roots taken to invest in ways to make money from waste rather than charge more for collection?

- If people are going to be charged extra there will be an increase in fly tipping and we already rely on volunteers to keep our town clear as those services were cut back.
We will have to burn our garden waste as composting can increase vermin and no one wants to open that can of worms 🐛!!
- People will just fly tip their garden waste. or burn it.
- People will put garden waste in their black bin if they have to pay extra. This is an unethical consideration to make across the county, people shouldn't be being charged more. There is a cost of living crisis happening and the wider world is at breaking point. Stop adding to people's problems and instead give them a helping hand. Show some compassion, help us to keep Northamptonshire the rose of the shires and a beautiful place to live.
- This is just a money making ruse to cover poorly managed financial services caused partially by central government funding cuts but largely by the former NCC employees and councillors.
“ Providing a universal garden waste service to all residents requires the Council to drive refuse vehicles along every road even if residents choose not to use the service. A subscription service means the Council only drives to properties who have opted to pay for the service and are likely to need a collection. As a result, it is likely that a subscription service will require fewer vehicles and use less fuel, both of which are better for the environment.”
Utter rubbish. If only one person in a street subscribes, you still need to drive a vehicle there.
What evidence are you basing that statement on??
Other people will make increased journeys to recycling centres.
Many people will either take to fly tipping or pay unlicensed contractors to fly tip it, increasing fly tipping that isn't already prevalent in the remnants of the county.
Others will simply fill black or blue bins with garden waste.
You will also be exposing waste collection operatives to angry residents, and potentially unsafe situations.
- Environmental impact as well as cost needs to be considered as we are in a climate emergency. The best option for waste that households can't compost is for a council collection scheme that is free or very low cost, and that runs all year, as this will lead to the least possible amount of garden waste going into black rubbish bins or being fly tipped.
- If a charge is imposed for garden waste collection I think it inevitable that the levels of fly-tipping would increase dramatically and the resulting costs to the council for clearing up this dumping of waste would seriously impact on any revenue gain.
- I think that introducing extra charges will only increase the frequency of fly tipping and consequently the cost of clearing the dumped waste.
Would someone who currently uses the collection service but did not want to use the subscription service be entitled to a comparable reduction in council tax to offset the cost of self disposal? I live 3 miles from the nearest recycling centre in a rural area. When I first moved here , skips were placed at convenient places around the village for garden and recyclable waste but that hasn't happened for a long long time.
Would the visits to the recycling centre with a trailer still be restricted to once every two months and if so why?
In my opinion a subscription service would be a disaster and lead to the general waste system being abused.
- How is this even being discussed this will just encourage people to put garden waste in black plastic bin bags and hide it in the normal bin not good for the environment one minute the council tax is being reduced to help with bills the next your grabbing it back shame on you bring back Corby council I will never vote Tory again
- The continuation of the service would depend on who much you intend to charge. If by harmonising you intend to increase the charges already paid by ENDC residents then you're

likely to find fewer residents would pay. Instead we'd take to the tip ourselves which were already paying for!

- People will dump garden waste or they will burn it which is also bad for the environment
- We are pensioners on a fixed income and pay £2290 pa in Wellingborough rates including 6 months garden waste collection. We compost most of our garden waste except branches and hard cuttings. If we have to pay extra for garden waste collection I would expect our council tax to go down by the amount charged. Otherwise we are not on an equal footing.
- The questionnaire seem to presuppose that garden waste will have to be paid for. The questionnaire is poorly formatted as it seeks to provide the answer it wants. Surely you can and should do better than this farce.
- The negative impact would be garden waste in general waste bins and more fly tipping. The impact could be reduced by not charging.
- Continue to provide a free garden waste service for all and generate revenue by selling the compost produced. General taxation will likely increase to deal with increase in fly tipping, or waste will be put in black bins resulting in an increase in waste to landfill. This will be mitigated by continuing with the free service. Extend the free service across the county.
- I live in a council house that has a very large garden, it fills two bins each cut I could not afford to pay this extra bill on top of all of the other increases
- It is negative to assume you can keep getting money off households for services rendered paid for everyone is struggling. Fly tipping is negative this will happen more freely, the impact on the environment is negative people will burn 🔥 it like in the old days or concrete everything which will cause more flooding. Short sighted
- I can only see negative impacts - there is already a problem with fly-tipping, this would certainly increase that; I would have regular bonfires - my neighbours would not like it, nor would I like theirs, but the council is likely to be deluged with complaints.
- living in a village we already pay a precept for services that the council won't supply "out of town". You are adding more expense.

Our property is on the end of a row and so has a wrap around garden, we would end up turning half of our garden into a compost heap just to dispose of garden waste.

Hedge cuttings cannot be composted, meaning more trips to the tip

- I think you would increase fly tipping if you introduce an extra charge.
- You are just taking the [expletive] now! How much money do you think people have for spare?! Water has gone up by £10 a month, gas by £700 a year, electric by £600 a year, council tax by £8 a month, broadband by £6 a month and petrol is a ridiculous increase. We won't be able to afford to go to work soon so paying for a garden waste service will be the last on peoples list. I will just go for a dog walk and tip a bag of grass out over The [Redacted] every week and let it disintegrate into the earth!!
- Really? Wow, you're short-sighted. Garden waste would be burned (not good for the environment or neighbours!) or fly-tipped. Your choice. Or you could simply do the job you take our money for.
- Council tax charges cover waste removal, no differentiation should be applied to types of waste, no charges should be applied as they are already charged under the remit of council tax
- It should be FREE
- This proposal could not come at a worse time. The costs of living/inflation rates/national insurance/fuel are increasing rapidly and beyond the financial means of the average person. This is a cold ,cynical idea and another stealth tax. Whoever came up with the idea should be ashamed.

It could cause anger and division between neighbours

It will lead to an increase in fly tipping

It will lead to an increase in waste being mixed in bins

It will reduce the efficacy of recycling

It will dilute the recycling message

It will discourage people from recycling

It will lead to more plastic pollution because the methods used to recycle plastics and non degradable materials will be overwhelmed

The disposal of green waste by households is something that encourages people to think about recycling

The action of Putting green garden waste in a dedicated bin provides people with a tangible act that inspires a positive psychological response. A feeling of contributing to a greener, less polluted society. Making someone pay for that incites reluctance, causes resentment and questions why they pay council tax at all

- I think it will increase fly tipping in the area
- If I am to be charged for collection I feel I should receive a discount for the areas of service that I do not use- eg education???
- I think there would be more fly tipping and household waste sites would become much busier
- We pay for this service in our council tax why pay twice
- Charging families would add another pressure to them. They are already feeling the pinch with the rising cost of fuel, food, energy, uniforms etc and this just adds more. It's making people feel like they can't afford to just live without new charges being introduced. It's unfair to the poorest, and those working class individuals who are just scraping by
- I feel infuriated that additional charges are being considered on top off an already expensive charge by the council I can barely meet my outgoings now. This will only encourage fly tipping or piles of refuse amassing in gardens because no room in black bin for both household waste and garden waste. I would agree that if you don't have a garden and no use for the service then you should have CT reduction. Burning dried weeds, twigs grass cuttings and food waste is putting our environment back into the unhealthy state it was in 60 years ago is that really the goal of today?? I thought we were all about saving the planet!! Compost heaps encourage rats so we're heading for another plague risk in a few years then. . How much does it cost the council for clearing up from fly tipping? Well you better increase that budget your going to get very busy.
- If the grey bins are paid for people will stop using them, and people will stop doing gardening this will hurt the local economy and will reduce wide-open as nobody will want to pay to get rid of the waste after its been free to remove for so many years in our area
- Households cannot afford additional charges. Flytipping will increase resulting in additional charges for council to clean up anyway. Continue with part collections through the year as part of the council tax service already paid for otherwise decrease the council tax
- Again the questions in some sections are loaded to get the response that we are willing to pay, I'm not. At a time when we have little spare money you want to charge us more money ..?? Yet again more money for less service. I have to point out that I was not in favour of being forced into a unitary authority due to borough council mismanagement, my should my service deteriorate due to incompetence??
- Given the high prevalence of fly tipping in the area I think making an extra charge would encourage more of this.

The extra burden of living costs each and everyone will be expected to pay out from April will lead to again more fly tipping, neglect of gardens, more burning of rubbish which is not good for our carbon footprint, if one has to take the garden waste to the local tip, again we will be using our cars to do so, which we are supposed to avoid.

- I think having to pay a subscription charge would mean that fewer people would use the service and fly tipping would become more of a problem. Providing a free service from March to November only would be more cost effective and fly tipping would be unlikely to increase.
- I am worried that people will start dumping their garden waste rather than pay a subscription charge. There will be longer queues at the waste centres, especially at the weekend when most cut their grass, adding to the pollution with car fumes. You can't leave it until Monday as the centre is shut Monday and Tuesday by which time your grass cuttings are turning to a smelly heap.
- You should not charge for one garden waste bin. Maybe a small charge for a second bin is ok. I pay £300 council tax a month and feel that I get very poor value for money as it is without paying more. If you make black bins smaller AND start charging for garden waste then that's a double whammy. I believe fly tipping will increase tenfold if you do this.
- As I have already said, fly tipping will increase.
- If you change the frequency then I am sure garden waste would either be fly tipped or hidden in black bins by some.
- I think if a charge was made there would be a lot more fly tipping and untidy gardens in any area that families already struggle with council tax, rent, gas, electric, food prices all rising. There are many families already struggling and going without heating already.
- I think you would get a lot more people burning stuff at home which can cause upset to neighbours and may see people abusing this! Especially during the summer months when people are out in the garden more! I think it would lead to more complaints to the council and increase fly tipping as people won't want to queue at the tips in the summer. This is going to be the first summer in two years where people can enjoy it without any restrictions would be a shame to smell constant bonfires.
- Fly tipping and burning. To avoid don't charge separately.
- Awful that there has been this inequity for so long already.
- This isn't speculation this is from experience....
there are people who may only use garden waste once per year, to charge them 40+ upwards wouldn't be fair in my opinion and I do believe it would lead to more fly tipping of garden waste.
- More fly tipping.
- I think we all pay enough for our services as it is, with everything else going up people will decline the option of paying for anything extra, which in turn will create more problems with people simply putting all their waste in the black bin or simply dumping it. Not everybody has an area in their garden to have a compost bin either.
- I see this as a money making scheme if you bring this in you will get neighbours using others bins, fires, and encourage road side dumping. You haven't taken into consideration people that have garden animals and their waste.
If you are thinking of charging people to use your service is there then going to be a decrease in council tax for people with just black bins?
- Increased fly tipping.
- If the garden waste was just collected during growing season, perhaps a reduced price should be charged. We pay for the service and our garden waste bin hasn't moved for months as we don't put anything in it from Nov through to March usually.
- I know that you have to consider costs but once again the people most affected will be the older and poorer people.
How will an older couple cope with no car to take waste away to the tip, no room to compost and no extra money to pay to take it away. I bet you put up council tax as well.
Just provide the service from March to September.
- Lots of people cannot afford this due to all other bills increasing. It may cause vermin in gardens.

- Fly tipping would increase at a greater cost to the council
- Imposing additional charges on land owners, particularly now, will cause additional and unnecessary financial stress. Many will see this 'consultation exercise' as a cynical way of increasing local taxation, by hitting those residents who can't avoid it. Apart from vermin increases, another consequence will be an increase in the fly tipping of garden waste, which all tax payers will have to pay to clear up. A better way forward would be to set minimum standards for removing waste from land and then fining heavily those residents and land owners who do not meet those standards. If residents and land owners refuse to meet the councils' standards, councils should clear the waste and then charge residents and land owners the full cost. Free garden waste collections for all, and big fines for those who can't be bothered to keep their land tidy, would be a much better way forward than charging everyone, effectively punishing those of us who do keep their land tidy.
- Gardens provide health benefits to many and environmental benefits to all who live in the borough.
This subscription proposal is a very inappropriate way for the council to consider covering the green waste service.
This should be covered under the general council tax charge throughout the whole area.
- Again, pay as you go. If you use the service you pay. If everyone pays, this is not fair on those who have no garden. Pay per garden size, if you have a big garden you are more likely to need the service. The small amount we have each year composts down over winter, so we would not, and never have, used the service.
- If you make a charge, and people don't want to pay but still have garden waste, then it will get dumped anywhere.
This will have health consequences, and cost more to clean up in the long term.
- I can see that if you charge a lot more will be dumped on the side of roads this happened and is still happening when the tips don't open seven days a week like they use to. I have the garden waste what you generate into compost do you make money for that? Brixworth tip use to when I bought compost from them years ago
- If the garden waste collection is no longer free I think you'll get quite a lot of people that don't want to pay, and then they will just put their grass cuttings in the black bin, or go dump them somewhere causing more work for you!
I think reducing the collection to March to November is a good cost saving idea
- In our annual council tax we pay for waste collection as a whole, now you want to separate it and charge more to people who already walk a tight line with money!
- This will cause more fly tipping if charges are implied by people. You see an increase cost for clearing this up with people refusing to pay for waste they want rid of so this will just add to our streets being more untidy
- There will be more fly tipping which will cost the council more to remove and some people will just have fires in their gardens more.
Don't change it.
- I could potentially be/still paying for a service I don't use
- The questions are worded cleverly to get the results NNC are obviously wanting ... ie move toward a subscription service. In a democratic society such attitude is absolutely wrong. Arguing that it paid subscription will reduce number of vehicles and save climate is flawed. It is not going to reduce the garden waste. If it is not collected by the council then people will either dispose illegally or burn it that is more bad.
And if only one person in a street requires a collection a refuse vehicle still has to drive down that street. So your fuel saving & less vehicles argument falls down immediately. Actually making the collections whether subscribed or not less efficient.

- More flytipping will be encouraged
- 1. Much more fuel will be used by going to the tip to dispose of garden waste, so not very environmentally friendly.
- 2. If the service is taken away then there will be an increase in fly-tipping which the council will have to pay for.
- 3. This extra charge will be an extra burden on people who can't afford the increase, this may cause some residents a lot of stress.
- 4. This extra charge will discourage people to look after their gardens so there will be a lot more untidy gardens in the county.
- 5. We already pay a large amount for Council Tax which includes garden and household refuse collection, so if this proposal goes through everyone in the county should be receiving a decrease in their council tax bills.
- 6. Many people love their gardens, it's their place to relax, a lot of elderly residents can only get as far as their gardens and by bringing them this extra charge we will see a lot more mental health issues, especially within the older community.

- Fly tipping, people using others bins, or disposing of it illegally or just dumping it and causing an eye sore
- There should not be an additional charge per bin - if you're going to do it, it should be a flat charge.

Also, I said likely for all potential costs bands because our income can cover that. Others may not. Will we see a deduction in our council tax rate if you remove this service, if not, you can't very well say its unfair as some people do use it and don't.

- I feel that with rising living costs now is not the time to bring in charges for garden bins normal households cannot afford it therefore it would lead to people dumping/tipping their garden waste if you do need to bring in a charge maybe it should be on the size of plot
- We cannot afford to pay any more to the council due to increasing bills. This waste would have to go in the black bin which is such a shame. SELL the garden waste collected to a composting company.
- People will fly tip or put in black bins which you don't want them to
- People will just dump the waste or put it in neighbour's bins. How will the collectors know who the bin belongs to?
- The government and the local councils have for a number of years encouraged householders to recycle garden waste. To add another charge for this service on top of the existing council tax will have a very negative affect on householders attitude towards recycling garden waste. Our green bin is usually 75% plus, filled every 2 weeks during the growing season. Composting at home is not an option for us. We also do a lot of pruning in the winter months so that waste would need to go somewhere. Maybe a service every 4 weeks during the winter months would be more pragmatic and cost efficient service.
- I think most people of larger gardens wouldn't have much choice,my mother being one of them. However, I think that garden waste being "dumped" should be thought about along with the other fly tipping that's happening.

Most people would only use the service March to November anyway.

With all the added financial pressure at the moment I think people would say no to the price and find "other" ways to get rid of the waste, which could mean the council paying for picking up the waste at their own cost.

Unless you have a specific time/date where the tip or skips can be used by households for garden waste but I'm not sure that would work either.

You may find black bins start to be used for garden waste which then could cause other waste issues.

- I think this would have a negative impact on local residents. Although I agree it should be the same for all. I don't believe collections need to be all year and the offset of the reduction of those collections may cover the increase for those in east Northants to have a free collections over the spring summer months.
- Making people pay will encourage fly tipping and our area already has a big problem with that. It'll also encourage people to put waste in the wrong bin.
Cost of living is rising across the board and this is a further blow. Currently our council tax is inflated so that we don't pay a subscription and I can guarantee you won't reduce it to reflect the subscription charge if its introduced. It might not seem a lot of money to yourselves on your wages, but what about those who are already struggling.
- Just leave the grass waste on the lawn, which the council do with there waste
- The cost of rubbish collection including garden waste is included in the council tax which is enough as it is , cost of living and fuel and heating is going up so much but wages are not and most people can't afford anymore charges going up !!!! There should NOT be extra charges put in place !!!!!
- Charging without improving facilities at the waste recycling centres will lead to an inevitable increase in fly tipping which will increase clear up costs.
- Many people are already struggling to pay for fuel, food etc, this is an extra burden for people on low wages or benefits at a very difficult time.
- Some people would struggle to be able to pay.
- Also not everyone has transport
Put a charge on council tax of a pound a month for every one .
- I think if you start charging a lot of people will put their garden waste in their black bins causing more problems.
- I think once a month , one bin for garden waste March -November for all , split amongst everyone..no extra charges regardless of weather you use the service.
If you are going to start charging different groups of people differently ..then u challenge that of there are more than 4 people per hone they need to be surcharged too ? No ... well then let's keep it the same for all !!
- I believe if you stop free garden waste collection this will lead to fly tipping which in the long run will actually cost council's more to clean up the waste over the year. Charging people is a shortsighted attitude and garden waste services should be free to all households as the cost of administration of the scheme also has a cost implication.
- If you don't provide a garden waste service free of charge, there will be a lot more garden flytipping
- Having had the service for free since we moved here, a charge would be disappointing. Our garden is large enough to require the service, but too small to fit a compost bin into without stinking out our eating area. Our black bin waste has reduced a lot since we started putting our food waste into the green waste bin. A sweeping system, whilst easier for the council, is not as effective as recognising that townhouses with courtyards don't need the service, but houses with gardens do, and providing it on that detailed a basis.
- Households are being hit from every angle financially. This new charge will lead to households filling black bins or concealing in recycling bins.
Disposal fees for all waste should be in taxation - we pay for all other services this way regardless of whether we use them (Police, Fire etc), this should be applied across waste services too.
I currently do not pay as I live in a free area - our bins are rarely collected on the right day with more than half of 2021 collections being delayed by at least one day. I do not wish to pay more for a service that is already poor.

- Inflation, fuel prices, utilities,, ni increase and you want to charge more for residents to be “green”.
- Other residents who dont pay would secretly fly tip their garden waste if the bin was put out on the kerb side
- The way the questions are asked it looks like the council have already decided to bring in a charge
- My selection above is a genuine answer however I can assure you that if you change the current set up the council will end up with even more fly tipping issues around the county due to there being more traffic (thus increasing vehicle emissions travelling to and from) into the HWRC centres across the county which already run on shorter opening times due to cut backs. Fly tipping is already a huge issue around our village which is at a cost to the council and by adding yet another service the public have to pay for I feel this will make the situation worse. I don’t understand how some of the county get food waste collection ontop of general waste and recycling. If you were to introduce a charge to green waste collection how about offering a food waste collection service instead to encourage that from ending up in landfill.
- I think a subscription charge risks more dumping of garden waste in laybys etc. We would reluctantly pay the subscription but feel this is a unwise move. Many other county council services and subsidies are not based on a charge for use only and I feel all waste collection other than exceptional large items should be free to all council tax payeers equally.
- I think everyone should have the same service, however those who need more than one bin at their property should pay and the service should be all year not just in the growing season. However not everyone will agree and you will always upset some residents with any changes or subscriptions to this service. A sliding scale of subscriptions depending on the number if bins you have may be a solution and to make it fairer, why should someone with 1 bin pay the sane as someone with 2, 3 or 4?
- I don’t think everyone should on d be charged. What about people who have disabilities or don’t drive so they have no option but to pay extra for the collection service. Money is already stretched at the moment so to add another bill on top if that is unfair.
- I lived in Rushden previously without a green bin service and the affect on the local area was noticeable. People used to let grass cuttings etc pile up and break down in their gardens or they put it in the black bin which is the opposite of the purpose. The local tips are already incredibly busy and crowded, adding people who need to dispose of waste for free will add pressure. Finally, with the rapidly rising costs of household bills, people wont be able to afford it. Change the months in Corby and Kettering to cut costs. Extra bins pay a subscription service.
- I would not want to pay for two bins, but we do often need them. If the cost cover both I would be happy to pay, we do have a large garden.
- I think that actually most people who have not had to pay for this will not sign up, many people cannot afford it. I already have to pay for mine as I live in the East Northants area, I've never found this fair.
From this I think that if subscription comes into place for those non paying communities there will be a lot of fly tipping and neglect of gardens,
I suggest large skips/bins in areas on local estates or communities that are easily accessible for the community to use which are collected regularly and can take all kinds of garden waste from trees to grass cuttings which is then turned into compost or bark chipping and sold back to the community cheaply to fund it
- If people had to pay for garden waste some may choose not too and dump it along the roadside instead
- Council tax continues to rise all the time yet we rarely see anything for it and now you want to take this simple service away from us.

- We already pay to have our household waste removed and disposed of.
With the rising cost of living (fuel cost, food cost etc) households are being squeezed so hard this feels like another rise that is untimely and excessive
People will use unlicensed contractors with cheaper rates, which in turn will cost NNC more to remove
- The council should use the waste for energy or compost etc so the the service is cost neutral without charging tax payers additional money for it
- We already pay a high council tax which definitely is not value for money ! This service should be included in the already ridiculously high fee we pay especially at a time when most families are struggling to survive due to every bill increasing !
If a fee is brought in I think the council will see an increase in fly tipping . I certainly will not pay a fee for an already substandard bin collection service!
- I think it is unfair to charge residents for the garden waste service. Costs have risen for everything else and it's unfair to charge residents more when we already pay towards refuse collection through our council tax. I would be happy to reduce our service to only be collected during the growing season. If charges are implemented the risk of fly tipping will increase.
- I don't feel a charge should be introduced - council tax is already increasing every year and we are receiving less services.
The green waste bin should be emptied once a fortnight without any additional charges ! And this is something all areas should adopt.
Instead of Kettering and Corby introducing a charge why don't the other areas scrap it!! And give something back to residents.
- It worries me that people would choose to avoid an extra charge and put their garden waste into their black bin
- People will not dispose of waste in the best way, lead to fly tipping, fires etc.
- There will be grass cuttings and garden waste dumped everywhere to join the many items of furniture and rotting mattresses that have only appeared since free collections of bulky items was stopped. I use the term 'free' loosely because we pay already in our Council Tax. The collection of these irresponsibly dumped items, and there are many, must cost a small fortune to remove individually compared to the income generated.
- Reducing the service will just cause more problems elsewhere, such as fly tipping or incorrect waste disposal.
As a compromise I would suggest reducing the service to the growing season.
But keep it paid by general taxation.
No subscription fees!!!!
- It would be a negative impact as money already short and being stretched. It could be avoided by scrapping this stupid charging idea!
- It would affect people's mental health and emotional wellbeing
As people can only just put food on tables
It would stop people enjoying their gardens and become isolated
- Having read the questions in this survey I feel like you are going to implement this scheme regardless of any of our opinions and I don't know why any of us are bothering to fill this in.
- you are already aware of fly tipping caused by your policy of closing tips on certain days, this would just add to the problem. Furthermore people would just dump garden waste in the black bins, how does that fit with your environmental policies
- More fly tipping. People are struggling to pay for gas and food at the moment without paying for waste disposal as well. I feel very strongly about this. It is a discrimination against people with gardens and people who enjoy gardening. Are you going to start charging people for other hobbies too like using the skate park or tennis courts?

- I think charging people at this time for this service is disgusting and particularly to start this year. Instead of this, I would recommend that the council helps people to prepare to compost the garden waste. Give households guidance on how to do it and provide a compost bin or whatever is used to keep garden waste in. Also, what do we do with the compost? Maybe the council could 'buy back' compost to be used on communal areas?
- People may just flytip their garden rubbish or not take care of their gardens at all. People may not be able to afford a charge and don't have a way to get rid of the rubbish themselves.
- I think introducing payment in areas that don't have it would increase fly tipping of garden waste
- Offer residents hot bin compost bins to purchase at a discount from the council, which are made in Wellingborough, to promote home composting and reduce fly tipping or green waste going into land fill.
- Many people already seem to have a huge disregard for the environment. Fly tipping, littering etc. You will be encouraging the disposal of garden waste in with household waste.
- The recycling centre would need to open 7 days a week for all those extra people travelling to it that don't have a bin
- Fly tipping could increase
- NNC needs to be committed to being a sustainable and green authority, not a service cutting authority. Charge for extra bins or provide euro style waste bins in hard to reach area.
- I currently use my one brown bin and do not pay extra for the service. I do not qualify for the rebate of £150 to help out with rising cost of fuel. Therefore to be charged for a service I have included within the tax I pay already would impact me financially which will result in me opting not to have my brown bin anymore and disposing of garden waste in my black bin.
- This question is weighted towards payment
Where does the cost of the service fit alongside, things like provision of bike lanes I don't use, schools and swimming baths I don't use?
- I think it would increase fly tipping of green waste.
It would also increase visits to the tip as I feel people will be unwilling/unable to pay the charge. My mum's council charge for green waste removal and only 20% of the street pay, everyone else goes to the tip.
In paying our council tax we are all subsidising services that we may or may not use!
- I think you should keep the service free but only offer during growing season.
- Obviously with the extreme rise in cost of living, some people may be tempted to dump garden waste if the Council charges too much - resulting in costs of clearing tipping for the Council. Can the Council not compost the waste and either use it in parks etc or sell it?
- Risk of fly tipping, which council would have to clear away anyway so keeping bins for free would save this.
- I think people would tip Rubbish on the street
- We pay council tax. People are fed up with this nonsense. We are being ripped off. Maintain our services.....that is your job.
- Charging extra will encourage people to burn their garden waste. This impacts me negatively even though I do not have a garden.
- Elderly would find this the last straw with limited finance.
Just march to November and still free is the cheapest option in every way.
- Charging increases fly-tipping and use of un-licensed waste carriers therefore costing council more in the long run. Making areas look unsightly and increase in vermin. Burning of rubbish in my area has increased since charge was started that also causes problems with people's health and well-being.
- Fly tipping (which is already a big issue in rural areas) will increase without a doubt.

People will put their garden waste into their general waste bins.

It is short sighted of the council to think otherwise especially at a time when every day costs are increasing substantially for everyone.

- Stop trying to fix a system that doesn't need fixing
- People will abuse this and put stuff in neighbours bins! Very poor idea
- It would lead to a lot of fly tipping and the estate looking a mess as most of houses have a bush for boundary that would be overgrown
- Fly tipping is bad enough , but you will exaserbate situation with garden waste being dumped too
- It could lead to people mixing rubbish in the black bin. Flytipping, people dumping waste in someone else's bin.
- increase in fly tipping
- I think this proposal will lead to trees, bushes & grass being removed from gardens.
- Burning causes pollution, putting it in the black bin means it will be going to landfill rather than being recycled into compost. The opening times and what you can take have left me to stop using local recycling centres. These need to open more. Fly topping in my area has increased and will only get worse if a charge is implemented
- I think by charging people will not want to pay and will dispose of it in a black bin! When we pay council tax it is assumed that this will be included and people feel annoyed at the separate charge
- The whole charge I think you will find people pull out of the scheme and then fly tipping will increase.

My garden isn't that big and some are huge so why should I pay as much as someone with a larger garden who produces more. Try reducing the amount of collections first.

- If people can choose to pay or not - fly tipping and using other peoples bins would increase a lot.?
- A lot of people would hide it in black PLASTIC bags and put it in the black bin. Others would fly tip it. Those with vehicles might take it to the local tip but those with little money would struggle. Providing every household with a compost bin might help but again might be difficult for the elderly or disabled to handle.
- Putting people in a very difficult position financially to avoid putting garden waste in the black bin to save the council money. People could sign up to have their bins emptied with no fee, to avoid the collection vehicle driving to every house?
- A "free" service funded by general taxation provides an amenity not just to those who use its services, but also to those who suffer the negative effects of fly-tipping, frequent bonfires and other antisocial ways of disposing of garden waste. It should be regarded as an important amenity, not just a luxury provision for those who wish to pay for it.
- Fly tipping will increase
- Regrettably there would be considerably more fly tipping.
- This will lead to increased volumes of illegal waste dumping that will ultimately lead to increased costs for tidying up than if the council had just harmonised The Borough of Wellingborough with the other authorities of North Northamptonshire
- I think for elderly people on limited income it will be a problem what with the cost of living in general going up they can't afford to feed or heat let alone another charge for a bin
- The Councils of North and West are new, so I know you have a giver loan to pay back but if you put in extra charges from the start you will never have the backing of the people, it will cause a massive negative impact from the start.
- I fear that charging for garden waste disposal could lead to more fly tipping which is already a growing problem.

- This will result in more fly tipping.
- Nobody can afford the pay additional fees right now. Fly tipping will be horrendous and public health will be affected.
Collections should not require a subscription. Collections should be reduced to once a month.
- More fly tipping. Putting waste in black bin's which will lead to bin not being emptied then the smell and vermin.
- More charges for any waste collections just lead to more fly tipping. This will only increase this once more
- More fly tipping and waste being put in the wrong bin. Not every household has the means to take their garden waste to the local tip.
- If we start charging people with my end I've been more rubbish dumped along the side of the roads
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- My husband works abroad, I have 2 small children. I cannot put the seats down in my car and take rubbish to the tip as there would be no one to look after our girls.
My house is rented so I can't let the garden over grow. I would be forced to use the service. As I wrote earlier we already pay a higher Council tax with no additional benefits to those on lower bands who may not have a garden. This service should continue to be provided by the council as one of the remaining perks we have.
- Cost of living is rising massively at the moment. Electricity, Gas, Petrol etc.
And you choose now to try and implement a charge for refuse collection!!
Simply Wow..
Isn't council tax high enough already
- Fly tipping would increase. Queues to tip would increase. Increasing our carbon footprint from cars being used.
- I would pay under sufferance. It's another strain on household budget but I could find the funds.
There is a strong risk garden waste would be put in with general waste and go to landfill.
Risk that residents will take less care of gardens making towns look untidy
- The negative impact would be that fly-tipping would increase exponentially with the cessation or additional taxation of the service.
- It would hit those already struggling financially.
It would probably increase fly tipping.
It would also mean some gardens would look untidy if people didn't have room in their normal bin.
- Further Charging for garden waste removal will encourage fly tipping.
Costing the council more to clear in the long run. Causing vermin and unsightly mess in communal spaces.
The current council tax already includes removal of garden waste which is the best solution.
- If people had to pay a subscription, there would be an increase in fly tipping. Keep the garden waste collection as is or increase limits on trips to the household recycling sites.
- If you charge for green waste collection, people will fly tip as they do in East Northants as they have to pay !!!!
- People won't maintain their gardens or will just put it in the black bin.
Disgusting to charge people for this service when we pay enough council tax and some people are already crippled by costs of bills
- Perception.....Those who currently get the service funded via taxation will not like moving to a subscription model and this may increase fly tipping as they seek to avoid what they perceive as additional charges. A small reduction in taxation for the affected communities and clear

explanation that all households get the reduction but only those who need the garden waste service need to subscribe may offset this perception.

- Corby Recycle centre is no able to cope with peak demand. We saw this numerous times throughout the pandemic where cars were queuing on the bend and being turned away. Even cause the site to close due to the danger.
- Any extra bills at a time of cost of living crisis is pathetic, people will be struggling just to keep their head above water, they are choosing between heating and eating and you want to make it harder for people. Plus charging extra for green waste cause more fly tipping at a greater cost to the council. If NNC goes down this path just proves the council still can't manage it's finances after year of miss management.
- It would lead to dumping. We already pay for roadside collection through our council charge. This is just an increase. The cost of clearing up dumping and cleaning roadside drains will outweigh any savings
- Do not single out parts of your council duties many pensioners enjoy their gardens but have low incomes

Maintain your present commitments and increase the council charge for everyone

If everyone pays the increase is reduced

- The option to burn, is it illegal to have bonfires now in residential areas?
- Many will not pay and some will put their waste in the black bin or fly tip it
- Fly tipping on the C31 Mawsley Lane is very bad all year round! paying for garden waste collection will only exacerbate fly tipping in the area and surrounding villages. I may have a different attitude to paying a subscription if the roads and verges in Mawsley were adopted by NNC. We have been waiting for 20 years!
- I don't have a y body to take garden waste to the tip I am a pensioner
- I would burn my garden waste if there was no free collection which would impact the environment
- If the service is charged for there will be more fly tipping at a greater cost to the council. If we take stuff to the tip we are limited on the amount of trips so a change needs to be instigated if we are to save money and meet environmental targets. It's just poor use of resources by the council which adds to everyone's money problems. Please make a stand and dont charge. Allow more use of the tip and this will stop a lot of fly tipping.
- If garden waste is taken to the recycling centre the council will still have to pay to recycle it. Fly tipping will increase and poorer households will be disadvantaged. This is not equitable and is actually discrimination. Poorer households may also not have access to other means of disposal
- Gardening is one of the things I still enjoy in my senior years. It gives me a purpose and helps with my mental balance. Without any disposal methods within my capability this will effect my mindset. Thank you
- An increase in the number of gardens being concreted or gravelled would affect drainage increase the risk of flooding in some areas and detract from the local environment.
- See previous comments around affordability.
- You haven't said how often they will be collected? How would Council run properties which have had densely planted communal areas forced on 7s work? We live in a block of 4 flats, with a massive communal area which takes a lot of looking after. We have ONE brown bin between 4 flats (we were told we were not allowed another) asn we are the ones which have to do the gardening as the other 3 residents are all elderly. We already have to pay a service charge fir "gardening services" which is a joke as they only appear once a year (although it's been more than 2 years now) so we have no choice other than to look out onto a jungle. We would be paying twice, but how do communal gardens work... would we have to split the charge between

4 households, 2 of which are housebound and can't use the garden? Sorry but too many unasked questions?

- Yes this would be negative. We pay over the odds for council tax and having ALL of our bins collected is part of this. Stop trying to rob people blind and start worrying more about the environment and using the money for council tax properly.
- Extra landfill and fly tipping. Extra cost at a time when people do not have extra money .
- The cost is at the moment included in council tax i presume ,to make a seperate charge i feel as i said earlier will lead to more roadside dumping of waste and many peoples incomes are stretched anyway.
- In my own area people dump garden waste if people won't pay then the dumping would increase.
- I have back and front garden from garden is large with hedge, s so I currently use 2 green bins But sometimes I only need to put one bin out Depends if hedges need cutting or not.
- Low income people
- Because of restriction there will be more fly tipping which costs more to clear. There has been dreadful waste of money in the council with expensive offices loans to football stadiums etc. Its time councillors were held responsible for this waste and started to work for us.
- People would put it in the black bin or fly tip it
- There would be more fly tipping and possibly disputes between neighbours who use others bins to dispose of their waste. The council should continue to provide this service but I would agree that it does not need to be an all year round service.
- Your just going to increase fly tipping by bringing this in
- All negative and will affect especially on those who have least. Has there been an equalities impact assessment done?
Environmental impact as duplicate travel - bin lorry passes door but residents drive to tip.
- Waste put in black bin and goes to landfill
Increase in fly tipping increases cost for council, and increased impact on rural communities. Rural communities live further from the tip.
Goes against principles of council services - if I have to pay for only the services I use then I want that applied to all services incuding those for Children, social care, etc.
Not everyone who has a garden is "well off". With the current cost of living rise this will be one more problem for those with the least.
Those paying will be reluctant to let those not paying to add to their bin when it is out so increased likelihood of neighbour disputes.
Increased likelihood of garden fires, which will adversely impact air quality and quality of life and lead to neighbour disputes.
Your payment proposition yet again has more impact on those who can least afford it - yearly/half yearly is not helpful.
Cost of collection and administration will likely surpass savings - has a cost-benefit analysis been done?
How will bin men know which houses are subscribed?
There are NO positives in this proposal.
- I stopped using the council garden collection service because it's cheaper to take it myself to the recycling centre than pay £55 a year.
I strongly feel it should not cost any extra and you will find if you start charging those that currently get it free the will stop and you may also find an increase of fly tipping due to not everyone being able to get to a recycling center. This would increase the councils out goings in clean up operations.

- More fly tipping
- See my previous comments regarding dumping of waste to green areas
- I am getting older and not so physically fit. Without a garden waste collection, I would struggle to dispose of all of my green waste any other way. This is discriminating against the elderly and disabled.

I SUGGEST YOU INVESTIGATE THE ABUSE OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM, MANY HOUSEHOLDS HAVING MULTIPLE BLACK, BROWN AND GREEN BINS COLLECTED EACH WEEK. DO THEY GET CHARGED EXTRA FOR THIS EXTRA SERVICE. I RARELY FILL MY BLACK BIN, IT IS OFTEN ONLY A QUARTER FULL - I GET NO DISCOUNT FOR THIS. THE WHOLE SYSTEM IS VERY UNFAIR.

- We were told the creation of 2 new councils would save us money after the NCC's last bankruptcy. Stuff like this ain't really selling it. Implement it and you're going to get mixed recycling and flytipping.
- Unfortunately, I believe that much more waste would be added to the "black bin".
- Not collecting "free of charge" during March to November I think would have a negative impact on the the environment as people would dump roadside and leave for others to clear up . it isn't free we pay for it through our council tax and if all pay anyone can use at any time . Not everyone has a car or ability to take garden waste to the dump.
We need to respect our country it already has too much litter and difficulties to get to and dispose of garden or household waste. We should be making it easier and having it within the one council tax fee a year .
- I have already made my comments in this survey
- Back garden fires, smoke, fly tipping ,
- This will cause more fly tipping
- I think it would accelerate fly tipping 100%. Unscrupulous people will put all their waste in black sacks and dump it wherever they can. People can ill afford anymore expense. Keep it free but cut out the winter months when the service is not needed.
- More rubbish on our already littered streets. Black bins being used for garden waste. Massive increase in Fly tipping.
- Although I am able to afford to pay, many households won't be able to afford to pay any more, particularly during these hard financial times. I feel there will be a lot of fly tipping of garden waste. Certainly anyone who receives financial help with council tax, or who is exempt should be exempt from any extra charges.
- This could open a whole can of worms for the council
I.E
People with insufficient street lights
Parking
Pot holes
Ect
- If additional charges are brought in People may stop maintaining their gardens, or dumping the rubbish which could cause bigger issues such as fly tipping and encourage rats etc
- Stop the collection and making people pay for it would start fly tipping of Garden waste.
- Increase in fly tipping.
More carbon emissions from trips to the recycling centre.
- Disgusting that you want to get more money from people my council tax bill is ridiculously high and just adding to it is outrageous.
- To avoid negative impact leave this area alone.
- The introduction of the charges will no doubt increase flytipping in the area!

- Create more flytipping which in turn would still have to be collected by council
This would also create an environmental impact on the countryside.
- The grass areas in front of properties currently cut by Homeowners would cease .
- I'm concerned there would be more 'fly' tipping.
- As I said previously, my council tax already includes a charge for garden waste. If you start to charge separately for this then I expect my council tax to reduce by the same amount. otherwise I will not use the service.
- Will definitely lead to more fly tipping.
People can barely afford to heat their home let alone paying extra for a garden bin on top of council tax.
- Like I said the council tax has gone up a lot and we should not be charged for garden waste collection unless we have more than one bin, it's not affordable for some people who are already struggling
- I think charging people more when they already pay a surcharge for bin collection (via council tax) that it will lead to more fly tipping which is already an issue and people will put their green waste in the black bin instead causing more issues.
- A lot of people may consider burning the waste which would not be good for the environment.
- I believe that subscription charges would lead to more individual trips to tips and therefore more costs environmentally, and there would be a lot more fly-tipping (also with added environmental cost and costs to dispose of it by the Council).
- Garden Waste collection should be FREE across all areas of NNC for the period of this administration, so up to the next elections.
If a charge is introduced General Bins will be used and tonnage for general waste will rise.
People will travel and queue at HRCs
Fly Tipping, already a big problem, will get a lot worse
The argument that people without gardens will pay for a service they don't use is totally irrelevant as people without children still pay council tax for children services, and non car owners still pay to fix potholes
- With the current state of the country and rising prices across the board this will push people towards the breadline. You will start to see people dumping their green waste outside properties and it will make neighbours and surrounding areas with more rubbish on the kerbside than there is already
- I use my bins for garden waste but also for walkways and open space that the Council should but do not maintain. Therefore depending on the outcome from the Consultation I may well have to stop this but will be expecting the Council to maintain it? So I do not feel additional bins should be charged for as doubt there are many that have such a facility.
- Those who care for their gardens will continue to care. Those who are casual gardeners, and only do it because the bin gets collected may stop doing so because of a subscription charge. The local authority needs to keep an eye on its tenants' gardens.
- Potential fly tipping of garden waste unless all homes have access to garden waste. This places extra burden on the council to remove.
- Could encourage flytipping,
- Fine fly tippers and use that to pay for it
- I think if you absolutely have to implement a charge it should not be on a subscription basis, whilst we do use our grey bin it is rarely full and I would potentially opt to have it collected less frequently, perhaps you could look at varying the charge based on the frequency of collection, or making it an advance booking system for collection. I would be reluctant to be paying for a service that I do not feel I have a full use for, but also do not want the service to be removed, my black bin is rarely full so I feel I would resort to just putting all my rubbish and garden waste into

that. Not everyone has the space to do their own composting and particularly smaller houses/terraced houses. I also think there's potential to cause neighbourly disputes by people using others bins that have paid; or by leaving waste piling up and causing rats/smells/eyesores, and even worse fly tipping which must be more costly than the arranged collections. I also think household are already facing extreme inflationary pressures and this will not be something prioritised in the current climate. You will see more garden waste in black bins and we should be reducing our landfill. Please do not go down this route, I cannot see any positives that can come out of this arrangement.

- Waste collection is part of council tax. I already pay this! This is an attempt to take additional money what other services are you going to start billing separately?

This will lead to increased fly tipping, already an issue in the County!

This will increase traffic, pollution and congestion with increased journeys to waste recycling centres.

More households will concrete their front gardens for parking, rear gardens to patios and this will increase pressure on waste water, flooding etc which will cost the council far more than garden waste collections!

This will reduce the greenery that preserves our atmosphere and lead to a return to the slum type conditions of the early 1900s where housing was back to back and pollution was a major health risk.

There are no easy solutions but this is not an answer

- Think this will lead to more fly tipping.
- More fly tipping, more bonfires
- I feel charging for garden waste will only increase fly tipping in the area, and result in extra work for the council workers to keep areas free of fly tipping
- I feel that there would be a rise in fly tipping as well as an increased financial pressure on homes/families as the cosy of everything is going up.
- As previously stated fly tipping would increase in some areas, with garden waste being included in general waste bins. The notion that residents could compost at home is simply not an option for most.

There is also people, pensioners for example, who simply cannot afford to pay an additional charge for a service currently provided free of charge!

- If a charge is made I don't think our tax bill would decrease as a consequence! At the moment the council provide excellent waste removable services I would not like garden waste to be left or collected by other firms who might not be as careful.
- If people are put off by the costs, you will have longer queues at the recycling centres which is negative on the air quality with cars sitting still.

Fly tipping is a huge problem in the county & has increased since these costs came in & then lockdown. I imagine it is a huge cost to continuously collect & dispose of this waste. It is dangerous where the fly tipping occurs on some country roads too.

Perhaps more people will change their garden spaces to reduce the amount of green to replace with patio/decking to alleviate cost of disposal of the waste. We should be protecting our garden spaces to encourage wildlife & also the mental health benefit that comes from gardening!!

- I feel it wouldn't encourage people to maintain green spaces for wildlife, insects and bees. The risk of dumping waste would be higher.

People will stop maintaining green areas and risk burning waste inappropriately.

- I disagree that a charge should be imposed on me for a service I don't use.
- I think 25pounds is about right just think of the millions you would collect from the areas that does not pay anything
- More fly tipping, dumping, garden fires, using black bag and put in black bin.

- Of course it will have a negative impact, families are struggling to afford rising costs of living as it is and Corby residents pay extra due to the corruption of the 'previous' Council - we are getting less but paying more. Stop forcing working people to pay more for less.
- You are encouraging people to burn garden waste or dump it. Neither is acceptable for so many reasons.
One bin is sufficient unless you pay extra. Any surplus can be taken to the local recycling centre.
- I think a lot of people can't afford to pay extra and there will be a lot of people fly tipping their garden waste, which in the future will cost the council more to clean up.
- The collection service is already paid for via the council tax, whether itemised or not. This service will continue to visit all streets, unless centralised collection points are created, similar to [Redacted] and [Redacted].
- I think that it needs to be fair across the whole area. If you start charging for garden waste above what is paid for now people will simply not pay and dispose of waste inappropriately. Council tax pays for many services I don't use - ie education, adult social care but I am still paying for it. Bearing in mind this is a new council area services need to be consistent and streamlined.
- I think composting should be encouraged but recycling is an essential service and taking that away is nothing but a bad thing.
- Garden waste will be put in black bins causing problems
- If more people are paying for the service the cost should reduce, although it should be free to everyone
- The reason the Council had to be split was due to poor management and poor decisions. Making people pay will cause issues later on, don't focus on the profit here. Make better use of the materials you collect, charging is a sign the council has learned nothing people in the county are already facing a hard time and all you are doing is adding to that hardship.
- Cost of living is rising enough without extra costs to factor in. Maybe when it gets passed (because we know it's going to happen if you're thinking of it) the introduction could be paused in order for things to settle down a bit, then more people may use the service. Think it's the wrong time to be asking people to consider making extra payments that are currently absorbed, along with council tax increasing again, and power, fuel, food etc etc increases.
- If payment for collection is charged more people will just collect and dump on roadside
- With everything increasing in price and wages not increasing, the money spent on the service could be make or break for some households. That money can make a huge difference in the way someone is coping financially.
- I agree that bins should only be emptied during growing season but then the council should do more to keep the streets free of leaves. Twice this winter I have filled my bin with leaves from the street and then had to dump them in my garden because the bin wasn't emptied.
- If charges are introduced it will encourage fly tipping; even if people take their waste to local recycling centres these additional journeys will increase pollution and increase the capacity needed by the recycling centres. More people will choose to burn their waste, again increasing pollution. To avoid these negative impacts, don't make a separate charge for collecting garden waste.
- We pay enough this will only encourage fly tipping
- I think to bring in a charge is hard given the current situation but to those of us who are limited with a disability what other option would we have but everything cost wise is on the increase and an additional cost has to be found
- Charging people to dispose of the most readily recyclable type of waste, especially vulnerable people is a ridiculous notion when prices are increasing across the board for a general standard of living, and wages are not rising to match this.

- Disposing of garden waste should be part of composting towards environmental need. The council should compost out waste the use on other sites across the county
 - I believe there would be more fly tipping and this is already bad enough
 - I pay enough council tax . Any increase would have impact on money left to buy food / pay other bills
 - If this goes through then i expect we will soon see a charge for the other bins. If that happens then we need a reduction in our council tax.
 - This will encourage fly tipping resulting in extra cost to the council
 - This is a stupid question! In a time where every single bill is increasing, some by more than 50% you suddenly propose to charge for a bin to be emptied! How do you think that will negatively impact people?!
- To Avoid it don't charge for a service which is already paid for by our increased council tax!
- The people that can't afford it will dumpitelsewhere
 - I think if you start to charge there will be an increase in fly tipping
 - Are councillors ready to deal with the slew of reports of fly tipping?
Is NN Council ready to promptly remove fly tipped waste?
 - At a time where rent, council tax and utilities have had a significant rise it just seems to be another things to squeeze out of residents. And it will lead to garden waste being fly tipped. Just drive around the estates and you'll see mattresses and fridge freezers on street corners because people won't pay to have them taken away.
 - It would have a negative impact
Garden waste will just be thrown anywhere and everywhere
We have enough issues with council tax increase national insurance increase and now electricity and gas . And you want to charge for this
Disgraceful
 - Collection only during the growing season would make much more sense as our garden waste bin stays empty from the end of September til March.
 - Just make it fair for all
Summer collection free for all to use we pay enough council tax
 - If we go down this route, I feel an urge to campaign to stop funding other areas our family do not benefit from. Which is ridiculous. We should be working for a common good
 - There will be more fly tipping
 - People would start concreting over their gardens or laying imitation grass, both of which would have a negative impact on the environment and flooding.
More fly tipping would result.
 - I feel a subscription charge for this service would affect the O.A.P community , as a extra charge for garden waste would impact them in a much harder way than a non O.A.P.
If a subscription charge was implemented then O.A.P's should get a discounted rate or or fully subsidised by the council .
 - Times are already hard with all bills and the cost of living going up. People are already struggling and if council tax goes up as well that is just adding to the problem. We have paid our council tax for years and bin collection has always been included. I think it's unfair to start charging extra for a service that we already have.
 - I believe that any proposal to charge extra for services when the council tax is supposed to be calculated on size of property, then expected refuse should be calculated to fit the council tax already being paid.
Any extra charges would, I think increase the fly tipping problem which the council will still have to pay for.

- If people composting at home saves the council money, can't you offer composting bins for sale at a reduced cost? You could buy in bulk and pass those savings on. I would buy one. Also, rats are attracted to compost bins so would you increase your pest control services? Or make them easier to access I wonder?
- With the increasing rise of costs around food shopping, gas and electric prices, petrol/diesel prices, and rent, to name a few - extra costs like bin collections becomes an extra most cannot afford. We are a low income family 2 out of the 3 residents of our home are registered disabled and cannot work.

We struggle to get by now, what will we do in the next 6 months when the cost of living is rising far more than the increase of benefits that is coming in April 2022.

- I believe there would be more fly tipping of garden waste.
- I can guarantee there would be more roadside waste as not all garden waste can be composted. Recycling centres are already way too busy and there would be a negative impact to the environment from people driving to waste centres in their individual cars. More CO₂ in the atmosphere would be the direct result from the irresponsible decision by the council should they decide to stop providing garden waste recycling and/or make an ADDITIONAL CHARGE in addition to the council tax allocated cost
- Without a shadow of a doubt you are yet again increasing the risk of fly tipping within the county which probably costs the council far more to deal with than just continuing with the current service.
- We pay too much already. Recycling should be free.
- Making us pay for garden waste collections would result in a deterioration of local environments as people find ways of coping with the loss of the free service.
I would also expect this to have a dramatic impact on voting intentions at the next local elections.
- more fly tipping!
- This is just another way to increase that tax and bring a yearly increase for households to above 4% increases and money from this would be diverted to other services we won't be told the truth but lucky the average person is not very clued up so will get away with it. Just try telling the truth
- Increased fly tipping
- People will burn the waste and there will be a higher rate of fly tipping which will end up costing
- Increased fly-tipping
- We have many beautiful open spaces in Northamptonshire, this is in danger of fly tipping increasing. You have the means of making household garden waste cost effective. Stop using the easy option, earn your wages, stop wasting council tax on trivialities and give the residents something to be proud of, instead of feeling taken for a ride.
- fly tipping of garden waste will be a more regular occurrence.
- I feel that it would lead to more fly tipping which is already a problem in the town. Many pensioners would struggle to pay with the pension not keeping rise with inflation, and unable to afford heating bills. If a charge is imposed I think the service should be all year not just summer.
- A huge increase in fly tipping which if you worked it out will cost more, have you not thought of this.
How much did fly tipping increase when the waste disposal sites only open a few days a week
?????????
- Fly tipping would increase if charges were to be introduced
- If you charge and optional people going to either not pay and burn rubbish or fly tip it. another scenario is to avoid charge people will pull up grass and lay astro turf or put down gravel or slabs and will pull out hedges and shove fences up. This will be a nightmare for the wildlife and in some areas could be ending up not maintained and scruffy broken fences. Corby has a lot of greenery at the minute but if you take away free hedgecuttings and grass collection it is going to

effect the environment around us for the water table causing flooding and affecting the wildlife and birds

- People will fly tip or put it in the black bin. Not the way we should be going in my opinion We should be making it as easy as possible to apply the correct waste streams
- Absolutely ludicrous to be asking people to pay again when we already pay council tax which includes our waste being removed.
- Garden waste will end up being burnt or put in the black bin
- People will fly tip. Households are already strained due to inflation/ gas/electric increases. Squeezing more out of people at this time would be a bad decision
- Older people on pensions cannot afford council tax never mind more for garden waste this will result in people letting gardens overgrow and dumping in other places causing hazard the local authorities have grey bins when it used to go in ordinary bins you can't make people recycle and then start charging extra for them doing it they will just get rid by other means
- With the cost of living already going up and up, something such as refuse collection of any kind should not be made a subscription service. My household do not have a car and would struggle to find an alternative solution. At the same time, I'm already paying approx 150 a month on council tax and for as long as I can remember this service has already been included. I think it's disgusting that you now want to implement this scheme to make even more money. Although, I'm not really sure where this money would be spent as Kettering is a dying town
- Garden waste needs to be collected all year round as many people still prune shrubs etc even during winter months. Winters are also shorter due to global warming. Everyone should pay for this service because if not there will be those who need it but refuse to pay and resort to fly tipping.
- We already pay for this service so why would I want to pay again for it
- I feel the main negative would be more dumping of garden waste.
As already commented I feel it is wrong to make a charge for one service and not apply the policy across the range of services ie parks, parking, dog bins. I never walk in my local park as the area is little more than a dog walkers area, with many of the dogs off lead, and poorly supervised.
I think it is negative to suggest other services will be adversely effected as the new councils were created to improve the inadequacies of the last council, not just look for ways to claw in more money now the era of keeping the lowest taxes in the country nonsense has departed. If the areas that used to have all year round services gave up the months of Dec - Feb it would help to pay for the areas that previously didn't have a service and avoid employing people to manage the collection of monies and clear up the resulting mess.
- There will be an increase in fly tipping or waste into land fill which impacts on our environment and costs for cleaning up , and using valuable space in land fill. It would also generate harmful gasses . So it seems more cost effective for one service to pick up and control rather than everyone. Especially with fuel cost increasing households will find ways to dispose of the waste and not necessarily going to the local recycling centers as cars and fuel may be prohibited due to current economic climate.
- I've already heard comments from residents in Northampton that they will simply disguise the waste and put it in their black bin!
Maybe a 2 tier system where those who have minimal waste only have half the collections at half the subscription (I would opt for this)
- I believe it would lead to an increase in fly tipping in the area.
- Electric, gas, petrol, diesel, food. All bills going up. For struggling families a subscription for garden waste is not something I think everyone will have the means to stretch to

- It will reduce recycling of garden and household compostable materials causing further pressure on landfill. It will have a negative effect on the environment.
- I think that if people had to pay a subscription for this service then it would lead to more fly tipping - only so much that can go in the black bin.....
- Cause more fly tipping
- I think an additional charge for this service would put people off. With rising costs of living and wages/benefits not going up, many households would struggle to pay.
As a result of this additional cost, many people would resort to fly tipping and burning their own garden waste. Therefore costing the council more money to clear away debris and costing the emergency services more in time and money. Not something that any service can afford to lose.
- Yes - people will fly tip more. They do this now with other rubbish because the tips have such restrictions now with times open and who can go.
- We would see more gardens being left untended as people are unable to afford to have waste collected. Or do not have access to means for disposing of it correctly, meaning more flytipping along our green spaces
Gardening is great for mental health and also physical exercise, especially for our older generation who often view their garden as motivation to keep active. Young children benefit from having safe areas to play without the fear of gangs, older children or drug dealers and having gardens not fit for purpose will push the older generation inside, and the younger children towards iPads and televisions
- Increased fly tipping
- We do not have room for a composter. Compost heaps have to be managed. The cost of implementing and running a payment system, coupled with the costs of clearing up extra fly tipping, would beat up any subscription fees.
- Charging for garden and food waste disposal will inevitably mean that with current pressures on household budgets, many will not be able to pay it, and many more will choose not to. Thus garden waste will be disposed of in far less eco-friendly ways, possibly increasing fly-tipping. The idea of charging for any additional bins sounds like a good idea though, particularly as the majority of those people will have large gardens, and will presumably be more affluent and able to afford it. If any charge is introduced, it should be linked to ones council tax band.
- If the free collection of garden waste was removed and you had to pay instead, then I feel there would be a big increase in fly tipping, which is not unusual as it is. Surely this would cost more for the council to deal with that collecting the garden waste from peoples homes.
- None. If people are going to go to the trouble of packing the car to fly tip they can continue to the recycling centre. To argue they'd fly tip instead is ridiculous. The recycling centres are free.
- I think that households who currently do not pay for the service will not be too happy about having to pay for the service. But in order to harmonise the service and be completely fair to all households using the Garden Waste Service a lower fee than is currently charged in the East Northamptonshire area might make it more acceptable to them.
- When a service has previously been provided by Corby Council i feel it completely unfair that we should be charged extra now we are divided into 2 areas. People will opt not to pay but will then fly tip their waste, therefore impacting residents, countryside and neighbourhoods. DONT charge for waste collection, just restrict it over the winter months.
- Gardens would become untidy as people wouldn't bother to do them.
Dumping would become a problem.
- If you charge you should make it more affordable by splitting the payments like council tax into 10 payments rather than 2 as everything is going up and to afford lump sums even of £30.00 for low paid people would be difficult where £60.00 ÷ 10 would be more affordable
- People will start dumping garden waste in woods and countryside

- There would be more fly tipping.
Some people would cut their grass/prune bushes etc less often and this would make the neighbourhood unattractive and unkempt.
More people would burn waste in their garden.
More people would remove grass turf and plants from their garden and replace it with paving slabs, pebbles or fake grass which is not good to the environment, drainage or local insects.
More people will put this waste in their black bins.
More people will take garden waste to the tip which is already busy and create unnecessary journeys/car pollution.
This is just another way to unfairly tax the hard working wealthy who are already paying higher council tax because they have a more valuable house with a garden.
- Introducing a subscription would increase fly tipping
- I think bringing a charge in for garden waste collection would be terrible for finedon.
It certainly wouldnt be kept so tidy. Not just peoples private gardens but all green waste. There are big trees in front of our house and there is always lots to tidy up. (Which we don't mind doing) but it's not our responsibility.
If we had to pay to clean the place up it would be a bit of a kick in the teeth.
Finedon is a beautiful village, I'd hate to see that change.
- I feel there would be a negative impact on the environment, as the garden waste can and should be recycled. There will also be a negative impact on the environment as users who take their waste to household recycling centres will lead to more vehicles making that journey rather than just the councils fleet once a week. On a positive note my gardens not too big and with one less bin in my garden will be a benefit for space and look.
- The brown bin is collected only every two weeks
There should not be a further charge
Flytipping & bonfires (both of which are annoying and bad for the environment) will become more common if there is a charge
- It would encourage fly tipping and people would use their black bins.
- The negative impact would be lots of waste dumped at the side of the roads. As it would rot down I doubt the council would collect it there would be more vermin and unsightly countryside
- If you introduce a payment scheme you will see some people who can't afford it and all it will achieve is more fly tipping. Should be included in the council tax, I don't have children but have had to contribute towards schooling
- People would be more likely to use their black bins
- If a charge is levied there will be a great increase in fly tipping! A big enough problem at the moment. Extra fly tipping will likely cost more than keeping the collection service as it is!
- Without the bin collections I would have no way to dispose of my garden waste. I have no transport so the recycling centre would be unavailable to me. A compost box would be of no use to me as the majority of my garden is established plants.
- We already see yearly increases with council tax. Waste collection is part of that so why should we pay extra especially as the green waste is taken away, composted and sold on.
- How often bins would be emptied? In my case it's enough once a month or once in two months.
- Cost of living us already rising making this subscription based will find not many take it up
- A negative impact would cause lots of people to burn there rubbish or fly tip. I don't have transport and cannot get to recycling center so I would burn mine.
- Charging will encourage tipping which is already increasing.
- Subscription would be a terrible idea, and only encourage greater black bin use and/or potentially dangerous bonfires

- Timing is shocking with the current economic climate I can't believe NNC would even consider this. Some people will stop cutting the grass and areas will become unsightly.
- We already pay. STOP TRYING TO ROB US
- Many households do not have the space to house their bins already. Especially in area's of terrace streets. They are left on the street. What stops people disposing of garden waste in bins that do not belong to them? Also if we are going down this route you will surely have to do it for all services you provide therefore as I do not use any library or museum services will I be able to opt out of paying in my council tax that goes towards running these services?
- I suspect there would be more fly tipping. There would certainly be more bonfires. There will be more untidy gardens. The grey bin system, because it is so effortless, has educated those residents that didn't bother to keep their gardens tidy.
- We pay council tax for refuse collection already and it is the desire to recycle that created so many coloured bins.
If you introduce a charge I can see people using the other bins for there waste or at worst fly tipping
- More fly tipping. More cars going to recycling centre. More green waste in black bins.
- People simply cannot afford any more fees due to the already huge raise in cost of living. It would be unfair to introduce such a thing now especially as people already pay a large amounts for council tax
- There would be an increase in fly tipping, which is bad enough already.
Should therefore continue to include it in the annual rates charge, as an OAP I would find it difficult to dispose of my garden waste by any other means.
- People will just dump there garden waste in the street as they do with other items. This will then especially in summer be fire hazards.
- Fly tipping would increase. Should not have to pay any more than council tax shar
We are pensioners, income is fairly limited. Do not drive and only put a small amount in bin. Seems unfair to have to pay
- Nearest HWRC is 20-mile round trip. Using it would have detrimental environmental impact. This would be negated by NNC offering a free garden waste collection service.
- I think some people will fly tip rubbish, or put in the black bin.
- We already pay for council services which we are not getting. Our tax is already high and to add more for a service that is beneficial to the council and the environment is not acceptable.
Households will resort to dumping garden waste or removing the garden altogether. Which have a negative impact on the environment and the council will still have to pick it all up. Stop being greedy and provide yhe services we pay for in our already high tax bill!
- The only way things will be positive, is if it's free. People are struggling enough, without extra costs to households.
- It would only be fair to apply the same scheme across the whole of the local authority. I don't see that any increase of charge would be required if 2 of the 4 areas (Kettering and Corby) had reduced service over the growing period - saving 8 months of total collections, to provide those 8 months of service to the former East Northants area
- I think people are struggling enough with rising costs so I think fly tipping, especially around here will increase considerably.
- Increased fly tipping
- You can cut costs by only collecting garden waste between March & November my garden waste bin is not used during the winter. You need to be careful and factor in any fly tipping costs as I think it's proved with general waste you limit times / days and charge for dispose people just dump it then you have to pay contractors to clear costing more that it would have done in the

first place. Also compost collected could be used by councils for municipal gardens etc another cost saving from having to buy compost

- I think charging could result in an increase in both flytipping of garden waste and it simply being put into the general waste
- Charging people to use a service you yourselves brought in is disgusting you are actively encouraging people to fly tip. The cost of living is going up enough without this.
- Increased chance of fly tipping, encourage incorrect use of black bin, encourage garden burning (unpleasant for neighbours and not always safe)
- The only thing I can think of is some people may then decide to flytip their garden waste.
- Waste being dumped. We already have this issue because people produce too much waste for fortnightly pick ups. -don't really have a suggestion as this is the impact of the charge. The suggestion would be that everyone pays.
- People will be burning their garden rubbish polluting the environment.
- You'll never be able to please everyone but think something should be done because you can't expect some people to pay and some to have it for free.
- As previously mentioned, you can't manage the current level of fly tipping in this area. By imposing additional charges you will only promote further dumping of all rubbish in the surrounding countryside
- OAP's and disabled people should be exempt
- You would find a lot of people would let their garden grow and not cut the grass/hedges or keeping it in a nice condition. There would be more fly tipping at a greater cost to clean up.
- Garden waste collection should be "free" (paid under the existing Waste Collection charge) to those whom wish to use the service, if only to encourage less green waste going to landfill.... or worse it will lead to flytipping or people burning it at home causing a fire risk.
- If a resident doesn't want to pay a subscription then can take their garden waste down to the tip.
- Don't fix what isn't broken
- I think it would have a very negative effect with all the other rises happening with cost of living, food, fuel etc all going up so much
- How many new charges can you expect us to pay. After working all our lives and paying our bills and taxes etc. and our pension only going up by a small amount each year, how can we find the money for more charges just because the Council want to save money. Refuse collection has always been done by the Council and included in the Council tax and it is not right that they can think about putting this charge onto households. Our pension increase hardly covers the TV licence that we have now got to pay let alone the Council Tax increase, gas, electric, diesel, food, clothes etc. With the number of new houses being built all around us surely the council tax from these homes more than covers whatever revenue the Council need.
- If bins are taken away or charged for people will just dump on the roadside and fly tip.
- Managing individual household Garden Waste will add another layer of bureaucracy - how many people employed to manage / operate it? Missed collections at correct houses, etc? Residents will burn their rubbish if additional charges are introduced. This will have a detrimental affect to air quality, potentially creating unsafe fires in built up areas & impacting residents with breathing difficulties.
If they don't burn it they will dump it - not just down some country lane, but any available green space. This will affect the entire community & result in Council hit squads on permanent call removing waste.
If residents stop / reduce clearing garden debris then residential flooding will become more prevalent - due to drains being blocked with leaves & garden waste that would normally be disposed off.
- Stop trying to find ways of taking our money. We have so little already.

Why not just tax us for the carbon dioxide we generate through breathing while you're at it. Bill new parents at the hospital for another child using up oxygen

- People are already struggling. This is one more charge that is another nail in the coffin.
- More people would burn their waste or dump it on private property!
- If you start additional charging there will be an increase in fly tipping. And that will have negative cost implications
- Fly tipping. Don't you think we pay enough tax!!!!!!
- increase in air pollution, further increasing the burden of the cost of living, increased fly tipping, even less services for council tax, increased fly tipping
- Negative impact would be. People would be paying for a service they hardly use
- There will be even more fly tipping with garden waste dumped in green spaces.
- People will cut back on garden contents. Affecting wildlife including bees we need to produce food and trees for oxygen production. Many people have paved over and converted to fake grass in areas without bin collection. We will all eventually notice the effect this will have on us physically and mentally. Humans cannot live/breathe without trees and we need bees 🐝 and birds to assist food production. Destroying their habitat and food sources will affect us all. Mentally people need gardens and outside space as shown clearly during the ongoing pandemic. The council do not provide enough access to recycling centres to take own waste to and many people do not own or cannot afford cars. Elderly and disabled persons can not use recycle centres Safely. You cannot keep penalising vulnerable members of society.
- Fly tipping will increase. OAP's who tend to their gardens daily will be hit with another cost.
- We prune during the winter so to stop it then would mean trips to the tip. We compost our green waste I.e. weeds etc. but it is difficult for us to compost large twigs etc. We also do not put out our black bin every time as we rarely fill it so to penalise us for using the grey bin seems unfair.
- Yet more fly tipping. Money is very tight for most people these days. Don't do it.
- Removing service would encourage fly tipping, increase in garden fires and CO2, increase in landfill and lose benefits of council composting scheme
- Lots of families will struggle with an extra charge. Perhaps charge according to which council band you are in, then people with bigger houses and gardens would pay more than someone in a small terrace house with a small garden.
- It would be a massive issue for the environment and wildlife causing more pollution if people had to dispose themselves either through going to tip (more cars vans etc on roads to one cart) flytip or burning as households in general just can't afford the extra costs on top of already costs of council tax management fees and living in general.
- In most cases people will not pay for a service on top of their council tax, which results in dumping or illegal collectors.
Pensioners find it difficult to go to recycling centers, and need the convenience of a bin collection. However they are the very people who can not afford the charge.
- Living costs keep going up and more money each month is going out! Stop taking money from people, we pay our council tax each month!
- Stop ripping residents off, the council tax we pay already cover bin collections. You clearly are trying to claw whatever money you can from already struggling families. Its only really needed for summer months why such a big deal on garden waste? If you are charging for waste collection then drop the overall council tax bill it should not be an extra charge, we pay for bin collections already so technically you're adding tax on something we already pay for????
- People can't afford to pay for a service that should and is already included in council tax. If forced to pay flytipping will increase.

- A subscription charge would increase the likelihood of green waste going to landfill or being dumped (either in other peoples bins or in the community).
- When waste recycling centres began restricting the number of times an individual could access the service, there was reportedly a significant increase in fly tipping and other inappropriate methods of disposal. In much the same way, I believe the introduction of a charge for garden waste will likely have similar results.
- More waste to landfill
- Kettering and Corby will obviously have a negative response
- I just think that many elderly people who live purely on their pensions would be impacted the most you can't suddenly stop mowing the lawn this will then go into landfill for those homes who have no excess income most of us have to choose now wether to eat or heat our homes charge for more than one grey bin maybe collect only every 3weeks or once a month but with so many people struggling even £50 is a lot of money or let people pay £ 5 a month it's easier to find than 25 or 50 when all you have is a pension
- Continue collecting free of charge for all areas but only during growing season Mar- Oct
- If people don't use the service it could lead to fly tipping . If prices rise too high so,e people would not be able to afford it .
- I think charging a separate amount for collection of garden waste would have a negative impact on residents. If it was part of the Council tax charge it would be easier to collect, less management needed of what houses on which street needs a collection, less enquiries from the public and easier for residents to use at will rather than book 6 or 12 months charge.
- The financial impact will probably stop some people using the service as money is already tight
- I think it is obscene to charge residents for garden waste. We already pay an ever increasing high Council tax bill. There is an increase with the cost of living, all utilities are increasing, food costs, petrol/diesel are increasing to record levels. Many residents are living on the bread line. I know that our family household currently is, and that is with both adults working full-time on above average incomes.

Plenty of older residents in the area will not be able to afford this charge. Many older people use gardening as exercise and to help with their mental health. Charging them to remove garden waste is something that many could not afford and could result in older people stopping gardening altogether as they could not get rid of their garden waste. Many older people do not drive, or could find it too strenuous to lift heavy bags and drop them off at their local recycling centre.

Fly tipping of garden waste will definitely increase if this charge is brought in. The cost to the council to clean this up will increase.

Maybe reduce the gold plated pensions that a lot of council big wigs receive and redirect this money into services that the council should already provide their residents who pay their Council tax.

- Of course an extra payment into a family budget is negative at this time.
- This will encourage more fly tipping, our costs are enough now and some families are really struggling if you impose another subscription
- I believe as the cost of living is rocketing at the moment a huge number of households will not be able to afford to pay extra to dispose of their garden waste. Therefore, an additional charge will encourage fly tipping and less environmentally friendly ways of disposal. This will cost the council more in the long run. The council have an obligation to encourage greener practices - this is vital for our planet.

I personally would be happy with a reduced collection, ie once every three / four weeks and also, collections only during March through to November.

I would not subscribe if an additional charge was introduced.

- There are already so much added costs on to households and people are struggling. Council tax increases every year. Gas and electricity is sky high. Petrol costs and food costs It's completely unreasonable to charge for this as well
- You would see an increase in dumped garden waste which would cost the taxpayer more to get rid off in the long run
- Your reputation would take yet another dive. In this village the Local council and NNC are regarded as corrupt and we have proof from an insider.
- Strongly believe that it should be standardised throughout the county
Costs should be on the annual council tax
- Introduction of a subscription charge may encourage more fly-tipping, it may mean people recycle less garden waste and that this goes to landfill unnecessarily.
- Leave the service subscription free. Making it a pay service will end up with more green waste going in to landfill.
- I disagree with bringing a charge in. While I would pay it and continue to be responsible there are plenty of people who could actually struggle to pay or would choose to dispose of the waste in an irresponsible manor. If you need to cut costs (please stop calling it harmonising services) I would suggest the March to November collections are a more sensible solution.
- More fly tipping would happen
- I don't have a garden but there are large trees outside on a green space next to my home the path leading up to my back door this is often strewn with smaller dried up branches, I pick these up and break them up and put these in the green bin to prevent accidents.
- I think if you charged, people would just dump garden waste in the black bin or fly-tip. I would accept a reduced number of months Mar-Dec, if the cost were to be scrapped.
- I imagine some people will dispose of their garden waste in the countryside which will make the area unsightly if they dispose of it in bags. You could provide a couple of disposal areas in each town for us to drop off our garden waste which you collect from weekly/fortnightly hence only making one trip instead of visiting all of the homes.
- No changes should be made in the year 2022/23 as Council tax rates have been set including garden waste collection.
This is a steady slope to try and introduce additional charges for other services.
We already pay some of the highest taxes in Europe.
Don't really understand what our money goes on. Corrupt councillors perhaps!!!
- I think more people would end up putting their garden waste in their black bins or probably dumping it somewhere resulting in more costs in other ways to the council its a stupid idea and yet more ways of the council making money
- For those that currently have properties in the previous Kettering / Corby Council areas where either proposal will incur more cost or loss of service and thus likely to result in more pressure on the Household Waste Recycling Centres as people seek to dispose of garden waste there, or worse still flying tipping of this Garden Waste if they can't or won't go to these centres, or putting the waste in their Black Bins.
If the option is to only offer the provision for March to November I would say it should be running until the end of November as leaves are still falling throughout November.
- I believe the service should be paid for however due consideration needs to be given to residents who could be excluded from the service through no fault of their own. The amount payable and the methods should be considered. For instance a single parent on low income with a medium to large garden is likely to need a bin however if it comes down to paying £55 in a lump sum or feeding their children they are unlikely to pay it. Which could lead to fly tipping or leaving rotting items in their gardens which could attract pests. I think you should offer monthly payments. £5 per month could be more manageable for lower income households. Some may

only want the service for the summer months so be put off from having the service because you have to pay a years worth Or can't afford the full year but still need some service. Could there be time limited services given for instance service vouchers could be issued to bins at different tariffs/time limits. Purple sticker bins only emptied between 1st June and 1st Sept, blue sticker the bin is emptied all year round, yellow sticker between March and October. This would then be more affordable for some and meet the needs of those who only need it to empty grass clippings and a few weeds in the summer months.

- Cost increases everywhere- the more vulnerable and low income of society will once again be affected
- I feel that charging for a previously free service for collecting garden waste will result in a dramatic increase in fly tipping given the lack of free/easy access to household waste recycling centres.

Solutions:

Expand waste recycling centers to meet demand and reduce queues.

Relax regulations so that individuals with access to sign written commercial vehicles can use them to dispose of garden/household waste without charge.

- They would definitely have a negative impact if you charge as people would opt. I to Pay and things would then start getting gimped on the green space/wasteland where we live, this happened many years ago before all the house were built and people moving into the estate didn't have bins, it look awful! It needs to be 12 months or even 10 months (lose December and January) as we use our bins all the time in the correct way.
- This would encourage people to fly tip their garden waste or put it in the black bin. This would increase costs to the council and to private land owners. I can think of no ways to mitigate this.
- I have already stated strongly that all these proposals would have a negative impact both financially but also in terms of danger to the environment. I believe that this idea is an unfair and unnecessary policy of an increasingly unpopular new local Government organisation which is changing the important status quo that the vast majority of residents have received and enjoyed as long as can be remembered. I strongly deprecate what certain Councillors on NNC are trying to get through.
- Very negative impact, and would impact a lot more fly tipping
- I feel that they're would be more fly tipping in the country lanes which seems to be more of a problem again. This surely costs the Council money by employing people to check up on these areas. Also would households start to put their garden waste in the black bins.
- An excellent service is provided now...leave it alone and expand on it..don't offer a reduced service for increased prices.
- All this will do is increase fly-tipping and more black bags by the roadside and verge's (like along 45 between Earls Barton and Wellingborough)
- Why don't you think about monthly collections?
Plus stop taxing us to the high hills!
- More financial pressure on everyone. Gardening is the thing that I see people enjoying and in return, supporting their mental health through the pandemic and onwards. Elderly and older members of the community are likely users of the service too- which makes me think the most vulnerable will be pressured to pay out even more for something that has been helping them- the cost to live is exploding at the minute and to put even more pressure on households is unforgivable.
- N/a
- It's questionable as to whether any waste gets recycled properly anyway ie the amount that ends up in other countries. What happens to that in cost to sort it out?
- More fly tipping, less recycling

More overgrown area and dumping if garden waste

- Please see my previous comments. Plus we are overweight as a nation we should be encouraging people to garden as a means of exercise rather than putting barriers in their way. If the service is removed it will only encourage the concreting over of gardens at a time when we need maintain our green spaces to help combat global warming. Removal of the service will encourage fly tipping. It will also mean higher usage of the council run tips. This will result in higher cost to the council for the removal of fly tipping and increased running costs for the tips. The saving will not be nearly as high as the headline figure you have mentioned earlier in this survey.
- Collection should be free to stop the horrendous fly tipping in the area
- If people feel unhappy they probably go and tip in countryside, I think it needs to fair for all so they feel less cheated if they have to pay.
- My grandmother wouldn't be able to pay for this charge because all her other bills have went up so much this year
- FLY TIPPING IS A PROBLEM AT PRESENT . A SUBSCRIPTION CHARGE WOULD MAKE IT FAR FAR WORSE
tHE COUNCIL TAX SHOULD BE RAISED TO COVER THIS COST
- An extra payment for this service on top of current rates and council tax seems a back hand way of forcing people to pay for something that has been free since services started. Should be accommodated in annual council tax.
- By charging too much you are encouraging 'fly tipping'..
- Where are people meant to find the extra money when they are really struggling at the moment, obviously those on such high salaries who come up with these ideas cannot imagine the impact of an extra cost on families on the lower income bracket,
- Decrease in people separating garden waste, possible increase in fly tipping, less efficient collections as truck would be collecting less waste on the route
- Don't do it. My council tax bill is enough already without extra charges. Try running your budgets better and adding value as opposed to squandering money.
- Fly tipping will increase if people have to pay more in top of an increased council tax. Everyone is struggling with fuel and energy costs so garden waste will not be a priority. How about streamlining some of the management structures within the new authority there can't be a need for 8 sets of the same staff across the area?
- Council tax is already high enough along with the cost of living crisis made worse by the corrupt Conservative government we have in charge. People are unlikely to pay given the pressure on the family income.
- I feel very strongly that this discrepancy between the old Council areas could have and should have been decided upon at the outset of the new North Northamptonshire Council operating which was effective in Spring of 2021. By delaying this until now I have been treated very unfairly as I have been paying for the collection of my garden waste during 2021 and likely to be during 2022, whilst this 'consultation' is conducted. It will no doubt be many months before a decision is made. I understand that all Council Tax bandings across the new North Northamptonshire area were agreed upon prior to Spring 2021, with the issue of the Council Tax bills on 9.3.21. I understand that a household in Kettering equally on Band D as my property is in Rushden, will have continued to receive free collection whereas I have had to pay - will you either be charging the Kettering property for the two years of free collection or refunding my two years cost? I would like an answer on this point please.
- IT WILL LEAD TO MORE FLY TIPPING OR PEOPLE NOT LOOKING AFTER THEIR GARDENS WHICH LEADS TO OTHER ISSUES

- We already have to pay enough out, lets not increase this for those already struggling to make ends meet.
- With the cost of living already going up exponentially this year, adding yet another thing that needs to be paid for will just be unaffordable for a lot of people. This is what council tax should already be going towards
- People are struggling to make ends meet as it is, this is just another way of bleeding People dry
- I think imposing charges to a wider group of people who have previously been able to use this service free of charge rather than removing the charge from one region is the wrong way to do this.

Providing a garden waste collection service encourages everyone to keep their gardens and surrounding areas tidy, removing the garden waste disposal removes the ability to deal with the waste produced and instead may be left to become overgrown making the neighbourhoods unkempt.

Many older residents use their garden waste frequently and I feel that imposing a charge on them when pensions are already below what is considered minimum wage would be unfair. Remove the charges from East Northamptonshire and change collections to just the growing season to be fair to all.

- I think due to the current increase of everything at the moment the council could not of picked a worst time when households will struggle with the increase of rising costs, you will see more fly tipping which is unsightly, and will put an increased cost on the council to clear.
- More garden waste in general refuse going to landfill, increased fly tipping of garden waste.
- More garden waste dumped etc
- Would have a negative impact on everyone. The garden waste collection service should continue to be covered by Council tax.

Other areas should be looked at for cost savings - ie. Schools should be paid for by the parents of children at the school. Everyone pays so much through council tax for this, even if they don't have children.

- How can you possibly do this now when so many people are struggling to pay normal bills let alone an extra bill. Do you not think this will lead to more fly tipping?
- This charge should continue to be free
- Charging for garden waste collection would invariably lead to more fly tipping.
- I suspect that if you stop providing the free service, the number of bonfires in the area will increase massively as people will burn their garden waste rather than find ways of disposing of it. Another important point is, if I subscribe to a new service and my neighbours do not, what is stopping them putting things in my bin when I put it out for collection?
- We have a problem with fly tipping at the moment, this is only going to get worse if you start charging for this service. So in time our council tax will go up again to pay for something that has been working fine for years.
- People might put garden waste in black bins or burn it.
- As previous comments
- I would continue to use the service if a subscription charge came in as it's more convenient and environmentally friendly than me bagging up grass cuttings to take down to the tip in my car every week - but please don't report these results as positive support for this scheme, I am not in support of this and especially not at a time when households are having to manage skyrocketing costs from other areas also, seems extremely insensitive.
- My concern is people would use the black bin instead
- Fly tipping would become more common .Make kerbside collection free to Pensioners and people that cant visit the local tip to didpose of garden waste.

- The refuse centres do not have the capacity at the moment, would be worse if charging was enforced. What would stop others putting waste into your bin when it is put out for collection. Would you be prosecuted for incorrect matter in the bin?
- Just collect it, weight that against fly tipping, which the council already pay vast amount to clear up.
- People would put it all in the black bin so you won't be causing people to put it online field instead of making a garden waste free country
- It would have a negative impact on me financially, I already pay far too much council tax as it is and truly cannot fathom how you can continue to keep increasing the price of council tax and then suggest adding an extra service charge especially when in fact these services have deminished over the last few years.
Would also have a negative impact on environment as people would be forced into disposing of the waste in an unsuitable Manor, probably at further cost to the council which ultimately would lead to my council tax increasing yet again.
- We still have green waste from vegetables, fruit all year. That would end up in the black bin and into land fill.
Fly tipping would be increased, not everyone is civic minded.
Free composte bins have been trialled, how did that go ?
- I believe residents in my area already pay for the garden waste service within the council tax and should NOT pay more.
I think people may not sign up to a garden waste bin and possibly dump any garden waste. This will cause even more costs to the council to clear up.
An additional bill for some households could be detrimental to their finances and well being. This could increase workload for council administration to chase up non payers which leads to extra cost to the council.
- More fly tipping!!
- East Northants is generally a more affluent area than where I live, in Corby. People fly-tip a lot and think nothing of burning waste in the garden. PLEASE don't give people more reasons to burn or fly-tip. My neighbours have burned sofas and all manner of things in the garden, even though I've said that council will take bulky waste for about £20. Any extra charge won't be paid and people will be burning and tipping. Anyway, don't you make your money back by selling the compost? KBC always used to.
- Don't charge any extra saving fly tipping .
If people without green bins don't pay they should pay towards their shared gardens,beds ,bushes being maintained as its virtually a free gardener .
When black bins changed to 2 weekly it was so the bin wagons and men could fit it all in so will we revert back to weekly bins being emptied ,that would save gly tipping snd rubbish everywhere.
Also this could make bin people redundant.
The council already changed garden service suppliers recently round here and corby is a mess grass and bushes too long no kerb weeding etc it's almost like households should maintain their street etc at their cost as well as paying council for this do called service .it's outrageous just greed the take take . And I suppose low/ no income will.have discounts too ?
We already have so many bills to pay and struggle
- More fly tipping would happen. More waste in black bins. With inflation at the current rate people will not or cannot afford to pay out extra to dispose of grass cuttings etc. The council will end up spending more money on clearing the dumped mess.
- I believe if a subscription is enforced there will more fly tipping, which the council will have to clear up, most likely at a higher cost than providing a free service.

- Garden waste will be dumped into the black bins, slowing down that service.
For many years I have mowed the council grass outside my home, so some of the garden waste is yours not mine.
Fly-tipping will increase.
More congestion at the recycling centre.
More emissions by the increased journeys to the above
Many elderly ratepayers without transport will give-up keeping their gardens tidy, giving a negative impact to the appearance of our town to visitors.
- If only paying households had a garden waste bin, there's a high risk of other people dumping their garden waste whilst the bins are out for collection (or overnight).
- garden waste should be paid on your council tax bill.
Low paid , single parents will be unable to afford to pay for this extra bill.
This is a greedy council . Hold your head in shame .
east northants was the only council to charge, so everybody else has to be punished .
- Just dont do it, the cost of living is high enough, some people wont be able to afford the service, resulting in more being dumped, not cost effective then
- There will be far more fly tipping which in the long run will cost the council more
- Maybe each postcode Street should have a larger designated shared communal green bin. But not to be paid for that's the only other suggestion but as for charging so much money for people to have their grass and stuff taken away its not OK. Councils should be supporting their tenants at a time like this, not adding extra financial pressure
- Garden waster will become the new form of fly-tipping. No more former bed mattresses - just endless bags of lawn clippings and dumped on the side of roads in bin bags. So much for carbon neutral! You will be forced to provide extra resources and funding to clean up the mess - factor that into your budget and undertake a cost-benefit exercise.
- Branches & twigs would be better composted by the council as happens now. Burning would affect the carbon footprint. Also, as a pensioner, as is my wife, we try to keep costs down as well as trying to help the planet.
- We already have enough fly tipping in the county. By charging to collect rubbish would have a huge impact on more rubbish being dumped in lay-bys
- Damage to the environment - if more vehicle movements are made either by the public making more trips to a tip or council vehicles traveling backwards and forwards to service a paid for service. For example take 10 streets, one has three paying customers, the next two, the next one, the next one, the next four, the next three and so on. all streets would still have to be visited. How will this help reduce emissions?
More private vehicles visiting the tip again more vehicle movements, which will result in long queues causing chaos on the roads outside and leading to the tip sites, all adding to harmful emissions.
Possible dis-harmony in communities - if some do not continue to maintain or dispose of the waste arguments between neighbors are likely.
More garden bonfires , which will not benefit the environment or help with harmony in communities.
More green waste in the black bins
A rise in unregistered or unlicensed operators touting for business - the consequences are obvious.
More fly tipping.
Resolution to the above PROVIDE A FREE GREEN WASTE COLLECTION.
- Burning it - environmental damage

- More people would use their black bins for garden waste if they had to pay for the service separately.
- As I have already said, I think the dumps need to be opened every day so people have the option of taking their garden waste themselves, but this would have a negative environmental affect as everyone would have to drive there and back and obviously if not open potentially to another town. I think people would fly tip too. It would be better to encourage composting buy providing compost bins for gardeners so that the garden waste is not grass. If people store grass cuttings and it is not composted properly it can smell in hot weather and this would not be pleasant for anyone.
- Fly tipping will increase and cause further cost for the council.
- I think it would have a massive negative impact on the local community and the environment.
- I will not be paying. So much for greener society. You are a complete joke . No credibility and dishonest. We hardly use any services that are provided by the councils
- Please see previous comments.
- If only 1 household pays to use this service the collection team are going out to just 1 bin- this is not cost effective
Also I use my green bin for garden waste but take larger items myself to the recycling centre already
Not all gardens have room for a compost bin
- It's totally clear what the impact would be there by illegal dumping just like there is with tipping of waste on the kerbside and in hedges. Also those that are on low incomes who was struggling to survive with the high price of fuel and heating the certainly no more money spare to pay for extra charges with paying nothing council tax is it is. We've never had to pay before and I don't see why we should start paying now it's just a money-making scheme for the council.
- Reduction in green spaces.
- It will increase fly tipping.
People will just put it in the black bin.
- Disabled residents should still get the service free if they need it. I still think the [Redacted] system is so much better than ours, this could be a consideration for a new service if you feel it should change.
- There will be increased fly tipping, which will cost the council more to clear up than subsidising the brown bin collection.
- I think if people have to pay for this collection service then there will be an increase in fly tipping. We only have a small lawn so we would not need collections every week, wouldn't it be easier for those of us that dont have regular garden waste to request and pay for a collection only when required instead of paying eg £50 a year??
- I think introducing a charge will lead to garden waste going in black bin and fly tipping
- I feel that our Council Tax is already very high and this additional charge is Taking The Michael!
- I believe that people would fly tip or abuse other peoples bins or simply put it in the general waste black bin
- Increased general waste, and more landfill costs.
Increased dumping of waste in non-approved sites / road sides. Resulting in expensive clear up costs.
Increased frustration of local residents. They see the additional payment as an unnecessary increase in cost, they don't see the cost when its included in council tax.
- People who have enjoyed their gardens over the last 2 years would now be penalised for this. Also, the pride that some people have taken over their gardens, who wouldn't usually, will disappear.
- Think people might start to dump it

- Both Unitary Councils should operate exactly the same. Under DDC we have been paying for collection of garden waste for years about time everyone else did the same!!!!
- A separate charge for garden waste for those who already receive the free service may possibly result in increased fly tipping & unmaintained gardens
- Monthly direct debit is better to spread the cost in line with monthly utility bills.
- By introducing a separate charge for the collection of garden waste would create many negative impacts in the county and cost the tax payers/council more money in the long term. Fly tipping and littering is a major problem and how that is managed depends on what your post code is and where you live. A charge for collections of garden waste will create more waste and litter on our streets, by the council asking for suggestions on how to reduce potential negative impact, indicates the council have not thought through the impact this charge will have on the county, nor have the council considered the financial impact it will have on family's who are already struggling. It is not the tax payers responsibility to advise the council and councillors on the impact their decisions make on the county, it is for them to make the right decisions in the first place.
- instead of finding ways to punish tax payers for your inability to budget and wasting public money - why dont you look at the internal finances and corruption in the councils and fix that first
- This will see an increase in fly tipping that is already a massive problem.
If you have to look at savings why don't you just not charge and not collect during the winter months ? Surely this would save some money for the current processes in place at Kettering and Corby.
Why look at charging just because East Northants does ? Wellingborough don't have theirs collected over winter so why not just change to that ? There are 4 councils in the North Northants area.
Surely you can generate an income from the garden waste service where it can be 'hot composted' and turned around quickly? There would be a call for it as since covid more people are looking at gardens and outdoor spaces in a different way.
- Cost of living for essentials significantly risen, gas, electricity,fuel, costs significantly risen. Many are finding it difficult to make ends meet. If you want an increase in mental health issues then go, ahead, I know I wouldn't feel comfortable if I was in any way involved with this ludicrous proposal
- Stopping collection would lead to dumping
- It could lead to more illegal dumping of garden waste.
- I think this would not only have a negative financial impact on low income families but it would also lead to an increase in fly tipping. Councils can not insist on well kept gardens/hedges/trees etc. and then impose a charge for it. That is wrong.
- People who don't currently pay up-front will presume that they are being treated unfairly.
- Will occur waste tipping bin hopping (already get this happen)
- An additional Christmas Tree & associated waste collection should be incorporated regardless of service levels
- I think the system is a positive. It encourages me to do jobs that require green waste disposal as I go along
- Charging for something like garden waster will have a negative impact on the environment. With costs rising for everything else, fuel, household bills etc and wages not getting higher, people are going to struggle financially. So will not pay for something that is optional.
- I think you'd be likely to see increased demand at HWRC's and fly-tipping if you introduce a charge. I think you should remove the charge from those in the former boroughs where it is currently levied instead. Compared to other areas I know in England, Kettering has an exceptionally reliable and well-organised refuse collection service and it is one of the most

visible activities a council has to do. The more you chip away at the service, reduce it and impose extra charges for it, the less goodwill people will have for the council and their local area in general.

- Flytipping.
- It's pretty obvious that most of us would not pay for it, so you'll actually get more bin lorries driving along roads for only one bin, instead of for most of the street (and often for nothing, given a subscriber might only need it every 6 weeks, so if only one household in the street subscribes, that's a lot of wasted mileage.

Meanwhile there'll be a large increase in flytipping, incineration and resulting air pollution, and putting it in the black bin. None of which is a positive result for the environment.

- Just to reiterate the concern regarding fly tipping. Have other areas seen an increase in fly tipping of garden waste once the subscription has been put in place?
- Bringing in a direct charge over and above council tax will discourage people to recycle. This will result in ultimately a negative impact to the environment, where more recoverable waste will go to landfill, be burned at home or fly tipped.
- Gardening is an important activity for both physical health and mental health. By charging those who garden you will be taking that away, costs that will be seen in healthcare later down the line many times higher than having their garden waste collected. This is a short sighted move, motivated only by money and not any kind of intelligent thought.
- There will be more fly tipping of garden waste as tips are usually very busy at gardening times and I think. Bonfires would be come more common
- The above proposals are going to increase the amount of fly tipping .
- I feel that there's a danger of more fly tipping if the council now start to try and charge for something that we are already paying for. The costs in cleaning that up should be taken in to account when deciding on the financial implications for each option.
- I strongly believe that you are intending to falsely collect money for something already paid for. Your argument that the council do this without charge is not correct. All council cost are budgeted and this includes green waste! Your suggestion that a prescription will work is to me foolhardy, I live in a close so if just one person pays the subscription the vehicle will have to pass all houses so no fuel saving at all! In fact, I believe that the amount of garden fires and the trips to local waste depots will increase the damage to the environment not reduce it as suggested in this survey.
- I think as soon as you introduce a charge there will be even more fly tipping in and around the villages - there is far too much already due to the accessibility of the local recycling centres and the restrictions they put on "customers"
- My concern is with the areas who currently have it for free, they will inevitably reject any proposals that would have them pay a subscription charge directly. I think any communication needs to make it clear that a substantial portion of the population pay for this service, and we can't necessarily expect it for free.
- The poorest people who couldn't afford the service will be forced to use their black bins, burn it or ideally if they have space compost it. If you introduce black bin restrictions then you may find burning more commonplace and that an increase in fire brigade callouts negates any savings you make. Alternatively overgrown gardens will become issues for neighbourhoods and residents. You'd be better off encouraging people to learn about composting and giving households the ability to opt out of the collections so you can plan collections more efficiently and potentially save costs that way. Think outside the box and encourage cul-de-sacs or shorter streets to work together and opt out as one to save unwanted collection journeys. Encourage bin sharing if one household does more than others so you can skip a fortnightly collection earlier/later in the year. Collate all that info, put it online and give the best

street/area/neighbourhood a street party as a reward. If you want to reduce costs encourage/incentivise people to behave differently rather than just make them pay more.

- More garden waste being dumped by people who maybe cant/won't pay the charge
- I think charging for green waste collection would result in more fly tipping or more traffic to and from the recycling centre.
- Shameless attempt at a money grab when living costs are already crippling normal families.
- The number of fly tipped waste is already disgustingly high and lack of staff and deterrents mean it will grow.

Everything you do is short sighted and to maximise income.

The older residents will be hit particularly hard. They probably already pay for someone to cut thier grass etc, this is an additional cost to them,

- Black bins more full and an epidemic of fly tipping
- People will hide garden waste in bin liners in black.bins. Complete waste
- This assumes that all are financially able to pay more.

Many are deciding whether to eat or heat.

Try jumping into a pensioners shoes...

- I think people would put it into black bins.
- Don't see why we should pay extra to have ghe green bin emptied, especially with the amount of council tax we already have to pay, this is what we already pay a large amount of council tax for in the first place.
- Everyone I know has said that it will go in the black bin. If not it will be dumped in the streets.
- I think we pay enough in council taxes to expect our rubbish , including garden waste, to be collected. It is not free of charge .
- I think this will result in garden waste being dumped where it shouldn't.
- People will fly tip, local recycling centre will not be happy with people taking garden waste there either so it will cause a detrimental effect for a lot of residents
- Fly Tipping.

This already occurs on our estate any Green open space are often covered during Summer months with grass and hedge cuttings..

This will only get worse....

- More roadside dumping. Gardens left uncontrolled. So more habitats for rats. Wild gardens are looked after !
- The issue will be people who previously had this service for free will feel they are being penalised. It makes no sense why each council had different policy's on this, it should have been harmonised across Northamptonshire years ago

In my opinion making people pay for a service they used to have for free will lead to increased garden waste burning, which is a negative impact.

- I feel that charging for waste collection will result in either fly tipping, extra trips to the tip or garden waste being put in general household waste bins. None of these are desirable and all are more expensive for both the Council and the environment.
- Green waste would be dumped all over the boroughs in lanes woods etc
- We wouldn't be able to afford to pay for a garden waste bin so we would have to use our black bin for our garden waste. Also the council should be promoting recycling and not punishing people for doing it
- I think there will be an increase in fly tipping and poorly maintained gardens, I also think it likely there will be garden waste put in to black bins.

The potential negative impacts could be avoided by you leaving things as they are.

- I feel we have all got to be treated the same either we all pay or we none of us pay

- A separate charge would encourage more fly tipping the clearance of this would be considerably more than the income from a brown bin.
- In these times of increasing household bills, it is unreasonable to expect people to pay even more, especially the high amount of council tax we already pay and the £35 per month increase expected for band d properties this year. THIS SHOULD BE PART OF THE SERVICE. We have a nice garden and keep it neat and tidy, with regular grass cutting and take pride in our property. I believe residents can't afford to pay any extra and will either just let their garden become overgrown and therefore standards in the town drop even further or will use the black bin. There is a huge oak tree at the back of our property, not in our garden, in oct/nov/dec we are constantly picking up leaves from our garden and putting them in the green bin. What are we supposed to do, it's not even our tree, so why should we pay to have the leaves removed. We are also on state pension and can't afford any extra overheads.
- If garden waste is not collected from the property, then fly-tipping will be widespread or left to pile up in gardens in some areas.
- People might say because they have no garden 'why should they pay'. However, there are always parts in the council tax that some people do not benefit from but still have to pay. By having the charge put into the council tax it would reduce the cost of the service for everyone, obviously the more people paying the cheaper the service.
- As I have already suggested asking people to contribute more money in these days of rising prices will only add to Flytipping and waste in our communities
- I've always thought it most unfair that some people pay & others don't! A collection is needed or people will start to fly tip. A lot of people can't load & unload waste into a vehicle or get to the HWRC every week ! It needs to be all year as there are leaves & dead foliage in winter, where would this be out if a bin is full but not being collected?
- Will encourage fly tipping if separate charge is introduced.
- Increase in fly tipping of garden waste, which could have an impact on local open spaces and farm land and become a fire hazard environmental issues.
increase in bin theft if bins have to be paid for
- I think the current collection between March and November works well in my area so you should leave well enough alone.
- More people would dispose of garden waste incorrectly and not pay
- Affordability. Encourage fly tipping. Burning, not good for the environment
- I pay £2500/year council tax (from April) and think it's shocking than an equivalent Band E house in Kettering pays less and gets free garden waste bin collections. Wellingborough's arrangement looks the best and keeps costs down. This needs sorting out as it's totally unfair to former E Northants home owners
- Charging will increase the incidence of illegal fly tipping - which is already a blight on the local countryside.
- Council tax is high as it is and we should have all household services included in this
- The obvious negative impacts would be an increase in flytipping, garden fires and black bin contamination, all of which are environmental concerns.
Education is key to reducing these risks, maybe start a composting programme at local community centres where people can learn the benefits of home composting etc
- Do not to do it.
Or, reduce every body's bill by 55 Pounds who does not use the service.
- Please see previous answer.
- You will be adding to fly tipping by implementing a charge, if you've driven along any country roads in the area recently you will see this is already a problem. Green waste might not be as bad as a sofa but it's still an eyesore and could be detrimental to wildlife. Why can't the tip be

open more and for extended hours? This might encourage more people to use it. With the rising cost of living people aren't going to be able to afford extra cost in my opinion.

- We're already paying for the service via council tax so shouldn't have to pay extra
- Everyone is aware that prices are going up in every aspect of life. From food to utilities, council taxes to general taxes. Many people are already struggling to make ends meet with the money they have coming in whether that be someone who is working or someone who is not. We already have a lot of pressure on the people in the country having to choose whether to eat or stay warm. Those that can are just getting by but those that cannot are having to rely on food banks (whom also rely on donations to be able to help). Even having the thought of a subscription service for something that has been free for all is taking more money out of the public's hands and will make life worse for the majority.
- Shouldn't have to pay to recycle garden and household waste when trying to help the environment. Could do less collections once a month perhaps during winter months to reduce costs.
- I think it is unfair to charge an additional fee as other areas don't.
- More fly tipping than there is already.
People potentially using the bins of those who are paying for service without permission. Additional people making trips to the recycling centre therefore further detriment to the environment.
- Comments made earlier.
Charge households for additional bins of all colours
Reduce collections to between March and October for all reducing costs and do across the board.
- People will fly tip it. We cannot afford more household costs in our community. The rates of fly tipping already significantly increased through COVID closures at the tip.
- By bringing in a charge for brown bin collection this would encourage more fly tipping of waste in local areas.
- Deprivation of household/garden standards.
In more rural areas fly tipping will increase, endangering livestock welfare.
- Negative impacts:
Charging for a service when things like: food, heating, electricity, fuel, lifestyle (gyms, mental health) are going up and people have to choose to eat or be warm is disgusting, maybe manage your accounts a lot better, maybe review all services and see a streamlined service would be better, your council is inefficient in the way it works, a lot of time wasted through pointless admin and buildings, if you want more money give more back. But we all know you won't.
- Global free collections will, as you say, increase the number of trucks on the road.
Changing from free to paid might discourage some people from disposing of their garden waste in a responsible manner, causing more environmental issues.
- I think there would be an increase in fly tipping and also anti-social bonfires.
- If there's a charge introduced there will be an increase of fly tipping which already is a problem around this area.
- This would be very unfair on the elderly who enjoy gardening. They would not be able to afford to pay for the service and then having to manage to get their waste to the recycling centre, that is if they drive at all.
The recycling centres will have to be open more days than it currently does to meet demand.
This will add more car pollution as more smaller journeys will need to be made as compared to 1 recycling truck.

It will forced home owners into making their gardens less friendly for the environment and nature. Gardens could be made into being low maintenance and therefore will need less greenery waste. This would have a huge impact on the natural environment, wildlife, insects etc.

- In a cost of living crisis you're applying yet another increase and worry to people who are already strapped.

Instead of making your constituents pay for your poor money management techniques perhaps you could learn to be better with our cash flow or better yet encourage our government to actually support the councils it's bleeding dry around the country that they should be supporting

- Always had kerb side collection provided by council as part of council tax paid. Why change it? Council tax has increased annually to take these things into account. Collections have decreased to every other week, and of late a lot of the collections have been missed, especially in Finedon after the building developments in Wellingborough.

Extra cost, subscriptions or otherwise will ultimately increase fly tipping.

The lack of care for some gardens would also increase, and therefore, create unkempt gardens. Some people need more information and education on recycling, brown waste and black waste.

- People will dump more rubbish if you charge another fee .. I pay road tax but now have to pay a fee to park near my house , I pay council tax and now you want me to pay a separate fee for green waste . But yet local councils can waste money on local members high wages and lack of local services . It's a pay pay pay system for low income people who can't afford much ...
- There is a high potential that the proposal to charge for kerbside garden waste collections will lead to an increase in fly tipping resulting in greater expenditure for the council.

Would likely gain greater support for change if the proposal was for a consistent bi weekly collection during growing season across all areas.

- Finances are getting even tighter for most households with all the bills going up and up.

You are going to have more people burning garden waste .

My household only use the green waste bin between March and October .

- You want to encourage "green" and trees etc yet you are proposing to penalise people who help the environment
- We used to have a car that was large enough to take garden waste to the tip. This is no longer the case as I am now widowed - I rely even more on the garden waste collections.
- People will not pay and fly tip instead.
- We already pay enough
- With the cost of living going up and every household having to pay more for everything, if this is imposed there will ne more fly tipping in the area.

- Fly tipping

- If you think is a good idea charging people more money when everything is going out of control go ahead and do it!

- Increase in the cost of clearing fly tipping. Can be avoided by continuing as it was. Common sense.

- I think introducing a charge for everyone is unfair. If you have no green space then you should not have to pay for a service that you will not be using.

By charging people will probably opt out of using this service and may choose to burn their garden waste instead which is bad for the environment.

- I'd have concerns about an increase in fly tipping where households either can't afford to pay subscription or don't want to pay for a subscription. We recently moved from Northampton where last year we did pay for the yearly subscription. Frustratingly,as the only option was to pay for the year, we only used the service for a short time before moving and so, we did not benefit fully from our subscription.

- Make it free for everyone instead of charging everyone.

- People would be more likely to try and put garden waste in black household waste bins. Therefore thought needs to be to how to firmly police this etc.
- [east northants resident] Concerned about bins provided if free but not used - waste of money and cost to environment. Unused bins are more plastic waste! Also risk of bins left on pavement all week - that is already a problem on my road.
Concerned that introducing charges will result in bins no longer being used in other areas - again bin is plastic waste. Also risk of other bins being used inappropriately, or dumping garden waste locally.
- There is more than enough rubbish being dumped all over our county, and the more you charge on top of the impact of the council tax, taking all the enormous costs of living we now have to absorb would be self harming resulting in more rubbish being dumped and this would add massive costs to the council,
- Fly tipping
Garden waste in black bin so more going to landfill
Unfair rules at recycling centre for commercial vehicles
Creating an unfair tier system for households
- Cost, for those who don't currently pay for the service.
Assuming there would be a big drop in users requiring the service if they have to pay, you could reduce the cost substantially to all, say 50% of what East Northants currently pay. There would likely be a huge reduction county-wide in garden waste collections which would save the council money. I imagine that going from zero cost to £55 or so per year is too big a jump for the majority of people.
- Enough is paid through the rates and adequate provision should be there. We contribute to the local parish council through the rates and get no services what so ever.
- By keeping the service as it is and not introducing a subscription service
- If provided, then like in Kettering, people would use it.
As per my previous comment, then the council would be increasing their biofuel produce.
There is no negative impact about this proposal
- I think it would encourage fly tipping and disagreements between neighbours as it would become a have and have not neighbourhood.
How would rental properties be treated? Would it depend on the landlord or tenant? It could also lead to neglect of gardens and overhanging shrubs on pavements if people didn't wish to pay for a bin.
- Think people should be encouraged to compost not discouraged. Better information from council about how to compost at home would go along way to reducing the need for garden waste collection
- As stated before, waste will be dumped else where, at the bottom of road and on playing fields. This will create a bigger rat problem then we already have in Corby.
- People including myself would put garden waste in the black bin and the recycling bin would have normal waste hidden inside as not enough space in other bins
- Fly tipping, make the cost affordable.
- There must be many elderly residents who are still able to enjoy gardening and thus have garden waste but not all will be able to drive to Council Waste facilities, similarly there are probably younger residents who are similarly unable to access Council facilities because they do not have private motor vehicles and are unable to pay the extra charge in these difficult times. I also find the waste facilities at Wellingborough are difficult to use with steep ramps and little help from staff when I have visited.
- With all prices going up I cannot afford to pay extra for garden bin

- Will promote more fly tipping or worse for the environment with more cars visiting the household recycling centre with garden waste rather than one lorry going round. The vehicle would still have to do the route even if only 1 household in every street signed up to pay.
- Would greatly increase fly tipping
- Anyone not paying may feel aggrieved initially but I think it needs to be explained to them that others pay and it's fair for us all to pay something
- I think reduce the service to the growing months would be acceptable to most people. This would give 1.5 million saving... sorted
- I think it will lead to an increase in fly tipping
- People are already struggling with the ever growing bills - gas, electric, fuel, food and council tax. Adding another charge to dispose of people's garden waste is going to cripple people that are desperately trying to keep heads above water. What do we pay council tax for if this isn't included
- I believe that more people would dump garden waste on roadsides.
- A charge will only mean people put their garden waste in their black bins, as they did before the introduction of the garden waste bins. I don't see how this will reduce costs for collection services; if anything, surely it will increase as black bin waste will increase, reducing capacity on the lorries and creating more workload for the refuse collectors.
Brown bins, provided as part of the service, as it is currently is the only solution although I would like to see this as a year round operation.
- More people fly tipping
- People's money is already tight enough. Maybe the Counsellors and MPs take a pay cut to help with it
- They would all have a negative impact, and should not be introduced.
- It will lead to fly tipping. The current arrangements ie March to November are I'll conceived. November and December create more waste than March.
- I feel people might dump garden waste along the roads which is already a huge problem with household waste around finedon
- As already stated I think you need to liaise with the fire service to understand the rise in garden fires. This is especially pertinent during closures of refuse site's during covid and in those areas of Northampton where a charge has been levied. This needs to be applied to a cost versus benefit analysis because sending out a fire appliance and crew also costs the tax payer in the long term.
- I feel it is unfair to charge some and not others, and stopping the free or inclusive collections would cause lots of waste to be dumped costing the council even more problems and cost having to have it removed/disposed of.
- I come from [Redacted] and we had no extra to pay for our garden waste
Our recycling system was miles better. We put cardboard, cereal boxes and newspaper in with the garden waste as it rots down. Cans and jars had to be washed and put in a separate box. I believed most things were recycled whereas I am not 100% sure here in Northamptonshire there seems be more instances of a compromised load and most people don't bother recycling at all on my estate. They just put everything in black bin bags in the bin recycling bin. You must be aware!!
- As above (fly tipping) plus more more people than present dropping small amounts of litter 8n the streets
- More fly tipping.
Unfair charges if everyone has to pay.
Some households would require more bins for hedges etc would this be an additional charge again.

Charges would result in less recycling.

We already pay council tax for bins to be emptied, would other services increase black/brown/blue to weekly again as we are charged based on a weekly collection.

- It is yet another cost to a household when income is still reduced and not caught up with cost of living. I understand it should be fair across the council area but if the service I get is currently free what extra will I get if I now pay for it?
Will the bin be returned to where I left it or abandoned half way down the street etc? The service is already poor in some areas so I would want to see an improvement in service if I was paying for it outside of the council tax I already pay - which I assumed already covered refuse collection. This is more so as it's currently an all year round at moment and could reduced to growing season only? More money for less, just for a change!
- Although I would continue to use it I would not be happy about an additional charge - with the cost of everything increasing I would find this difficult to budget. I feel many other families would be in the same boat, and it will increase fly tipping and people putting garden waste in their general waste bins.
- As I said above it will lead to more fly tipping and I think the council tax is high enough.
- I think if a subscription is made payable for this service alot of people will struggle to find the amount each month or yearly as they are already facing financial hardship so I could see there being a lot more fly tipping.
- As per my previous answers. I am 100% against further charges. By all means charge more for houses that have more than one bin, that is fair but keep one bin free from extra charges
- I think there will be lots more fly tipping, this time of garden waste.
- It is already a service we pay for as part of our council,tax. The service over the years has not improved but remained the same or worsened. Paying for this service is unreasonable.
- The only negative impact is a charge across the board wether you use the service or not.
- I think introducing these charges will increase illegal dumping, which our council tax ends up paying for.
It'll make it more difficult to get into a recycling centre. This will mean more queues outside the recycling centre which will then do nothing to help the carbon footprint because there will be more cars polluting the air, where as your vehicles are much less in comparison to the number of households who will visiting the centres.
You'll also be impacting on persons who do not have access to transport to dispose of their garden waste.
You'll likely see more people putting garden waste in their black bins, which will increase the demand on landfill sites.
You'll also be impacting disadvantaged and disabled householders, many of whom struggle financially. With rising costs of energy and council tax this is just another nail in the coffin for many people, particularly when the cost of living is rising but wages and benefits are not.
- I think it is very important that the charge, if applied, is applied fairly to everyone over the regioThe current system is clearly unfair.
- Of course it would have a negative impact. What a ridiculous question. People wont be able to afford it.
- Half of Kettering queing around the hospital at weekends to access the local waste center to dispose of grass trimmings
- Fly tipping will increase.which will cost the council more.
- There would be an increase in fly tipping if charges are applied.
- Poorer families and increased fly tipping. Not everyone has access to a vehicle to tip their own garden waste and low incomes and pensioners have limited money already due to rising bills to pay for a service.

Should be there included in the council tax bill and split over the year for those that want / need the service and reduced for low income

- Rubbish is piled up at the side of the roads and pathways, fly tipping occurs all through the countryside. Reducing collections of anything is shortsighted and ends up costing more.
- I see this survey as a pointless task, you will not listen to your constituents, regardless of answers, and I feel you have already made up your mind and will charge regardless, and are only doing this to be seen to be following protocol.
- I think removing the service people are more likely to fly tip or use their black bin to dispose of waste
- More fly tipping would occur
- A lot of negative impact, it's an additional charge, when every single aspect of living has gone up and it's not at all welcome, I can't even afford to heat my house, now I have a garden I won't afford to maintain, you could still propose free March- October and not collect during the summer months, you could also have a free service still- but you have to flag on a system when you want your bin collection each time, so you can still monitor where you don't need to go down empty roads, but another cost with this economic crisis is dispicable!
- extra ozone damage due to more bonfires, wasted money on collecting one bin from a whole street (wages and fuel), How will drivers know who has and who hasn't paid for a bin? more flytipping and a very untidy/unhealthy for people living and passing through Northamptonshire.
- Read above comment
- Think some people might use black bin for garden waste which would have an environmental impact
- They would encourage fly tipping.
- I feel that this charge is too harsh. Maybe £10 for the year but there are family's and people who do not have a lot of money and find pleasure gardening and this may significantly impact them.
- Garden waste dumped , anywhere and everywhere , causing increased rat infestation, this idea of charging per household or indeed charging at all is ludicrous.
The council tax has already gone up and keeps going up , but wages stay the same ,it is unaffordable.
- It is not just during the growing season that waste is generated. It is after the growing season as well and especially in the Autumn when the leaves fall. Grass cuttings are only one small part of the waste.
- With all other costs going I'm not sure this is the right way to go
- I believe there would be more fly tipping if the waste was not collected. It would be the tip of the iceberg. What's to stop the council starting to charge extra for other waste services. It is unfair that we are having to start paying for services that were free under our borough council because the other councils mis-managed their finances.
- Payment for this service should be affordable but in place. Other key services are being cut, spend the money on them!!!!
- Don't introduce a charge.
- People would dump their garden waste and that would cost the council and ourselves more money in our council tax. If People went to your sites it would be more traffic on the road so more pollution and if they found your site shut they would just dump it outside or somewhere else.
- People would put compostable material in black bins. We should be encouraged to use compostable bins by offering a fortnightly collection without additional charge, from March to November.
- Some might dispose of their rubbish elsewhere. Use other people's bins when put out on the road.

- You can't please all of the people all of the time!
- Have the option of seasonally collected bins. I.e. between April and July or June to September.
- It would be sensible to limit the collection of garden waste to the growing season only and would be a reasonable compromise.
Adding a charge will invite people to dispose of their garden waste in less environmentally friendly or possibly illegal ways such as using the black bin or fly-tipping.
- Everyone is struggling financially with so much around us increasing in cost but our wages not going up in a comparable manner. I don't want to have more increased costs or put our families/ community through this in addition
To the other rises lately
- I don't use the libraries, but I pay for them, I don't use the leisure centres but I pay for them....
You can see where this is going...?
- I personally think that the cost should be included in our Council Tax. We pay enough. Do people pay additional costs if they have more than one bin for household waste.
- Please refer to my previous comments.
- I think more people will fly tip
- Charging would increase fly tipping and encourage people to use the black bin so would stop recycling it. With living costs going up so much, people can't afford this extra charge
- Increased trips to tip and possible increase in general waste tonnes if people do not follow the rules.
- I believe people would just dump waste, we have a large garden and appreciate garden waste collection, many people have no need of it so unfair to charge everyone the same
- Stopping this service is likely to cause fly tipping as many will not be able to avoid the extra on top of all the increases that are expected in the coming months.
- I think people have enough to pay for as it is. Council tax is expensive, having the garden waste collected without an additional charge should be part of it. I think it is very unfair to add a charge for it. It would be very disappointing and trust would be lost with the council. It could also encourage people to pave over gardens or get artificial lawns which is damaging to the environment, increased flooding and affects wildlife.
- Some councils previously getting free collections would likely stop paying. This would lead to more fly tipping. So more expensive for the council to clear than giving free or low charges for collection.
- Leave the service free for all and sell the green waste stop letting the processing company's make a big profit or better still run the whole process and sell the end product for a profit which can pay for the service. Or if you need to charge those who wish to use leave there council tax and those who opt out reduce there's by that amount.
- We pay towards other services we don't use so why start charging for garden waste which we do use?
This approach will make residents complain about paying for other services they don't use, but which are essential for others.
In light of all the other increases eg petrol, gas, electricity and the knock on effect this is having/will have on other essentials eg food, many households will have no choice but to refrain from using the garden waste service in order to live - this will no doubt lead to fly tipping and/or a decline in taking pride in our gardens; both of which will impact on everyone.
- Paying for a previously free service will simply mean more illegal dumping of waste - already a big local issue (see Hardwick Road...) which will cost more to clear.
At the same time clamp down on this
Issue - note recent prosecutions for fly tipping - better checks needed on all aspects of the waste disposal trade to save our countryside!

- People are struggling about to pay the other increases this year including an increase on council tax. It is going to result in gardens being unattended an increase in fly tipping,
- There is already a major issue with fly tipping, this will make it even worse. The council also make it difficult to dispose of green waste at a recycling centre. Many people will not want to damage their, vehicles by putting dirty garden waste in them but the council restrict the size of a trailer allowed at the centres to a maximum of 1.8m. This is very small and would typically hold less than the boot of a car. This means multiple trips when a larger trailer would allow more waste in one trip. This is not good for the environment and it also further promotes fly tipping. It is also not very logical, a long wheelbase van is allowed which is longer than a car and trailer.
- More fly tipping
- Fly tipping will be rampant
- Possible fly tipping by non-subscribers.
- -More financial strain/ stress on low income households. When the stress of trying to cover the general bills and food is difficult.
 - the local area would look worse (run down) as people won't respect their gardens.
 - people getting in more debt.
 - Individual mental health through stress/ anxiety. Impact on NHS
 - Higher amount of fly tipping, more cost to the council to clear.
- Aside from the fact that everything is costing more inc Council tax I do think that there would be a lot of fly tipping as a result and also burning at homes. Both these would then cause extra complaints etc to the council to deal with.
- A lot more fly tipping. It seems ridiculous to stop a perfectly good, affordable system, for the sake of dogma. The council should be looking to improve its offer to the best in the county not going backwards
- It would certainly in [Redacted] Road be a danger to drivers. As I would have no where to dispose of the leaves from the very large trees other than out in the road
- You shouldn't be charged if your council tax includes that cost
- If the number of collections is reduced (seasonal) then the payment subscription should also be decreased
- If you introduce a charge I think people will just put it in black bins
- I think charging separately would just lead to more fly tipping. I know we would pay more in council tax but it is a hidden charge within it so people won't notice the extra few pounds
- More car trips
More bonfires
- I think if a charge were introduced you would have a higher rate of garden waste being dumped in public areas or farm/parkland where it would cause a nuisance and potentially harm wildlife
- This would reduce my recycling capacity and mean more of my waste would end up in landfill. I have a large perimeter hedge if it was unkept then council would have something to say. The waste is such that I fill 3 bins. With the cost of everything else going up this is a step too far. Kettering has been paying far higher council tax than the rest of North Northants for years, therefore we had the green waste collection.
- There would be more flytipping on farmland
- I would rather pay for general waste bin out of my tax and have the recycling and garden waste bin free to be honest this would encourage many people to help the environment more seems to be putting people off with fees when trying to help the environment??
With bills going up as much as I use my bin I'm thinking of now putting it in the main bins or local recycle centre because it extra cost which I can't afford .
- It would without a doubt increase fly tipping which is already a big problem in this area.

- Added fly tipping and an increase in garden waste going into landfill when the council should be encouraging the recycling of green waste. Surely you would be better off charging for excess landfill waste produced by households who can't be bothered to recycle their waste - how many don't bother to recycle their food waste? Of course this won't happen because of the backlash you will receive and you presume that the vast majority of home owners with gardens can afford to pay and will do the right thing.
- The current situation with two weekly collections should continue to prevent fly tipping and more recycling placed in black bins.
- Could lead to more fly tipping
- I don't understand why if the bin truck is coming down the street for one paying person why it's beneficial to ignore other bins..
people are already worrying about bill money, cost of living. Food/ opting to grow your own. This all needs a bin!
- I am a single parent who already has to find £1400 per year to pay council tax, i cannot afford to pay for others garden waste!
- From the way that this questionnaire has been put together, and the way that questions are posed, they lean heavily towards the charging option.
Would this be indicative of the councils intended direction ?
I think that there is a high probability that it is.
- If cutbacks are needed then I would suggest only collecting in the growing months. I will not pay to have my garden waste collected just as currently due to the rising cost of living I can not justify paying for it. Unfortunately I would just have to dispose of in the black bin.
- More fly tipping
More car or van trips to the recycling centres.
More burning in back gardens
Have you considered people who do not have cars or vans
Have you considered disabled people who enjoy their gardens
Most cutting back in gardens occurs in the winter, we fill our bin at this time.
By cutting services you are alienating more people from the council as they pay for services and get less for their money.
To avoid this : don't cut the service
- Charging households for collecting garden waste would be in essence penalising households for sorting their waste efficiently.
I would suggest keeping the garden waste collection in place would be the most sensible idea. Noone is buying into "the added cost to the council" when refuse collections are fortnightly as are recycling collections, and garden waste is collected with one of those.
- People already under many financial pressures.
Possible Increased fly tipping
- Stop ripping people off and actually deliver a service that is for for purpose.
- To repeat you will just encourage more fly tipping
- There would be a negative impact for people like myself on a pension which is not increasing with inflation and who are disabled and partially sighted.
- The council itself is not helping with this. Two out of the three former councils had a free amenity. Now the very new council come along and the first thing it wants to do is scrap a service that the majority of this county has had and make even more charges in its residents. You should realise that some residents will not accept this and will respond by fly tipping. We in the Wellingborough area have enjoyed a middle of the road amenity for a very long time and will not be happy to pay for something they regard as a fundamental right.

You are going to have wide spread discontent as we just cannot go on paying extra for the fundamentals we have come to expect.

I would respectfully suggest that you take a middle if the road approach and go for free collections part if the year.

- If you start charging for waste removal it will entice people to flytip.
Or it will stop people doing their gardens and therefore cause more of a problem due to rats and overgrown greenery which would be an eyesore.
- Of Course they will have a negative impact we already pay for this service with council tax. Many people are struggling to put food on the table and heat their homes without this extra bill. Avoid it by carrying on the way it's always been.
- You would encourage it being put in the black bin & so much more flytipping!
- There are to many high expenses going out for people and there is a limit that people can afford. You are alienating your employees and members of the public. You will lose all support. We should not be paying for other Councils debts.
- It would have a negative impact on my purse! I'm already on universal credit, no way could I afford it, the monthly council tax is a lot for me
- With record inflation severely impacting the public, especially low income families, additional service costs are immoral and unnecessary.
Shame on the persons responsible for orchestrating this charge at this time.
- As stated previously, I believe it would lead to illegal/inappropriate dumping, with subsequent costs for the council.
- There may be some dropping off in demand in the areas which at present receive free collection. Most who already subscribe to the service would by and large continue.
- If you're going to charge some people more - why not charge those that have HUGE houses with huge gardens that can afford to pay the charge. I am a working single parent. I work full time but on a low wage. I dont go out as i have kids and responsibilities. My only pleasure for myself is my gardening of my humble garden. I fill up the grey bin over most fortnights during March to November but no more than that. Any extra I take to the waste centre but i rarely need to do that. What not just charge the household that want to fill more than 1 grey bin a fortnight if they have a big enough garden to need them. £55 may not be a lot to those households but its a huge cost for someone like me.
- If people have to pay for garden waste to be collected, expect a lot of fly tipping
- The garden waste should be the same cost in all areas . At the moment wellingborough is free yet rushden and Higham ferries has to pay £55 a year . How can this be justified ?
- I am Strongly opposed to the introduction of paying additionally for this service. We already pay substantial council tax and this is a service we actually benefit from.
As noted already we feel we are being penalised in our area because other boroughs now under the same council poorly managed their finances.
You also will end up with people either putting garden waste in other bins and Pictionary recycling or dumping it on the streets.
- Some people will never pay and will either just fly tip thinking 'well it's garden waste so it's allowed', or will start filling up the bins of the people who do pay.
- The collection of waste from households is a public service. Not collecting it a a failure. To charge extra is even more undemocratic.
- [Redacted] knows we're the garden waste would end up
- I think people will start fly tipping garden waste if they have to pay extra for it.
- It would increase fly tipping, which is already an issue in Northamptonshire! Yet again it would be the poorest hardest hit! Also it would mean people's gardens would become eyesores as

people who couldn't afford to pay are not going to be trimming/cutting their gardens as they have nowhere to dispose of it

- Potential for fly-tipping if charges are imposed.
The disabled/elderly may not be able to afford it and their garden could be their main outside time if restricted mobility. It would degrade their life quality.
The services are already paid for by council tax and it would effectively be a double charge
- I suspect there would be an increase in fly-tipping.
It is not easy to catch people doing this unfortunately.
- My mum has to wait for others to take her garden waste to the the recycling centre but not everyone has some to do that for them.
- The current amount of green waste collected would be lower due to people not joining the service for financial reasons (it should be noted many residents are struggling to be able to cope with increasing energy and for costs never mind finding additional for the collection of green waste).
This would lower the council's recycling rates and also increase its costs due to increasing amount going to landfill which as we are aware incur significant costs
- I think that you would get more fly tipping and make the county look worse than it does now. Leave the tax off.
By all means, charge the people that have more than one bin.
- It will encourage fly tipping 100%
Working people dont have the money and i cant believe you would charge social dodgers
- See previous comments.
- Increased fly tipping
People putting garden waste in the black bin
Penalises people on lower incomes at a time of increasing inflation and pressure on household incomes
No redeeming or acceptable justification for this change
- Many areas already charge for green waste collection.
Hopefully the charge of around £1 per week will help keep the service running
- We need local waste centres. Stopping collections and closing these centres only contributes to fly tipping.
- we are being charged for everything now adays from the council it's not going to be a good scheme
- Fly tipping. People putting garden waste in black bins.
Bigger queues at the tip
- Your encouraging fly tipping ,as I do a bit of walking I already see this being done, it will increase 10 fold I think , another stealth tax , try cutting your wages/bonus to pay for this, DICK TURPIN AINT DEAD WITH YOU LOT ABOUT
- I understand costs ect but I feel we all pay enough .everything gos up but household money don't. I feel gardens would become overgrown causing rats .be an eyesore .waste men moan OK go bk to the olden times when they came in every garden and carried waste out ..there bins are on wheels and barely any lifting involved.. think keep it as is don't fix what aint broken comes to mind save money by those that don't use or want garden waste done put on a list for no collection
- Perception - currently EN pay for the subscription and yet still have deprived areas within. If you made the remainder of NNC pay subscription, it will likely be seen as a money making exercise unless great communication is offered about how council tax is lowering to take into account the subscription fee.
Reduction in service and / or increase in fees will always be a difficult sell.

If you reduced to growing season collections, maybe community-based collection points could be arranged for areas without direct access to household waste, preventing fly tipping, the use of black bins, and people who lack transport from struggling unduly.

- On here it said £55 a year once a fortnight about £2 a go now it saying March to November that is a quarter less. It will increase fly tipping , Cause people to remove some larger bushes and trees this would not help environment
- People may begin to illegally dispose of their garden waste if they can't afford the extra costs
- I am sorry. This should be fair and at the moment the council has to make it so. Of course there will be negativity but I am afraid residents that have had this service free have had it good. Obviously the council will have to charge everyone. We didn't have a bin for years as we took garden rubbish over to Corby waste, however it got too much, what with waiting in queue's, time, petrol costs and hassle.
- Why don't you reduce taxes to get people spending locally rather than increasing taxes.
- If you stop garden bin collections it would probably get put into the black bins instead as some people are cash strapped now let alone paying an extra amount, and if we get into the realms of paying for what we use or don't then people who don't have children shouldn't pay for schools or use the library or the bus service etc as that wouldn't be fair to the vast amount of people who are paying but not using those services.
- I think it will cause more fly tipping than we already have.
- Already we pay a disproportionately high amount of council tax compared to many other authorities in the UK. A further erosion of services is not acceptable.
- We need an all year round collection of our garden waste as much of our waste which can't be composted at home is produced over the winter months.
- I've already said.
- I do not pay now and do not intend to pay in future .
- Some households are surrounded by trees, on the roadside etc. During Autumn leaves and debris from trees on the roadside regularly end up in driveways and private gardens, and subsequently in recycling bins. If there is a charge to recycle garden waste it should be ok to remove leaves etc. and leave these by the roadsides for road cleaners.
- More fly tipping. Gardens becoming overgrown. More leaves in the streets.
- The negative impact would be that more people would take their garden waste to HWRC which are now there are a few. Increased car journeys would become the norm. They can't cope with current capacity as it is which could lead to an increase fly tipping of garden waste. NCC closed the site at Wollaston several years ago!!!!. Needs re-opening
Solution is more HWRCs
- Paying a fee is likely to lead to increased flytipping across the county.
- I pay council tax what is that for and to be honest my estate is a mess the kids play area on bonnington walk is a disgrace if you can call it a play park
- If you stop collecting garden waste it will be dumped in hedgerows and ditches and therefore become a problem for roads with water not being unable to drain and thus causing flooding and the council having to repair roads and send out teams to clear up the waste so its a no win situation
- Do not charge more when there is already a tax hike through this councils fumbling antics and residents are having to bail the council out ... not to mention roads...money is going somewhere except for the constituents within
- Some Pensioners are unlikely to be able to afford the charge putting food / heating before refuse.
- Why should we pay for this as extra when we all ready pay council tax, bins are bins and this is included if it is the government who want us to recycle then asking us to pay more money to do

so is ridiculous. Council tax is high already why pay more this is when you will get people just dumping more rubbish as they wouldn't be able to afford to pay for this service

- people will dump their garden waste in alleys, parks, woodland or anywhere as long as it is not near their home....since councils have started charging for furniture /electrical goods removal,this is why there is so much fly tipping going on now.
- Massive increase in fly Tipping... I'm a cyclist and see this all over Harboro's district when they introduced the charge
- if the garden waste is collected for six months of the year , then, a levy could be charged at half the prices quoted
- I don't think it's fair to introduce a subscription charge across three out of four former council areas when those areas do not currently pay. The fairer solution, and middle ground is to make the service free for all but reduce the collections to only take place during the growing season and encourage home composting to reduce the amount of waste which require collection. Subscription charges could be a false economy because lower income households will just opt out but the incidences of other issues such as flytipping, neighbour complaints etc will increase and just move cost from one part of the council to others. There will also be staff required to handle the subscription charges administration and IT and software capability to do this. There is already some fairness built in to the council tax system on this issue as those properties who do not have a garden are likely in the lower council tax bands anyway. I am not aware of any areas across North Northants where there would be large numbers of properties all grouped together with no gardens causing wasted journeys for collection. You're more likely to have wasted journeys where only a few people on a street have subscribed to the service because others do not want to pay.
- We need to stop charging money for everything and anything. Everyone is feeling the pinch at the moment with energy prices and fuel prices rising. It would be nice to just have a bit of relief from charges and additional payments for things to demonstrate that the community and population are more than people lining the pockets of the rich all the time.
- If charges were made, some people would burn or compost what can be composted, but I could see there would be some bagging it up and dumping.
- I believe it is greedy to remove a service and yet continue to raise council tax. It doesn't make sense and is unfair, especially to lower income households. There is no reason to suddenly charge for this service, and will lead to an increase in paving and loss of wildlife habitat, as well as fly tipping, and people filling their black bins with garden rubbish.
- Charge and there will be more garden waste dumped or put into black bins, very short sighted of council to charge.
- Without a method of proper disposal people will fall back on bonfires, black bins, dumping and composting.
- If everyone had to pay I think a lot of people would stop the service and fly tipping would increase
- Clearly people who don't pay currently will be offended if they have to in the future! Makes no odds to us as we already pay for a collection service. But I do think it should be unified across the unitary authority to make it fair.
- As had already been stated this would probably mean increased traffic I recycling centres,more pollution.
Additionally will almost certainly mean more fly tipping.
- By the way the questions are put after my earlier comments you have already decided to charge all residents in NNCC for garden waste collection
- If garden waste was collected this would also minimise the fly tipping

- People may start to fly tip in wooded areas or green space . Then the council would be paying to dispose of it in the long run.
- I don't agree with having to pay for garden waste collection, we already pay for that in our council tax which has gone up this year. We have enough to pay for already with price rises everywhere.
- Household budgets are tight. This is an expense many may have to cut by households if charged for meaning more green waste in landfill or fly tipped.
- With cost of living going up. This is not a good time to discuss further increases
- More dumping Street rubbish as no one in corby will pay this More fires so More chance of burns and kids playing with flames
- Dumped garden waste , who can afford extra when all other bills have gone up
- I'll tarmac and slab as much as possible. And lay artificial grass.
- Reduced use of service and more fly tipping or garden waste being put into general waste.
- By putting it in the black bin this will increase the land fill cost.
By burning this is not environmentally friendly & will attract more pollution complaints to the council.
If people take it to the tip this will increase more cars on the roads/pollution & not everyone has a car.
- Encouraging fly tipping, messy gardens. I currently cut the lawn for my neighbour who I have no doubt will not pay for a garden waste bin. That free grass cutting service would have to stop.
- This will encourage more fly tipping.
- If I was to have to pay for my garden waste to be collected, I would work on ways to avoid having to use it. I would remove my hedges and lay more patio, which would then impact on the wildlife that is around my area. So your charges would harm the environment. People are already struggling, why make it worse in these hard times right now?
- If you were to provide a part year service for everyone, presumably the annual cost to the council would be less than the current £3m. And this would be reflected in a lower charge than one for a whole year collection service. Pity you did not include comparator costs in your survey as then I would have been better able to decide whether to favour a 9 or 12 month service.
- By introducing a charge for the whole area, people will fly tip.
- If the old Wellingborough Council can run an efficient waste service fir all 3 bins why can't the new council be as efficient.
- Fly tipping would increase costing tax other more
How would the tip work with this option if people started Turning up there instead of paying sub charge
What would happen to self employed people such as gardeners who's customers don't have a bin
- More people would discard their garden waste in their black bins as getting into a refuse centre to dispose of isn't very easy for lots of people - whether it be not being able to get to a centre or the queues being half way down the road and unable to queue for an extended time.
Also the refuse centres aren't always open when needed
- Now you've 'merged' councils, everyone should be held to the same standards. Can't charge some parts of the county and then give it free to others purely based on council tax band areas and whether you think some people can afford it more than others. Shocking
- It will increase fly tipping and bonfires which will pollute the air. Asthma attack levels will go up. We are being punished in our town for the mismanagement of Northampton Council and East Northants payment to the gentleman's livelihood they ruined. We already pay for this service with our council tax which increases each year. The common person is being squeezed every

which way at the moment what with fuel prices ,gas and electric, food and you want to add to that. I think it's shameful.

- There are people out there that couldn't afford to pay extra on top when have low income . People would also tip in place so it would be fly tipping
- Some households can't afford to pay extra money out on top of the rising bills they already have to pay.
- Our negative impact would be not being able to enjoy sitting in our garden, we cannot get out hardly as it is so an open air space just outside the door is something that is essential to our health and wellbeing. People have to pay taxes for keeping parks and open spaces clean and tidy, but we cannot use them, we cannot get to them. Perhaps any proposed charges could be done on an individual basis, how many bins you have, how many times they are emptied, whether you are able to get rid of your own waste or not, that sort of thing.
- Your encouraging fly tipping, stop charging for a service that should be free, cut your cost on the buildings you rent out, from corporate companies who make millions not from a oap who just wants a nice garden
- Charging for the service would cause an increase in flytipping, garden waste build- up and increased individual trips to the tip which has a resulting environmental impact. More money will be required to deal with the fall-out from this. The service should be harmonised by having a free service, March- November, throughout the council. No subscription fees.
- NNC should have a responsible attitude to facilitating collection of green waste. If you are not making money from green waste you need to look at authorities that are.
- Don't make changes. Simple is that. Just because nnc has made a mess why should I pay more. I pay enough for the council tax over 2k a year and also have to pay service charge for the area I'm living now on top you want me to pay for bin collection. I don't think council realised people is struggling to pay for services already and having to cut back on essentials. I don't agree that I should pay more for a green bin collection.
- At the moment I do not pay for garden waste as I pay council tax and don't understand why I should pay twice for the same service when other areas don't pay for this service
- Not having access to green waste disposal would increase the amount of fly tipping
- Please do not introduce a charge. Life is really hard at the minute with increasing fuel, heating, food costs etc. A charge will just add to increased mental pressure and more fly tipping etc,
- You are going to push people to fly tip.
- Kettering council tax is higher than other areas and we get very few additional or better services. This is one 'benefit' which should be free to all and you want to make a cost to people at a time when the cost of living is rocketing. You should also be supportive the environmental impact this makes which everyone can contribute to via effective waste management. The council also makes money from selling compostable materials so where does this money go??
- Fly tipping? Continue the service as is now.
- People would still need to get rid of their garden waste so I believe there would be more bonfires.
Surely garden waste could be made into compost and then sold to mitigate the cost?
One alternative would be to subsidise compost bins - when we lived in Surrey we were given a compost bin that digested all types of food and garden waste - directly into the soil.
- There would be more fly tipping-councils are already failing to tackle fly tipping.
More car journeys would further damage our environment.
The council would waste more money on bureaucracy.
Roll this service out across the district from March to November inclusive.

- I think the charge should apply to all villages and towns regardless of location also some councils remove Christmas trees ours currently don't not very helpful at all. Same rules should apply we pay enough council tax without having to pay additional for bins !!!
- Unless addressed alongside other discrepancies, such as 'free' car parking in Wellingborough and East Northants, this could lead to localised negativity towards the new council and local government reform, in addition to fly tipping.
- Residents don't have a pot of gold to dig into to fund all these proposals. It could end up being the straw that broke the camels back. I think it would force some people to fly tip their waste making it even more expensive for the council long term.
- It will encourage fly tipping.
People who won't pay these charges will dump their waste in other bins that belong to paying customers.
- It would lead to lengthening queues at the tip. Green waste would end up in black bins or be dumped in the countryside. Before grey bins, garden waste was regularly dumped in the local spinney. Getting about from Barton is already a problem and petrol is expensive as the tip is the other end of town.
- With prices of everything rising people are starting to find it very hard to survive. There should not be a charge implemented for these bin. It seems everyone is trying to get as much money out of people as they can. It outrageous.
- An angry and poor community.
- What do you mean by a negative impact? On whom? Or what? Are you talking about the environment? It would have a negative impact on my income as a pensioner. Would you have a separate charge/no charge for older folk?
- No one really uses their bin Nov, Dec, Jan so that makes sense to reduce it but to charge for it on the basis that it's some sort of niche service is ridiculous. Look at the increases in fly tipping in response to reduction in waste collection and charges for bulky waste. The issue really is with the soft-privatisation method that sees waste collection out-sourced and run for profit instead of community benefit. And to suggest that a subscription service would reduce miles travelled and therefore petrol consumed is ridiculous: there is nothing to stop you registering service users without a subscription to the same effect, except that the money saved would be for the private contractors not yourselves! Our taxes are meant to be spent and meant to be spent in the service of the community: this provision does that and I'm sure there are plenty of useless things, like lunch expenses, that money could be saved on before looking at cutting this, which is what it is. You will make it a luxury rather than an essential service.
- Why should we pay extra for this service ? We pay enough council tax as it is ,some people don't use the services that we have to pay for . You will get more fly tipping
- Just another way to charge households money!! Also it will more likely lead to further fly tipping as people won't want to pay to get rid of their garden waste
- My concern would be fly typing where households refuse to pay the charge. Perhaps the charge should be managed through the council tax process and be mandatory. People without a garden would have to apply for an reduction, in the same way as they apply for the single person household reduction. The application would then have to be verified.
- If the proposal is to charge for the service then you need to consider that the charge cannot be any more than the existing service offering otherwise you will not encourage anyone to transition to the service.
- As a family with a large garden and two garden waste bins, I would find it extremely difficult to pay subscription for one/two bins due to the size of my garden, which does not necessarily link to family income/affordability. Many houses with larger gardens are lower value Victorian terraces and with rising energy prices, garden waste subscription is an additional cost

households will not be able to bear. We will see increased fly tipping and we would have no option but to use our black bin also. Whilst I think it would be fairer for services to be standardised across the area, and reducing the service from year-round might be the solution, I don't think March is early enough to commence collections (based on this year)

- We already pay for garden waste collection through our council tax payments, why should we pay twice?

Bringing in a charge for the service would increase fly tipping and force those who cannot afford to pay to put their garden waste in the black bin

- It's not a fair service.

It should be based on the size of property/garden.

Should be more than just March-November, and should be a part of the existing council tax.

- The ever rising cost of living is having a huge impact on families who are already financially stretched.

To impose an additional charge for something that should be covered by our council tax charge is an absolute disgrace.

I would suggest that you do not impose this additional charge.

- This service should be free, Council tax just not value for money but I suppose all those executive wages and expenses have to be paid for somehow

- negative as less will pay

- Green waste is what the government want. Why would a local council want to get rid of a green waste bin?

- People will either fly tip, or use other peoples bins without permission. This kind of charging just encourages anti social behaviour or negligence in property maintenance. People close to use who do not have a brown bin don't mow their lawns or weed their drives and it looks awful. We want our neighbourhood to be well kept- for people to cut their hedges and make the area look nice, which the lazy or financially struggling people won't do if they have no way to get rid of waste, unless they fly tip.

- Landfills getting bigger as people will no longer recycle green waste to avoid paying subscriptions.

We should be encouraging recycling.

- Negative impact?

Most certainly!

We the public are already struggling to pay the extortionate prices just to live basic lives.

The discussion of charging a further fee for something councils should already provide is wrong.

- If all used the service - bins would need to be provided to those households who currently do not have one.

Do not supply the bins to all - ask for residents of the borough to inform you if they already have one, (like myself although last year I did not use it and chose to save money and visit the recycling centre) so duplicate bins are not allocated out.

- people should be encouraged to have gardens, trees plants, to improve the environment. also good for mental health. need more green not less. charging to get rid of any waste from it, is encouraging people to tarmac the lot, as be cheaper. keep it in the council tax. the places that are at present paying make free and put in council tax. you will encourage fly tipping, how much will that cost.

- Are households not squeezed enough without another charge

- - garden waste should be collected all year round

- council tax should depends on bins amount... 1 house, 1 of each bins... Extra bin extra charge.

- Many of these "consultations" are just a tick box exercise and you have already decided what is going to happen beforehand anyway. Please use good old fashioned common sense here, as I

said earlier those who do not want to pay will use other methods, most of which will not be environmentally friendly and could result in even more cost to the council.

- I can imagine fly tipping increasing greatly and costing the council vast sums of money to clear up the mess.
- I think if you start charging people they will just fly tip it and you will end up spending more money cleaning the streets than if you had just continued with the bin collections.
Continue with the free service just during the growing months.
- As explained earlier in survey.
With living costs rising as they currently are, people are already stretched & having to make difficult choices between heating, food, fuel to get to work etc do you honestly think people will pay for this service, seriously??
The ONLY people who may pay for this service are the wealthy! The rest will dump it elsewhere.
- Charging may make people dump their waste in the countryside.
Also if people choose not to pay they will take it to local tip and that will make those busier plus would it be recycled there?
- Flytipping
Increased fire risks from people burning garden waste
Black bin waste increase
But of course there will be one massive positive... your pockets will be full of our cash again
- Instead of one vehicle collecting you will have every house hold going to the tip so even more carbon omissions as well as extra fly tipping
- With the cost of every other utility bill going up so steeply I believe this charge should be free
- We feel that if a charge was put on using collection service there would be an increase in the amount of fly tipping, which already costs the council to clear up and is already a massive problem.
People would also put it in there black bins , like we did before we had recycling bins as they wouldn't bother using there time and fuel going to the tip. We feel that at the moment with the financial situation as it is the last thing anybody needs is more cost to there already overstretched finances .
- People fly tipping garden waste. People using black bins instead. People burning waste, not particularly environmentally friendly. People are struggling financially as it is without paying extra for a service they already have
- Why pay a year,if u only empty march to Nov? And how often will the bins get emptied ?
- Of course it would have a negative impact.
I can't quite credit that the coucil are suggesting even more charges for cash strapped households. The timing is appalling.
It will discourage some people from keeping their gardens tidy and others will add to air pollution as more people - as I have been forced to do - will start to burn their garden rubbish. Others will fly tip costing the councel more in the long run.
- I don't see why we have to be "harmonised". It's yet another tax that households can do without at present. Would prefer this survey to be aired after fuel/petrol/cost of living increases/NI increases are addressed
- I think people will recycle their garden waste less. I think it should be kept the same, I think you should say to people to only put full green waste bins out or maybe collect once a month instead of every 2 weeks.
- Gardening boosts mental and physical health by removing free collections this is likely to lead to less people doing this type of activity leading to even more sedentary lifestyles increasing costs to the nhs along with fly tipping costs and neighbour disputes
- I strongly believe it will increase fly tipping.

Waste collection is included in our council tax payment and I believe very few people will agree to paying extra because as you acknowledge, financial circumstances are putting a strain on all households and paying for garden waste to be collected will not be a priority for most people.

- People are already struggling with rising costs and the council want to add on more costs, this will encourage fly tipping. There are people on my street who have their bins emptied weekly because they're in a parish I think the collection driver said and they do not have to pay either because of this. Its absolutely ridiculous. I pay for what I use because I have no choice but that again is ludicrous because I pay more in council tax again this year and it doesn't even cover the cost for bin collection!
- Fly tipping would certainly increase.
- People will
Fly tip and dump stuff everywhere, just like they do when the tips are closed then you pay 100% more to collect it.
Short term idiotic idea.
- Where I live we are unable to use wheelie bins due to steps up and down to the main road. You would need to provide tags or suitable green bags for putting out garden waste into.
- Most people will dump this or put in black bins. Causing more [expletive] in our streets than there is already. People will have their bins go missing (especially my area)
People will opt for less green space if charges come in which does not help the economy or global warming
- Dont make people pay for garden waste. It's not fair to ask people to pay for it . We pay more then enough in monthly council tax payments and that should cover the green bin waste .
- I have already voiced this
- It will encourage more illegal dumping.
It will encourage people to dump their waste, in other peoples bins.
It will increase the loads in black bins.
The general public are currently experiencing a hike in EVERYTHING, this will not help.
- I am concerned that additional charges where there aren't currently charges will lead to fly tipping.
- If there were more complaints from neighbours due to bonfires or excess waste in black bins and overspill for people to dispose of garden waste that they don't want to take to the tip, this will increase the amount of time and money the council need to spend on getting involved and dealing with these issues
- Increased fly tipping, garden bonfires, and more overgrown bushes on paths.
- I think the only risk is that people start dumping green waste in our byways, but I believe it should be harmonised arrangements so there's a equity. I think the only challenge is needing to raise awareness of how to do effective composting and perhaps go back to providing composting bins, I would be willing to pay more for my green waste curbside collection in order to provide composting bins for people who have lower incomes or disadvantage circumstances, many older stock social housing properties have large gardens. It would be unfortunate if the consequences of this change were to negatively impact the environment.
- People will either fly tip or put garden rubbish into their black bins like it used to be. Refuse to pay a charge for something when we already pay so much in council tax anyway!
- As you have already acknowledged, the current rise in living costs is possibly not the best time to introduce additional costs to families. Although I am ok to pay a charge I know several families already concerned about making ends meet, and dont need additional pressure. This could lead to fly tipping garden waste, or adding it to the general waste bin, and gardens being left untended, affecting appearance of the local area.

Also everyone knows that once a charge is introduced, that charge will rise without consultation. Does the Council foresee putting a limit on the amount the charge can be increased ?

- Doing this is giving the Tories a bad name. You need to start to recoup support, at the moment I'll never vote Tory again
- Corby had made money out of composting... The process works, follow it for the rest of Northants. It may even cut down on fly tipping. Though really coming down hard on fly tipping would be good too.
- There would be fly tipping. There would be overgrown grass as less people can dispose of garden waste.
Those with green bins run the risk of people stealing them or filling them.
People are already struggling with finances and would affect mental health
- These proposals are likely to cause a lot more hardship to people who are already struggling with huge household bills. To proceed with this absurd and frankly tone deaf proposal would be utterly without justification. Local people feel like they are being constantly ripped off with year on year massive unaffordable increases to council tax when local services have been cut so much that we barely get anything in return for our huge bills. Now we are being asked for more money for a service we are already paying for. It's disgusting and greedy and unacceptable to ask for any more money.
- Council tax is already ridiculously high and to charge for something we have had for years especially in the current financial climate is a step too far.
- Just another way of [redacted] people, if you decide to opt out of this service an amount should be removed from the council tax fee. If you wish to use it then nothing should change for you, pay council tax as normal, there's absolutely no need to introduce a separate fee for this service. Absolutely [expletive] poor idea from North Northants Council.
- Read my previous comments.
- This should be made free to residents that currently have to pay so this is fair to all residents in the area. Adding a charge will upset residents to those who do not pay and then also not benefit those that do have to.
- This is just a stealth way of increasing council tax as you're basically asking us to pay for a service we already pay for.
Not everyone will dispose of their garden waste in the proper way when you start charging us, we will sadly see an increase in fly tipping and it will be your fault when this happens.
- I've already shared my thoughts in previous pages.
- Would create more fly tipping and clearing up costs, also extra waste disposal sites would need to be enlarged.
- As already indicated.
Try something else. Until council tax as a process is overhauled then there's no really fair way to screw more money out of the public.
- A lot more fly tipping as cheaper than paying a charge.
- Could charge for the use of having a bin but give free bags that are compostable that could make the tip more appealing if you could just check your waste in the container in a compostable bag
Tip would probably have to open 7 days though so it's all relative
- I think as Rushden have had to pay for their garden waste yet Wellingborough have been getting theirs free, it is time to repay those that have been funding other towns' collections & give them free garden waste collection for free also.
Now that residents have spoken up about the injustice, you are floating the idea of now giving us the same as others within the same county but suddenly changing the rules & either charging everyone or increasing the cost!!

I think our corrupt council should start giving back to its residents that pay huge tax for our services already & instead of swindling us out of more money, you should stand accountable for your actions for once & give back what you have taken.

Time & time again the council squanders our money & either cuts our services or charges us more for less than we were receiving before. When will someone take action against you & people who make these corrupt decisions be held accountable & be sacked or charged so they cannot continue to repeat their actions.

- What about those that bought homes with gardens and are on low incomes, unable to work or retired? Would they get a discounted or subsidised rate as opposed to £55 pa. My stepdad takes great joy in gardening but financially they genuinely struggle. £55 may not seem like much but when your budget is stretched to bursting it can and will cause financial implications or sacrifices for them.

I think it's crazy you'd put further financial pressure on individuals at this point in time, If chances need to be made I'd initially trial growing season collections only and move forward from there rather than rolling out charges to the rest of NNC.

- The amount of fly tipping is going to significantly increase! No one is going to be happy to pay to have bins collected we are all paying enough! Bills are going up every were to be honest this is just another kick in the teeth and another way for people's hard earned money to be taken away from them!

Shocking.

- Looking at social media there will be an issue with more fly tipping. Many are struggling with the cost of living as things are and this subscription will add to this issue. I could not afford to pay this subscription and many others are in the same boat. I believe that a subscription service will cause alot of issues to NNC area and will be highly detrimental
- Charges will lead to more fly tipping I would imagine!!
- Services provided by North. Northamptonshire Council are sub standard as it is, poor policing, potholes everywhere.... And now this! Disgraceful considering that we are all struggling with the cost of living increases for life essentials such as food and heating.
- People are being put under financial pressure in all areas and many families are struggling to buy food. This will impact on how families can do basic things, like enjoy their gardens. Lockdown proved the importance of this and to introduce a charge will force people to allow their gardens to become overgrown and will have a detrimental effect on their mental health. People cannot cope with the financial burdens being put on them.
- Isn't it cheaper to collect for free. (tho we pay council tax for such stuff) than pay to remove illegal tipping. Which I'm sure will increase.

I have a mental disability don't drive. Live alone. My options being on very low income very limited.

- I repeat my two observations.
This will increase fly tipping in the countryside.
Making payments online is not open to everyone.
- I feel fly tipping would occur more. Because households won't or can't afford.to pay for this
- Increased Fly Tipping
Assume people would not maintain gardens if garden disposal cost extra
- I do feel that I already pay a lot of council tax and bin collection should continue to be free for all not just us lucky ones. But the system should be fare to all.
- Many people simply cannot afford the extra fees at this time of increased bills and fly tipping will increase. At when the tips closed.
- Household budgets are already stretched. Impacts of higher taxation are being felt, energy prices are soaring.

We already see lots of waste dumped all over our streets. There will be me burning of rubbish and dumping.

- Very badly not a lot of people would want to pay the charge and therefore there would be more fly tipping and generally people would just put their garden waste into the black bin so I don't think it is viable to charge for this service bill specially when we pay high amounts of council tax already

- On top of the already heavily littered/fly tipped countryside around Northamptonshire, garden waste would no doubt be dumped (by some) and added to this mess

- The council has a competence issue in the waste department. Address this before increasing costs to the public.

- I don't know why we would have to pay for 12 months when a service offered is March to November which isn't 12 months

- People are unlikely to opt to pay more on a subscription. It's better to increase council tax by a small amount for all to cover council costs.

This will increase flytipping and garden bonfires potentially increasing other costs including for the fire service.

- Fly tipping in hedge bottoms, or waste arise.

More legal bonfires.

Continue the system, and offer it to areas not currently using this system.

It may be possible to not offer the service during November and December. Ask your Garden department.

- End up polluting because the council won't do their job anymore without over charging people.

- To learn Rushden have to pay subscription has stopped me from applying for a garden waste bin. But Wellingborough don't pay for it but have this service

It's not fair.

- I would think most people would end up putting garden waste into their black bin which wouldn't be very helpful at all.

- Please consider the cost of living at the moment, people are going to struggle so this proposed cost could hit people hard and they will be forced to say no to a lot of things deemed not essential. How would you police those paying vs those not? I think trialling the seasonal collection is most suitable.

- I think you would end up with more fly tipping etc people are struggling as it is with the increase in everything without adding additional charges on top!

- The County already has a problem with fly tipping of domestic rubbish. Any proposal to charge for garden waste collection will result in some people not using the paid service, which will increase the amount of garden waste illegally disposed of.

- Given the situation in 2022 with huge cost of living increases for everybody across the country, I think it's simply outrageous for the council to be adding even more pressure onto household budgets at this difficult time. Shame on you.

- Some households such as myself have a small garden so would not need it picking up every two weeks, so I don't feel I should pay an annual fee if I am only using it once/twice a year.

With costs of diesel, energy and other household bills going up people will struggle to pay the service charge and will not use the service, resulting in more fly tipping, bonfires and it being put in the black bin.

- No negative impacts. But could do just a monthly collection of waste for those who rarely have waste.

- Keep it in the council tax, people are paying enough, people will dump their waste anywhere rather than pay more for it

- N/A

- If people are forced to pay for garden waste collection, this will increase demand at recycling centers. Which with their reduced opening hours have already increased fly tipping . What do you think would happen if you combine the two [Redacted]!
- If a charge is made some households will stop using the facility because they can't afford it on top of the massive increase in fuel, gas and electric and so on. What they will do instead is dump it into the black bins for normal household waste, which is bad for the environment and so on as you described earlier.

Some councils provide a time and place where any large household items can be collected at a specific point and then a vehicle comes round to collect. This helps prevent fly tipping as people know that this option is available to them. Could a garden waste skip be made available or some such idea?

There is a major problem with fly tipping because people won't pay the council to collect unwanted items. I think charging people for collecting garden waste will prove to be a problem too for reasons you already stated.

- I don't think the reputation of the council could be any worse so this wont make a difference.
- I would be impressed if you followed Corby and Kettering so I do not have to continue to pay
- I think that we
Would start to find garden waste being fly tipped which I suppose is not as bad as a washing machine but still not good. The rubbish tip would certainly need more garden waste disposal areas. I think people would also begin to question if we are breaking down cost to what we use why aren't we doing it for all areas of what we pay?
- I think many people wouldn't opt to pay for this scheme and would dispose off in their black bin collection or dump along the side of road.
- Low income users will be affected
- I think every household should be allowed one green bin and then pay for any additional ones
- We already pay enough taxes. This should be free. People will start dumping garden rubbish as well as other rubbish even more
- Council tax is expensive as it is at the moment as well as all other bills. Keep green waste collection free for Northamptonshire and help residents in this time of hardship.
- Problem is that a lot of people currently have money issues due to high cost of living,I suspect a lot of people will not opt in and simply bagup their garden waste and put it in the black bin and will end up in landfill.

This obviously would mean additional landfill chages and less composting of garden waste

- If you suddenly stop free garden waste collection in areas where it is free you will have huge rises in fly tipping and people putting it in the general waste. It would be disastrous
- Removing bins will encourage fly tipping which is a big problem already
- Exclusion for those on a low or fixed income already stressed by severe price rises across the b board.

Potential for more fly tipping or dumping of waste

- Fly tipping is already a problem, I think people would fly tip garden waste. We already have too many extra charges which contribute to fly tipping, whereas if council collected household items for pensioners and people on benefits fly tipping may be reduced greatly. Less cost for the Council.
- I have already stated this.
It should be FREE as it is in the [Redacted] area.
- Given the council tax and estate charges I already pay I would not be happy to pay even higher charges.
- Please see my previous points.
- We already have this service as part of our council tax. Why would we pay extra for it

- Stop trying to change things that work just fine.
- I already pay for a bin and I don't see why half of the county are getting it for free! Admittedly I only pay £55 but I've only put it out twice!!! It should be free for everyone or paid for everyone
- I feel that if a charge were introduced it would lead to a large amount of fly tipping, or for gardens to be left and not worked on leaving them unsightly. I think it is unfair to suddenly impose a charge for something that is already included in our council tax bills. We would not be able to pay for an additional service as our income has plummeted and we are struggling to pay our day to day bills already.
- You are only going to increase fly tipping. That you have to clear up anyway.
- Council tax has increased along with reduced services year on year, particularly in rural locations, additional charges are not affordable.
- I'm not doing your job for you.
Needless to say I strongly disagree with this additional cost insight of all other financial impacts families face this year.
Totally unjustified other than financial tick on box for you as a council
- It will increase fly tipping which is already bad round here
- Increase of fly tipping. :Reduce impact by not charging for green waste. collection
Green waste going to landfill : Reduce impact by not charging for green waste collection,
- Homes with gardens and low incomes will not be able to afford this new charge and are least likely to have alternatives. Much better to average this cost over all households. Those who do not need it, likely live in towns and benefit to a higher degree from other council services.
- There is a danger that some individuals would fly tip their waste causing more problems.
- Given the increased cost of living in all areas of life at the moment (fuel, energy, etc) this charge would result in waste being disposed of via free methods such as burning, fly tipping or dumping into other bin such as black bins
- The amount of fly tipping will increase dramatically
- 1.Reduced gardening interest due to costs
2.younger generation may not get opportunity to develop interests, short term gain but long time loss. green space is vital for mental and physical well being.
3.focused signed up service without charge is still an option to be greener and economical. why doesn't the council start with that as a trial?
4. will the council charge for recycles /blue bin collection if somebody is not putting their blue bin out or not recycling? how is this different on impact to society? is paved drive /garden better than greenery? this is ultimately what some households will end up doing.
- If the council is serious about it's environmental impact, then recycling and waste disposal should be made as easy as possible. Charging for such services is likely to have a negative impact with an increase in flytipping etc
- I think you will get more fly tipping as people can't afford an extra charge with everything else costing alot more. If you have a large garden you feel you are forced to pay an extra bill.
- Those that don't pay will fly tip
- Stop thinking of ways to make your constituents pay more and concentrate on improving the towns, improve the experience of visiting the area so people want to come here its not rocket science or perhaps it is ?
- The cost of living has rising so much. Most people cannot strike to get a pay rise, so have to take what we are given. We cannot afford extra charges.
- I think it would have a negative impact on some due to new cost when for them was free but if you are making everyone pay the cost could surely be reduced

- See previous comments - keep it simple. Increase council tax which is already on a sliding scale, if it is becoming untenable.
If you create a separate charge then you are making it less attractive to those who are less inclined to recycle which has already led to more fly tipping which is surely more expensive for the council to resolve
- Dumping of waste if charged
- I strongly believe that having a charge will lead to more fly tipping which will then end up having more financial burden for the council
- Negative impact on the environment. People will get rid of their green spaces and people will fly tip garden waste.
This can be avoided by not charging extra for this service.
- Increase in illegal dumping
Green waste in black bin - increase in costs
Making poor people poorer. The council tax is at least a partially progressive tax.
Difficult, complicated and costly (+ red tape) to administer a subscription service.
Complicated for "binmen" to administer.
- I believe that if we have to pay for garden waste collection then people would just dump their waste on the side of the road as the price is absolutely absurd and we pay enough council tax as it is.
- People are just dumping their garden waste instead of disposing it correctly because they don't want to pay. It's making places look untidy
- With the current situation with bills going up I think this is unnecessary
- We already pay for waste disposal in our council tax,
- I suppose the negative impact would be dumped waste, but it is fairer to make everyone pay or have a taxation service instead of targeting some areas only.
- I feel I already pay for this service as part of my council tax. This service has always been provided in my area by Wellingborough council. If you start charging I think it will encourage certain people to dump garden rubbish and fly tip. Let's face it there is too much fly tipping going on spoiling our beautiful countryside and villages. Don't punish people who do take pride in there gardens .
- Of course there will be negative Impacts, we aren't made of money. I only use the service to take tree prunings a couple of times a year so no way am I paying for that. In fact I would require a discount on a service I used to get but would certainly not be using any more. Is no compost produced from the green waste? Where is the money for that going. People will burn more of their green waste resulting in worse environmental conditions. Or just dump it.
Why no help to home compost? If I had compost bins instead of wheelie bins I could make less waste. Use some common sense.
- Increase in fly tipping
- I think making everyone pay for it would lead to garden waste being left in black bins.
- You cannot charge people who do not have gardens or perhaps the elderly on low income pensions - like all taxes it should be means tested
- We pay for ours and even in the months it should be collected it isn't always. It should be included in our already increased council tax but wouldn't mind so much if the job was actually carried out as expected. When you pay specifically for things you expect them to be carried out.
- People would start flytipping their garden waste causing environmental damage and littering. Why are North Northamptonshire residents being penalised for living here when other areas have the service without extra charges.
- This seems to be another money making scheme since the amalgamation of the different councils.

This practice will only discourage people from recycling and encourage more fly tipping. If there needs to be a charge it needs to be spread over the course of a year not as a one off or bi annual payment.

- As Northampton have more housing therefore more gardens, it is logical to me that the people of Northampton pay for this service.
We do n
- Maybe limit the amount of collections of green waste, once this is used up then start charging households.
- I have concerns that introducing charging will mean less people use the garden waste collection and it increases flytipping and burning, both of which are terrible for the environment.
- I think these proposals immediately make me think that the change to the unitary authority was a negative thing!
- More fly tipping.
- We are told to keep our gardens tidy by our ha not everyone has use of a car and skips are expensive
- If I didn't subscribe to a paid removal of waste for garden products, what doesn't get collected would still have to be disposed of probably in the black bin. Don't make life more difficult for us elderly people. A lot of people don't have transport to get to the tip if that's what you expect us to do. A lot of people will just burn stuff, usually in the day when washing gets contaminated and house gets smell of smoke. There really needs to be a continuation of the removal of garden waste. It has always been free and it should continue so to avoid piles of waste in people's gardens who are unable to dispose of it any other way. Lots, without consideration, will burn and cause problems and annoyance.
- we have paid for garden waste collection through our rates for years so why should we have to pay an extra charge now?!! Can understand the need to standardise this service across the county but dont think charging everybody is the right option
- Increasing the cost of bin collection is detrimental to those who are renting with a garden but cannot afford to pay for the bin. You have to maintain the garden, however can not dispose of the waste.
- We live in what used to be classed as East Northamptonshire and do not think it is fair that we are still paying for this service again when others get it for nothing at all. Either we all pay for it or you do this service for free. We will cancel our subscription if this carries on as we are not paying for others anymore.
- Flytipping will increase that is for sure.
- With all bills going up the last thing people want to pay extra for is garden waste. I think you will find you will be encouraging people to dump their waste when black bins are full. We pay enough council tax, if the council hadn't got in yo so much debt this wouldn't be happening.
- Will lead to more fly tipping
- Fly tipping would possibly worsen
- As I said previously it will just encourage fly tipping also not everyone has transport
- Adding extra cost to already stretched family budgets is a huge negative, especially when we already pay council tax for this service. The impact of this will be families not using the service and adding their garden waste to black bins or even flytipping. Also more gardens being paved over to reduce having to dispose of lawn cuttings, and more individual car journeys to the local tip to dispose of waste. All of this is terrible for the environment. To reduce this impact, the council should just offer a free service to all, March to November only.
- I think more people will put garden waste in their black bins or dispose of it by burning which is not good for the environment, can be dangerous if not done carefully and is bad for neighbours who are also trying to enjoy their outdoor space.

- There will be an increase of illegal dumping if green waste. Free waste disposal.
- Housing association properties may have very large gardens and are generally occupied by lower income tenants or elderly who do not have sufficient means to pay for the service, especially if a number of waste bins are necessary. Housing associations should be encouraged to assist those tenants, maybe contribute towards the costs, or set up their own scheme to remove the garden waste.
There maybe more burning of garden waste that would result in increased complaints of smoke pollution to the Council to investigate, and the impact on air quality. Cost implication of officers responding to those complaints
- I strongly disagree with an additional subscription charge being levied for garden waste collections. This will encourage more fly tipping which is more costly to the council and is harmful to wildlife and adds to the workload of farmers. It will mean that more bonfires will be lit which is also harmful to the environment and will impact on the emergency services, in particular the fire service, when these bonfires get out of control - which they will for sure. Many residents are already struggling with higher food and energy bills and this additional charge, if approved, will just add to their increasing financial burden. If 3 of the former 4 District Councils collected garden waste free of charge as part of the waste collection service paid for in the council tax, then surely it is only right and proper to continue this throughout all of North Northamptonshire. Futhermore it would increase the use of vehicle movements from households who would then use their local HWRCs to dispose of garden waste at a time when we're trying to reduce the use to help the climate / environment.
- This action would directly jeopardise your aim to be carbon neutral, the general public would stop recycling garden waste and it would most likely end up going to landfill sites. The current method produces fertilisers which are used in the area, there would be a significant reduction in the amount produced for this, whereas this could be sold on for profit and the service paid for in this method. There would also be an increase in fly-tipping garden waste materials as many would not pay for the service and would not bother to go to a local household recycling centre. This would also be an increased cost to the council to remove fly-tipping. Whilst many people do have a garden to produce garden waste, many of these homes (especially new builds) do not have the space for a compost bin in their own garden and this action to pay for the service would not increase the likelihood of people composting themselves. With the economic climate the way it is and the cost of living climbing rapidly, many households living just on the line would not be able to afford an additional expense to remove household waste, leaving people with only the options of putting waste in the black bin, fly-tipping or visiting a local recycling centre, the third of which is not possible for many people due to their hours of business and not having the ability to transport waste to their local site.
- It will encourage fly tipping
- Maybe selling compost back to people in the community would be helpful?
- Council tax for most areas sky rocketed when the councils were formed, taking away “free” services would put a lot more pressure on people.
- People will not use the garden waste if they have to pay, which will lead to more waste being taken to landfill rather than to the appropriate place to be recycled into compost (which no doubt also benefits the council who sell the compost).
It should be free to everyone if we all have to pay the same taxes.
- The most obvious negative impact would be burning more than usual and adding to air pollution. Another impact will most certainly be fly tipping, meaning extra costs to the council and an eyesore for residents with financial implications for landowners that will become the victims of fly tipping, a crime that is largely investigated only on rare and extreme occasions.

- More rubbish dumped on verges gateways for the council to collect at probably more cost. Dumped on farmers land unfair for them to have you clear up things you should be looking after. You'll have more landfill charges as it's just chucked in people's black bins
You resell or use the compost and that's good for the environment
- We pay enough in council taxes. Stop being greedy. People are already struggling yet the council seem hell bent on adding yet more funds onto households.
- I can understand that residents that do not pay now for the service, will not want to start to pay an annual charge. I have read peoples options online. A lot have said they will not pay and put the garden waste in their black bins. I feel that a fair/minimal cost would be a better solution. It may also add to fly tipping, which I would not want to see in the countryside. People should be encouraged to respect the area we live in - not discouraged. Most people feel that they pay enough Council Tax already for the standard of service that they receive.
- Cost to myself. I have a low maintenance garden with no grass and probably use this service 3 times a year and only from March to September.
Why should I pay the same as someone who cuts their grass regularly and uses the service every fortnight.
Despite this, I need the service albeit infrequently, as I am disabled and would not be able to dispose of garden waste any other way.
- I believe the majority of households that create relatively small amounts of garden waste, will utilise the black bins to dispose of said waste. This means that compostible waste would then end up in landfill, instead of being recycled through composting. The extra amount of black bin waste would also have an adverse effect on the quantity of waste going into landfill sites.
- Eat into our already dwindling income carers are expensive
A second bin doesn't coat that much when your already here compared to the cost of people dumping or black binning overflow
Avoid negative impact by just collecting garden waste every fortnight all year (cutting back trees hedges herbaceous borders old bean stalks etc is a winter job.) Free. Of extra charges.
More people have had free collections than have had to pay!!!!
- Charging for the service would have a negative impact, so I strongly feel it would be a bad thing.
- Fly typing would become a major problem and it would probably cost more to clear up the mess than provide the garden waste collection service.
- Increase in fly tipping.
Increase traffic on the road going to recycling centres, which increases carbon footprint.
- I already pay for my bin to be emptied so it would not bother me
- A paid for service might encourage bad behaviour such as fly tipping. Some residents are believed to dump grass cuttings on the road verges, not realising it harms the environment. It might also encourage people to use cars to take waste to recycling sites. Public messaging could be used to counter this.
But there are possible positive impacts to encourage, such as increased home composting that could be encourage by promoting discounted bins. And local arrangements such as shared subscriptions and other cooperative means of disposing of waste should be encouraged.
- The idea of charging for such service is going to make fly tipping more of a issue. The cost of council tax is already expensive,
- Financially alot of people will struggle. I have already given suggestions
- There would be a lot more flytipping of garden waste. This is very harmful to the environment. I live near the woods and have very often seen dumped garden rubbish there. Charging will only make this worse and the council will have to collect it - more expense. I don't think it is worth charging people to collect their garden waste because I know it will be dumped in woods and other places.

- Discourage recycling
- Maybe more people would subscribe if the fee was not too high therefore stopping fly tipping
- People would hide their garden waste into their black bins
- fly tipping would drastically increase, and garden waste would be put in the landfill bin
- Make the service free to all.. unfair that east northants have had to pay for this for years yet now the area has changed instead of giving us the free service you have provided to others before you are now considering charging everyone...or how about you give ex east northants the service for free for 5 years and charge the areas that previously had not been charged
- It would encourage more fly tipping.
- Opening times at tips could be adjusted so those not wishing to utilise a green bin collection could dispose of garden waste at convenient times rather than dumping it on a roadside because the tips are always shut/turning people away.
- We feel there would be an increase in fly tipping and more bonfires. Don't charge for waste removal
- do not make a change that will lead to more fly tipping. It's a big enough issue already and no doubt incurs significant costs
- Charging for the collection will have a negative impact on the town as there will probably be a lot of people dumping their rubbish as they do now with other household items. (flytipping)
- Could everyone afford to pay? Not everyone has transport, how would their waste be disposed of? Maybe some people could be exempt from a charge.
- This proposal comes at a time when people are experiencing increases in many essential household bills, whatever your research has told you it could lead to people dumping their green waste in fields in the belief that as it is green waste it wont do any harm. if the charge is kept to a minimum and eased in over the years, it will be less likely to be felt four pounds added to ten council tax debit payments will not have the same effect as a one off charge.
- It would have a great impact on folk like us, pensioners, the ones always forgotten by councils and government. Like I said this is just a money making ruse.
- Think there would be more fly tipping if you charged. Overgrown gardens
- I think that people who do not have a garden should not pay anything towards this. We should pay for what we use.
- It would have a negative impact on the amount of waste i could produce from my garden and the restrictions at the recycling centre for number of trips ??
- Its just needs to be a fair approach across the board.
- Where we live is adjacent to the [Redacted] in Kettering, consequently in addition to the leaves from our birch tree we also have blown onto our largish open-plan front lawn a large quantity of leaves from the [Redacted] tree every autumn. This usually means a lot of clearing up of leaves far beyond our capacity of any compost making (not that we have enough open ground to use such compost on) and the collection of them usually goes on well beyond the end of November. Hence partly the need for 2 garden waste bins - and the need to have collections of such waste going on beyond what might be thought of as the usual growing season. Also, probably because of climate change, grasss cutting now often continues through much of what used to be considered the 'dead season' in the winter).
- You have to pay for everything nowadays and and no Council in the country has coffers overflowing with spare cash, as I said earlier being pensioners we see little benefit from the council spend on education and child welfare but they are services that civilised countries consider essential, perhaps not so garden waste but standards are slipping everywhere and one must assume this is just one more step on the downward path.

- Imposing a charge for green waste collection on people who have up until now not been required to pay a subscription will inevitably result in an increase in fly tipping which will add to the drain on Council funds.
How do you stop fly tipping? Impossible to eradicate it entirely, but making recycling cheaper and more convenient would help. Remember your commitment to the Government to increase the amount of recycling year on year
- We pay enough a month for our council services. I think fly tipping will increase around where I live.
- I find it unfair that I have to pay a yearly subscription for my garden waste when other areas of the nn postcode is free, we should all either get it free of charge or have to pay a subscription,
- Moving to a subscription model would increase fly-tipping, which is already a problem, and be hard to enforce as people would move waste around to get it taken away without paying.
- Please see my previous comments regarding the potential increase in fly tipping that is likely to result as well as the administrative overhead of "policing" those addresses which had paid vs. those which had not. The latter is avoidable if a universal service is maintained.
- As stated, introducing another charge is a cheating way of raising council tax. If a charge is introduced the corresponding allowance should be deducted from council tax.
Increased risk of fly tipping, air pollution from incineration and less tidy environment.
- To those that pay presently i see no problem they have signed up to the scheme,
- People who only use their brown occasionally would use their black bin and hope to get away with it! Fly tipping would also be a risk.
- If a charge was introduced It would certainly lead to much more fly-tipping therefore negating any savings you are hoping to make
- I think I have covered all previous questions, We are all feeling the pinch on a monthly basis, you should be able to cover the cost of garden waste collection within the rise of a yearly hike in Council tax, what other pleasure do most people have of their own outer space (garden) without having to think this is costing me, to me that is very negative, and if only used for 6 months, if we HAVE to pay it should only be for that period NOT a whole year.
- There is still a need to get rid of perennial weeds that shouldn't be put in compost bins.
My property backs onto Council owned woodland so larger branches have to be removed, far too large to be composted.
- Of course it would have a negative impact, we are already being stretched to the maximum with living costs in every aspect of life. As spoken about previously, I pay parts of council tax that do not relate to me why shouldn't the whole of the community help one another like we are forced to do?
- Some people. e.g. myself have a low maintenance garden that produces perhaps two bins of garden waste, if that, a year so why would should I have to pay for year round collections, or collections during the 'growing season' that I will not use. People will not pay extra for a service which they feel they already pay for (as, in fact, they do). They will simply put it in black bins or dump it.
- As previously stated, Corby already provide this service as part of their Waste Collection services.
I don't believe we should be made to pay more when it's always been available through Corby Council, just because we're now part of the wider North Northamptonshire council.
- People who can't afford it or don't want to pay, may stop tending their gardens or fly tip their waste. Neither is of benefit to the community
- With the cost of living always going up this potential extra charge makes life even harder than it is now. Increased fuel, food and yet to come gas/electric how much extra do you honestly think we have? I pay for this already and if I don't then why am I paying £116pm?

- I only use my grey bin for garden waste around twice a year when my small hedge is cut as my garden is paved / gravelled I think this would be a lot to pay to only use twice
- People will dispose of it by fly tipping, dumping near neighbours fences causing smell of rotting vegetation as not all households have the facilities for composting.
- Council could provide compost bins at cut price to households
- It shouldn't incur any charge. The council tax demands are far too high without putting additional costs to householders.

Fly tipping will be greatly increased cost more to clear up and present dangerous hazards to road users

Avoid this by not charging for the collection service.

- Possible fly tipping. Waste put in landfill black bin. Step backwards
- Look at my previous comments
- I've already answered this question earlier in the questionnaire. You are not thinking about the impact on the elderly, disabled and those on low incomes. Not everyone can compost, not everyone needs to compost. You will find people burning or dumping their garden waste, both of which will have a negative effect on the environment and guess who has to clear up fly tipped waste? Oh yes, the council do - at your expense, negating any savings your making with your charges. Burning green garden waste isn't good for the environment but you will drive people to do that when it becomes a choice between paying for a collection or using that money for food or heating. Not everyone has a car to take waste to a recycling centre - but for those who do, you are increasing the emissions for all those extra journeys. Reduce collections to March to November only and, if you really have to, charge those who can afford it and leave the poorer people alone.
- Any charge for collecting garden waste will have a negative impact on residents when all other costs are increasing. No doubt Council Tax will also increase further impacting on residents living standards.
- If the service was free our gardens and area may be more tidier as we would be able to clear and get rid of over grown grass strubs etc
- more garden waste disposed of in public areas, gardens left with piles of garden waste to decompose.
- People will Start dumping on the roadside.
It's not rocket science.
It's been included in our council tax for decades. I'm not about to start paying for it now. Especially after the council tax hike last year!!! You should be called 'Highwayman Council Services'!!!"
- With households already stretched with rising utility, fuel and food costs this is another cost the Council is asking its residents to find. It begs the question what we even have council tax for if the Council can then cherry pick which services can then be available only by subscription. This is a service that should be part of why I pay my council tax and if it goes to subscription only I will not be paying it. What of the residents that have gardens and have no transport to take their garden waste to the Recycling Centre and do not have funds to pay for a private or subscription service? The result is that the waste will go in the black bin.
An alternative why not ask residents to only put out their green waste bins when they are completely full which should reduce the amount of bins put out each fortnight.
- Just make it fair to everyone! I'm currently paying for the service myself and through my taxes - is that fair?!
- i expect charging for collection would result in more incidences of fly tipping

- Feel if you start charging people will opt out and tips would become too busy in the summer months resulting in fly tipping. This would result in even a higher bill applied to us tax payers to clear.
- Bonfires
- Dumping of garden waste
- It will increase fly tipping, people will put their garden waste in their black bins. People will burn instead, which is not great for the environment or your neighbours! How the council can justify charging families for a standard waste collection service is unbelievable. How will the service be run? How will it be known by collectors who had paid and who hasn't? What about resident's who pay and then have other's using their bin to either get out of paying, or because they cannot afford to? How accessible is it to people with disabilities, who need kerbside collection but are more likely to be on benefits? What are the environmental impacts of people burning their waste, or disposing in black bins instead?
- This will lead to more fly tipping, more incorrect use of black and recycling bins.
- If I have to pay for the waste to be taken away, it makes having a gardener more cost effective as they take the waste away with them.
- More flytipping to start with , making more expensive for clearing up
- If subscription was introduced most people would just fill up their general waste bin with their garden refuse.
- Residents across the majority of the area, currently are not charged for garden waste collection. If residents are required to pay extra for this service, residents could request an equivalent reduction in their current council tax charge. In addition, strategically it would open up the debate about changing the service model.
A further concern would be people dumping waste in green areas such as public parks, grass verges etc. Perhaps worse, residents would leave anywhere.
- Some residents may be unable to afford a collection fee and do not have a car. Therefore to dispose of garden waste it would either go into the black bin, increase the use of bonfires, or fly tip.
Perhaps people receiving certain income based benefits could pay a reduced charge.
- As a resident of an area where collection is included in council tax, shouldn't this change be viewed as an 'opt-out' situation?
Having the facility to opt-out would reduce number of households using the service and therefore reduce council costs.
At a time of large increases in cost of living, many people won't have extra money available for such a service.
I'm concerned that people will resort to disposing of waste in other ways.... In black bin, in public spaces or having garden fires.
Would a 'single purchase' be an option? For example, the resident could pay for the bin to be emptied only when they require it?
- Most Councils already charge for this service, including Councils in relatively less prosperous areas of the Country. No significant negative impacts. The cost of the service, beyond ENC area, should be borne by those who use it - disproportionately those with larger properties as opposed to those with smaller homes.
- All you're going to do here is create a saving in one pot and create a bigger cost in another as fly tipping increases, just as it did before.
- If you implement a charge there will be more fly tipping
- Putting this in place, there will be a lot more waste left on the roadside or in fields etc.

- It would severely affect the elderly who may not be able to afford an additional charge and who would be unable to dispose of their garden waste. Often it is the last well being pleasure they have.
Families as well are cash strapped and this would bring additional pressure.
Work smarter instead, only provide the bins to those that use it appropriately . Provide the service from March to November, or a shorter period. Provide the collection service once every 3 weeks. Sell on the green waste to other contractors that can compost it appropriately or other purpose .
- There will be more fly tipping and could attract rats etc should just book when needed or less often collections to share the service over the county
- I think if you put these extra costs in place , there be alot of garden waste dumped in the streets. low paid single families would not be able to afford this service.
there is to alot of increases in bills, without having to having a extra bill.
- People would dispose of garden waste by fly tipping. Or use the local tip .
- The more expensive you make it the fewer people will opt for it. We need as many people as possible to use the service. Taking it to a council recycling site is not the answer because that means more fuel usage.
- People may say they do not want a garden waste bin to avoid extra charges and then dump their garden waste which will have an effect on the local environment and more work for the council to tidy up.
- An introduction of a charge across the area may encourage and increase fly tipping in the area
- I'm sure you will find that fly tipping of garden waste will become more common.
- i think there would be fly tipping of garden waste, if the charges took place.
there is too much price increases, it seems North Northants is jumping on the band wagon, shame on you.
- My concern would be people fly tipping their garden waste in the countryside, which would spoil and cost the council more.
- people may stop tidying hedges, trees near paths, overhanging neighbours if they have to pay for a collection - this could cause hazards on local paths and impact on "neighbour" relations. some people may not be able to afford paying and may not have the option to transport the waste to a tip so could dump the waste on local paths or shared space resulting in costs to someone else.
- yes charging a fee
Avoiding negative impact do the service for free
- This would increase taxation at a time when all other costs are increasing leading to a number of households falling into further poverty
- A small number of residents in the Kettering/Corby/Wellingborough areas may be tempted to fly tip
- you have reduced the bin service already from weekly to fortnightly know you want to charge to have my hedges.
- If the waste was collected between April - November then there should not be any extra charges. Any household that has more than 1 garden waste bin should pay to have the second collected. Any household that is already paying a subscription should have this stopped so that all residents within North Northants Council are treated the same.
- I do not believe in charging for this service, people are already struggling with rising costs of gas/elec/council tax and food shopping. I feel only collecting for certain months of the year (and no charge) is the way forward. Lots of people in my area do not use there garden waste bin and I feel the ones that do are usually the elderly population who again would struggle with a charge or taking their waste to the local recycling centre.

- garden waste should be collected by the council free of charge all year round
- It is unfair that one area pays and the rest get the service free. This must be addressed. If you introduce a charge where there has not been one before flytipping will occur and this will bring extra costs for the council
- I think that it is best to get as many people on board by keeping the charge reasonable. This would be more appropriate than fewer users subscribing to a more expensive service. It will also discourage fly tipping of garden waste and encourage maintenance of gardens. Similarly, the service should be all year. There are maintenance tasks which are ongoing all year such as pruning; you especially want to avoid the bird nesting season for this. Also, you don't want part filled bins fermenting, however slowly over the winter months.
- I image there are many other people in my situation who live on a tight budget managing to pay bills and not much else. There are so many increases, household fuel, petrol and food. Do you want to put me in poverty?
- Times are hard at the moment without extra cost to households. also neighbours that might pay this subscription would probably have other neighbours that don't put there garden rubbish in there bins, there would be no way to monitor this happening.
- If the service reduced the months it was available this would definitely have a negative effect for us - only a 12 months of the year service is viable
- i would have to consider dumping my hedges.
- An additional tax charge on garden waste collection would have the opposite effect and increase fly tipping. This should not be considered as it is already a service we pay for under council tax in Corby anyway
- Definitely will create a negative impact = more people will put their garden waste in the black bin, more people will fly tip it making the rural areas a mess and incurring higher costs by way of the council needing to remove it all. People fly tip it now, so more will simply fly tip it if a charge is incurred!
- You need to work closely with volunteer sector and see how larger organisations already use garden waste.
You may be able to work with other organisations that may collect the bins for a small fee
In short we feel that garden waste can be used to compost or for other uses, it would be interesting to know what happens with the waste and whether there are organisations that use garden waste already
- If you stop this service you will increase fly tipping in the area
- Fly tipping is a concern as it is already a huge problem, without the neighbours who put out their unwanted household items outside on their driveways/front gardens for passing public to take which I feel is an eye sore.
- It will be an extra expense to be added to national insurance increases, electric , gas , petrol , council tax , food .
It's simple keep the current arrangements in place.
- If you make people pay extra they will just fly tip it as the recycling centres are not open all week and when they are it takes hours to get in and out and even then the skips are full to overflowing and you can't tip in them anyway.
- If everybody declined your services fly tipping will increase either by the householder themselves or through the use of a 'contractor'.
You say it would save driving down all streets - if one householder in each street went along with this scheme you would still be driving down those streets. That argument does not hold.
The harmful effects on the environment by everybody driving to a recycling centre.
The extra strain put on the recycling centres - you are only moving disposal issues to a different are.

Composting at home encourages rats.

Not everybody wants to put compost on their gardens.

The people who cannot dispose of their own garden rubbish are more likely to be those who are unable to dispose of it themselves and therefore unable to afford the extra costs.

At a time like this when there is increased pressure on household energy bills and incomes you are not going to meet with a positive response.

- Not providing a collection service may risk increases in flytipping.
- You are just trying to shift a problem and generate more revenue. The services provided within Kettering are poor at best, better use and management of the funds is where your efforts need to be - it's pointless throwing money at a broken system and monetary black hole - sort out the mismanagement of current budgets before harassing the local residents for more money
- Many people would not pay myself included, this may have an impact on fly tipping and more bonfires
- The main negative impact is that with current spiralling economic and living costs there should be consideration for households who are struggling financially so they are not disadvantaged. They are least placed to be able to participate in a costed scheme and may be forced to deal with garden waste in environmentally damaging ways (ie garden fires or fly tipping)
- I have highlighted these in previous responses. I would like to see a full equality impact assessment on these proposals which also includes consideration of socio economic status.
- Everyone will put the garden waste into the black bin which would therefore increase the omissions/ carbon footprint. Or just start to dump their green waste which I have seen people do. Or you will have long queues at the tip increasing omissions further.

Introducing a growing season collection seems to be the best option and would have an immediate effect.

You cant keep charging more and more money for everything especially when we do not see our local town being looked after properly what do we pay our money for?? Is this just another greedy venture from the council?

- No comment
- Charging for garden waste collections with an opt out will merely increase the problem of fly-tipping, with an increase in plastic waste bags being dumped on both public and private land. There will also likely be an increase in the burning of waste leading to an increase in carbon emissions and particulates to the atmosphere. This would have a negative impact on this country's environmental targets for 2030 and 2050.

Another negative impact is the use of the grey bins where compostable waste will go to landfill, again generating harmful emissions.

- Could any extra charge be spread over the ten monthly payments?
- Fly-tipping would increase, which is very expensive to deal with.

Having a good quality rubbish removal service is an essential service that any council should be providing as part of the council tax. It is an integral part of their work, so why is it being separated? The queues at the local tip are ridiculously long now, this would only make them much, much worse. People with disabilities and mobility issues need this service.

- Negative effects if people were asked to pay and did not use the service:

Increase in Carbon footprint

Increase in landfill

More fly-tipping

Potential negative impacts could only be avoided by not charging extra to remove garden waste.

- Yes financially to residents, we are already paying above and beyond for everything just to keep warm and to be able to eat a full meal and make sure that the children have a good meal and also while they are at school.

- Perhaps households with older people on a lower income but have a garden could be considered for a small discount to use the service?
- If you stop collecting garden waste, people will start to fly tip it as a way of getting rid of it. Its not rocket science.
- The subscription could be waived for those household in receipt of Council Tax relief. It may be an unaffordable service for those who may also not have private transport to take garden waste to the Recycling Centre.
- We already pay council tax. This is extra
- To be brief
Reduction in Recycling / Reuse of collected material
Reduction in income by not reselling the composted material
Looking to improve services so as an employee I stop being told how bad North Northants Council are and to act as a Local Council performing as Districts and Borough's used to rather than as a poor 50% of the failed and carried over County Council.
Approximately 25% of time spent on moans that were seldom present before Change/
- Additional charges would increase queues at recycling centres at peak times unless opening hours were extended, which would therefore increase costs. Extra traffic to the centres would lead to roads being blocked, which is already a big problem in Rushden, and thus diverting valuable police time and increase in pollution.
Many more impatient people would resort to fly tipping their garden waste in hedgerows and green spaces making them unsightly and increasing vermin. This is already an issue in the Greenacre Drive area and would only get worse.
- There will undoubtedly be more fly tipping.
- I think a problem with charging for garden waste could increase possible fly tipping by those who do not want to pay and do not want to go to the tip. Also with the number of tips available would make this difficult for some.
- There would be more fly tipping, either households fly tipping themselves, or by using unscrupulous traders claiming that they were licensed to take away garden waste legally, but then just fly tipping it.
Environmental impact would be higher if instead of one truck going around an area, all householders drive to dump their garden waste, adding congestion at the Recycling Centre
- I think in the current climate when cost of living is already increasing this will disadvantage some households if a new charge were to be introduced. I appreciate that not everyone has gardens but I think splitting the cost across all reduces everyone's individual costs. Are you saying that by introducing a new charge you will reduce the council tax of those who don't have gardens as this cost will no longer be borne by the council? I doubt it as you will find something else to spend it on. There will always be some services that the council provides that not every household will be able to take advantage of. Also those with gardens are potentially already paying more towards council tax anyway due to bigger property sizes.
- People will fly tip or place it in their black bins. We pay enough Council tax as it is and should not lose this service.
- I think this should be a free service paid for by council tax.
- If this service is curtailed to only March to November, it would mean I have to take waste to the recycling centre, using my car and polluting the environment.
Similarly if the service became too expensive, it would mean many trips to the recycling centre, with a lot more environmental pollution.
I agree that it is fair that those who use the service should bear some if not all of the costs, and that those households without garden waste should not pay.

It does seem unfair that some previous local councils have paid for the garden waste collection service from council tax solely, irrespective of residents' usage or not. Perhaps an overall larger contract for collection of garden waste will produce some overall savings for the customers.

- As someone who has worked in data and surveying for [Redacted] i find this incredibly framed to meet the councils aims rather than open consultation.
- One system for all.
- At this current time household budgets are being squeezed to their tightest. North Northants has large areas of low income/poverty. You are considering adding another expense to this during very difficult times for most households. The likelihood is introducing charges will potentially lead to an increase in fly tipping or garden waste being placed in black bins. Any consideration to adding another charge to families in this area should be postponed.
- I think that families on benefits should be charged a reduced rate. Maybe give options. For example... allow 2 households to share a garden bin. This would a) reduce the number of bins in circulation and b) halve the cost for the sharing households
- The only negative is people expect councils to provide services within the Council Tax, but as stated, that would be unfair on those not using the service. Over the years we've all got used to paying for some things through taxes that we may not use (eg Schooling when there are no children), but with garden waste & the environment, we all should be a) doing more home composting, b) covering any impact of collection (inc cost) with a contribution towards the environment.
- Would like to know if council tax would be reduced if services offered are reduced. Next will the council start charging people for blue bin recycling as well? Penalizing people for recycling and disposing of waste legally? Do the council not make money from selling the garden waste for compost? Fly tipping is already a problem- this will only serve to make it worse. Has a cost benefit analysis been carried out? Please don't assume people only garden in the spring and summer- the winter is the best time to prune some trees and shrubs and there is less foliage meaning less to dispose of. If the problem is that the lorries have to drive up and down every street why not ask people to let you know in advance if they have garden waste for collection?
- If you start charging people AND continue to close the tips 2 days a week, you will see a huge increase in fly tipping. Which will then cost the council more in clearance costs.
- More garden waste being dumped.
- Please ensure that its fair for all residents.
- We like in [Redacted] and pay £55 per year to have garden waste collected 10 miles down the road in corby it is free and yet we are all the same council so it's not fair that some pay and some don't.
- If there was paid for service you would get More fly tipping Other people using your bin and disputes rising because of this. Untidy and gardens left to overgrown . More concrete over , bad for drainage and environmental concern
- I would have no choice but to use any service to dispose of garden waste but as I am a pensioner living alone my limited budget is already being stretched to its extreme
- There is an increased chance of fly tipping with the introduction of a subscription charge for those who currently receive a free service.
- See my other replies.
- There is an obvious impact, bonfires, rats, dumping.

- Question to the council - if this was not collected on the doorstep how much more fly tipping and local burning of garden waste would there be? Introducing this charge would be a false economy.

Are your collectors realistically going to have a list for each round saying, that house has not paid therefore don't collect, are they going to know of new households that have signed up and then have their collection missed because they are not on the previous list.

Don't suggest that new bins will be used to identify subscribers as this would be a financial and environmental waste.

I am already aware of people who fill up others bins with their own garden waste so the introduction of this scheme would only make things worse and those who pay may not actually get the benefit of the scheme.

- With huge rises in fuel etc.

With rises in the council tax people cannot afford any more outgoings.

- it would put households who are already in financial difficulty further into one.

the elderly who barely have anything in life have their gardens and then get charged isn't fair either.

complaints of rats/unruly back gardens will increase cause more of an issue.

people burning waste putting more fumes into the air.

another way for our taxes to be used for everything but what they should be used for.

more jobs at risk and people being made redundant.

more people flytipping and dumping waste wherever it shouldn't be.

people who don't drive can't take their waste to a centre.

people who are disabled aren't able to utilise their gardens/take waste themselves due to being disabled.

the fact that this is even a conversation is ridiculous.

more issues with people putting the wrong items in black bin so therefore rats/vermin etc etc.

- I have previously paid for the service. My bin was emptied once in the six months, and that was after complaining that it had been forgotten. Subsequent complaining did not solve the issue

- I think that people are more likely to dump their grass cuttings in public or woodland spaces, which would detriment the community. It would also mean that the council are paying more to clean it up.

Or, they'd be more likely to flytip which would affect private landowners.

And if people do take it to household refuse centres, then it means that they will be affected due to more people using their services, and there's a cost impact on the council requiring extra staff/logistics

- People who could not afford to pay an additional subscription would be impacted. It would also cause a lot of fly tipping which surely costs the council to have to clear up. It is an additional expense at a time lots of families are feeling the squeeze of rising bills, fuel etc.
- People are already under financial pressure and choosing between heating their home or eating this is disgusting you are thinking of adding yet another burden the cost should be included in the high council tax costs already imposed
- People are already struggling to afford to live going without basics such as food electric gas to pay things further charges would only harm poor people and families.
- Already stated earlier in this survey.
- A free garden waste collection service across the board would be an absolute bonus but I understand why it may not be possible owing to costs.

Harmonising the costs across North Northants may benefit those residents of (the former) East Northants area as it may help reduce the current annual fee of £55 pa. However, it would obviously upset those residents of the rest of the area currently receiving a free service.

I don't think there is an easy answer to this - it is a situation where you can't please all of the people all of the time, unless of course a totally free service is offered.

If costs could be reduced on the basis of a "growing season only" collection service, that could potentially be one mitigating factor. Additionally, our collection is on a fortnightly basis, so we are paying £55 for a maximum of 26 collections - many households do not put out their garden waste bins over the winter months so, essentially we are paying £55 for less than 18 collections over the full year.

- Instead of making 75% of the people pay more because at the moment it's a free service, let the 25% who already pay get it for free! Very few families can afford to pay even more to the council than they already do
- Completely negative, we would see fly tipping increase!
- We do not need anymore financial burden imposed on us.
- 1. Bills are already going up - fuel, gas, electricity, council tax, national insurance and an additional tax (which is what it would be considering this has appeared conveniently as the council tax has arrived!) Would just not be reasonable.
2. We pay ridiculous amounts of council tax for what? If we have to now subsidise bin collections, what next? Demand for contributions to fixing pot holes?
3. We also have another tax by the land owners for little more than cutting grass twice a year. Surely that's enough.

In summary you are already bleeding us dry. It is already a choice of food or heat or fuel, is it fair to add in more pressure?

- 4. We all have a responsibility to save our planet but maybe rather than charging people be creative with ideas. Maybe have collections more focused eg March-may fortnightly, June-September 3 weekly as lots of grass, etc (need more research there). Could also set up a dedicated garden waste centre that has a sells green waste bags, compost bins, other ways to be greener. Plenty of available space for it. Could even sell compost made back again to recoup some costs. I am sure it is something people will use as queues to the current recycling centre are ridiculous.
- I believe the introduction of garden waste disposal will just increase fly tipping further. It is already unacceptable locally. Everyone is paying so much more for everything now and this is probably one blow too many for most people.
- 1. Make up the shortfall of income by making garden waste collection free to those who currently pay by charging households who have more than one bin (of any colour) a premium. For example, there is a handyman at [Redacted] who has 3 brown bins which he uses for his handyman business ...
2. changing for green waste collection will result in more households gravelling their front and back gardens, not plating bushes etc. this will have a devastating effects on bees and other insects, birds, hedgehogs etc.
3. many people will just fill there black bin with garden waste (black bags to hide the fact are oh so cheap!) other will just dump the green waste in the countryside
- I currently don't use the service due to the cost despite needing garden waste removing, I have to find other ways. If was free service but possibly if less often it would be helpful
- If you charge more for taking away garden waste it will just be chucked away in fields or back roads and/or burned causing pollution and CO2 release. It would be a very short-sighted policy and actually cost more
- You will have more fly tipping in public parks and places costing you more in the long run
- Of course it would.
Stating it's a free service is wrong. It's paid for through waste collection. Are you going to reduce everyone's council tax who doesn't subscribe. Of course you wouldn't.

People would just not pay, and would fly tip, use other peoples bins who are paying etc. or it would go in black bins.

Keep it as it is and make East Northamptonshire the same as Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough. Not the other way round. Only need to provide service March to October and not during Winter months. No point in this.

- I do feel if I had to pay for this service that any waste that invades my property would be thrown back over my fence resulting in the council have to clear eventually. I also feel if residents had to pay for garden waste to be disposed off this will have impact on the council to remove the fly tipping.
- People not looking after their properties and garden.
Gardening being a choice only for those who can afford it.
People not having the benefits to their mental health that being outside and in gardens has to offer.
- Increased Fly tipping
- I would hope that I could get a refund on the money that the council wasted on those services that I can not use. In particular if money contributes to a bus service perhaps I could swap that for a green bin - how ridiculous! Our community deserves better. The amount of fly tipping around this area is disgusting. Access to the tip is restricted
- The whole issue of fly tipping is being completely ignored in these discussions. If a charge is introduced, there is no question that fly-tipping would increase dramatically, especially during the main growing season. Even if people wanted to act responsibly and take the green waste to the nearest recycling centres, those centres could not cope with a huge increase in the number of vehicles trying to access the skips during the growing season.
Also, how can such a system be policed? Faced with a row of identical bins, how would the refuse collectors know which of the bins belonged to participants in the scheme? We would potentially end up with neighbour conflicts caused by people sneaking green waste into other people's bins. A total recipe for disaster!
- As I mentioned earlier in the form, I don't think an additional fee will work well in areas like mine, and I foresee piles of grass and hedge trimmings appearing in public spaces or hidden in other bins. Or maybe garden incinerators will become more popular? How does this help with pest control or the environment?
I also think people may turn to walling, fencing, paving, and artificial surfaces as opposed to natural boundaries and spaces. How does this benefit the environment?
It may sound far fetched, but it is understood that once a tax or fee is introduced, it will only ever increase. People may rather the one off expense of an artificial lawn than pay you to remove grass cuttings on an increasing scale. Who maintains pavements, roads, and drainage when overwhelmed and damaged by excess run off?
- Many households, including mine, are worried about HOW we can afford to live with price rises across ALL every day living expenses.
I can't believe you wish to add to the mental health issues of people by denying them them the little luxury of bing in ones garden without it costing! Thus adding to the pressure on the NHS
- Don't charge people without a garden
- It would be a huge worry to me if the service is discontinued! Generally I think there will be more fly tipping, and garden bonfires, which is detrimental to the environment.
- We have had a successful recycling system in place in the Corby Borough for some years now. This has not been the case in other parts of the North Northants Council area. The only hiccup was when charges were introduced for removing large household items which saw an immediate increase in fly tipping. We should be looking at improving the environment for all with an efficient and effective recycling systems. We have had this here for some time. The new authority should

be looking at levelling up for all and learn from the mistakes that were made by the old county council. You should not be entrenching the failures from before into an authority with a different name. Corby Council has been running this successfully for years. LEARN from their example and DO not destroy what has existed successfully for years. Do not look at equalisation as an excuse to level down everything to the worst case scenario.

- Fly tipping and air pollution through increased incineration could be 2 negative effects. Composting only works if you have the right equipment and the right knowledge otherwise it is possible that rotting vegetation could attract vermin in to gardens. The council could start a programme of home composting but it is likely to require issuing free compost bins, some of the cost could be offset by reduced issue of grey bins. The council will also need to start a training program using leaflets with both text and photos to show residents how to compost successfully. On line trading videos would also help. Sell the Benefits of composting in year 2 onwards of spending less on commercial compost etc.
- This is just another stealth tax being imposed on the residents of the area. I am already paying for this and have been for years, through my council tax. Now you want to charge more? So what is my rebate?
This is just another way to cover up the complete mismanagement of one previous council, by making the others pay.
It does not escape me that it is the previous incompetent idiots who were in charge of East Northants Council that now want the rest of the area to pay.
Maybe it is also to help pay the legal fees and compensation that ENC's corrupt past leaders left us with.
Sue them for the money.
- How about considering once a month collection? Free, over March to September. Those that need more often could pay a nominal fee
- We do need this service and we dont want even more rubbish left in the countryside. At the moment we are missing street cleaning/clearing leaves etc. so we dont want another service taken away from us.
- Although I would choose to pay a reasonable charge for garden waste collection, I think that some residents would not and put compostable material into the black bin. This would have a negative impact on the environment and not lead towards carbon zero impact. A compromise would be to cease collections from November to March, although that is when shrubs can be pruned and that is the material I need collecting as I am unable to deal with that on a domestic basis.
- To change the collection to March to November at no cost.
- Making people pay for this service may encourage people to dispose of their waste inappropriately. Reducing the collection down to once every 4 weeks instead of fortnightly could help the council reduce costs.
People's budgets are already being squeezed and many more are facing financial hardship so this is an inappropriate time to be asking people for more money. I am on tax credits so I have to be cautious about how I spend my money and simply at this moment in time would not be able to afford the extra cost.
- In the areas of NNC that don't currently pay for this service, we feel there would be an increase in fly tipping which already a huge problem across the county.
- People would dump more waste. I don't use lots of council services but I still pay for them. That's how taxation works!
- A subscription charge will be counter productive resulting in a massive increase in fly tipping, something we suffer with already in Ecton. My comments regarding a free service based on registration stand.

There would be an increase in nuisance garden bonfires.

- Fly tipping and burning of waste in gardens
- This is disgusting when everyone is having to deal with increase in living costs to the point people can not afford to heat their homes and you want to bring this in
You started restricting visits to the tip and what could use the tip without paying and we seen a high increase in fly tipping. You will be left with Wellingborough looking like a dump. People not maintaining their gardens or dumping it on the road side. This will be the councils fault. I want to maintain my garden but if you charge I can't afford to....that's the councils fault
- If an extra payment is required many would not or could not pay therefore what then happens to their garden rubbish? Tipping in black bins, fly tipping = additional problems moved from one area to another. There must be data from up take if the existing free service to make this clearer
- The least impactful way to handle this is to offer to ensure that each area is no worse off than they were before NNC was established, so a reduction in council tax to cover any charges if you didn't pay them before would make the most sense if the council was unable to make universal provision a cost effective option.
- There would be more fly tipping which costs the Council to tidy up if folk had an extra charge
- Proposal to charge will increase black bin waste and individual trips to Public Waste Recycling Depots. As long as even one person in the street still wants collection the lorry will still have to drive down the street. This is hardly a good sign of the Councils green credentials. Green bin collections should be free for all as we pay enough Council Tax to cover the cost
- Negative impact if there are charges for some house holds and not for others
- Every household should pay an extra percentage on their council tax, to cover the additional cost.
- Whatever the outcome of the consultation process, the result should be applied equally throughout the whole of North Northants.
- We already have people dumping garden waste in the lane behind our property. We regularly clear this to keep this (public footpath) clear for those using it.
We regularly collect rubbish and dispose of it but we don't charge the council for doing so.
Will our council tax be reduced if the collection is no longer included?
What will the council be doing when garden waste is disposed of by roadsides or local woodland.
- Doesn't the council think that we have a money tree in the back garden
- I guess my concern is that if people are charged for garden waste when they haven't in the past they might resort to fly tipping. I have paid an annual subscription for many years, am used to it and pleased to get the service.
- perhaps all council services should be charged separately so that only those who use those services have to pay for them - oh no, that would be unworkable wouldn't it, as those needing certain services would be those most unable to pay. Hmmm.....
As far as garden waste goes, people will just put it in the black bag or flytip it. The council tax is high enough as it is. Where I lived before (Labour run council) we had black bag AND recycling collected EVERY week as well as FOOD WASTE, with the garden waste every other week. The council tax was much lower than in Northants.
- I've had to pay anyway, my issue is that it is not consistent throughout the county
- We pay enough as it is via council tax for this service I will not be paying any more. You will find more people fly tipping or putting garden waste in their other bins to avoid extra costs.
- Charging could lead to more fly tipping or garden waste going into landfill. No idea how to prevent this.
- People will dump the waste at the roadside as they did in lockdown

- If you charge more, by stealth or otherwise, I will probably burn my garden waste, notwithstanding the impacts to the environment. EVERYTHING is going up in price but my wages are not.
- Many people are low income Not everyone can afford to have garden waste collection even as a one off payment . This may actually cause more fly tipping.
This so called new subscription should have all be/been included in the council tax and not another bill/subscription
- Unnecessary extra cost when we pay enough council tax as it is.
- As previous compost at home not always possible.
People will not take stuff like hedge trimmings to local tip..
Will generate fly tipping or people ignoring thier gardens.
This is what we pay our council payments for..
Look at saving costs elsewhere, look at process to save money.
- I think the survey is designed to ask about charging as if the decision has already been made to charge. It states that some council tax payers will pay for a service they don't use - the same could be said for many other services which only some taxpayers use so is a mute or misleading point. Green waste must be collected for free shortly as central government have announced this so seems short sighted to charge. Taxpayers do not think of themselves as part of a wider north northants and won't do for some time now, if ever - surely the budgets can be allocated based on historical budgets? For many years I have suggested during budget consultation that green waste collection is only during the cutting season and the response I got was that the staff need to be paid all year round and therefore what would they do in the winter? I suggested maintenance or using seasonal staff but this was ignored.
- Encourage lower cost home-composting by offering free compost-bin with instructions on use.
- If the subscription charge is too high that will more than likely result is more fly tipping
- People will be fly tipping if a charge is made
- Possible dumping of waste either by putting in black bins or in the countryside.
- i currently only use my green waste bin three or four times a year and it is definitely not something i need to have sat in my garden looking ugly all year round i would prefer a road side collection that would allow me to book a collection when it was required or a slit for the area i live in to allow us to get rid of our garden waste then saving council time and man power
- More rubbish dumped
- I strongly believe it would result in more people
Putting garden waste in black bins and/or trips increasing to recycling centres and individual emissions being more of an issue for the environment.
- I have given my comments in previous sections of this consultation. I think that this another appalling attempt to wrest more money from the electors of this county coupled with the Government increasing taxation will result in a political rethink.
- More reason for more people to start flytippingv to get rid of their waste
- I think fly tipping will increase. This is already on an increase.
I think bins will be missed and routes will have to be re travelled. I know you will tell me this does not happen But it will It
- Non paying residents could dump their waste in paying residents bins after dark. No way to prevent this?
Neighbours 'share' cost and bin I.e one bin between 2 or 3 low waste households.
- Fly tipping of garden waste would increase because of frequent delays encountered at the Kettering tip
- People will just put their garden waste in their refuse bin or even dump it.
- Only charge the rich with their big gardens and who can afford

Free for allotments and small= medium gardens

- I will often clear local council paths of weeds and leaf debris from around my property and use my green bin to dispose of this waste . I would not contribute to the up keep of my local area if I had to pay to dispose of the waste .
- More flytipping
- More flytipping everywhere.
- Why bother doing this survey when it is clearly already decided an additional fee is to be levied. We're not stupid. (Well, some people are).
Just make an announcement that owing to the ridiculous increase in diesel these services are incurring g additional costs to maintain v revenue collected on council tax.
People would understand that. But not the stupid ones.
- Fly tipping will be worse, but households will feel justified as the council tax keeps getting more expensive but a service is being taken away.
What will happen if this cost is approved? Having to pay for the black and brown bins to be emptied?
- You are already getting paid for doing this so stop messing about and get on with the job we are paying for and collect our garden waste without additional charge....
- It would encourage fly tipping
Also people would be inclined to put there garden waste in others bin
- To introduce fees is likely to impact the environment through a rise in fly tipping.
There would be many people whom would simple do a away with gardens altogether, and hard landscape leading to more flooding and hastening the build up of global warming.
Instead the council should look into ways to use the green waste collected to create a revenue stream through sales of compost and using it within the amenities provided my the council.
- I opted for summer collections but what about Christmas trees? Would they be provision to collect those?
- A frankly disgusting idea to save money.
- The cost of living is increasingly massively at the moment. People will not prioritise this additional cost. Instead the rubbish will be burnt or fly tipped. Fly typing must already be costing the council huge amounts and it is a disgusting scar on the county, you will be making it much much worse with this!
- See previous comment regarding Users cancelling the service and putting Garden Waste in Black bin.
- Too many bills have gone up and the negative impact would be my mental health. Gardening is good for mental health and encourages exercise and creativity, great for children, wildlife and growing fruit trees and veg etc. I do not wish to be penalised for giving my children a better start or have my garden waste build up because I cannot afford the service if charged separately and in addition to the council tax, as a single parent with three children life is hard enough, the garden is a sanctuary and to be encouraged charged for the privilege when my house price was already higher than that of a flat.
- How would you stop people putting garden waste in other people's bins or in black bin. I'm concerned there would be more fly tipping, already quite a problem in our area and getting that cleaned up seems to take months. We live in countryside area at end of lane, what is to stop people coming and dumping their garden waste in the bridleway? I'm fairly certain there would be no reduction on our current very high council tax bills to reflect that a service has been taken away, it appears to be another money grab by the council.
- It's going to have a financial impact on households. The cost of living has risen dramatically in a short amount of time and risen much faster than wages have. Businesses cannot keep passing the additional costs onto the public while not increasing wages. The maths doesn't work. The

council need to find ways to reduce their current costs without removing services or charging the public extra. The suggestion to only make the collection during a specific time of year is a good suggestion but what about adjusting the collection to April to September. Saving the council a further 3 months of costs. Are there any other services provided by the council all year round that could be reduced to specific periods? Are there any processes that could be streamlined or automated to save time and costs. For example, I recently applied for an additional bin. So far I have spoken to the original council employee who took all the details and confirmed we were eligible. A further council employee called me to confirm the details. Now we've received a letter asking us to confirm the details. Someone will have to read and process the letter when it is returned to the council. Not very efficient

- People who currently do not pay will resist the charges. Many will refuse to pay. This will result in dumping.

I have a 30mile round trip to a tip. It is poorly managed and dirty. Often the skips are overflowing with garden waste, not collecting garden rubbish with exacerbate this problem. Why can't East Northants have a tip near to Oundle? People could then have a choice whether to subscribe or not.

- Fly tipping of garden waste (and rubbish) already happens in some areas occasionally. Unfortunately I think this might increase if charges are made. I doubt if it could be prevented - cameras at favourite tipping sites, perhaps? Although that would raise costs again.
- Rather than fortnightly collections only during the growing season please consider weekly collections from March to Nov. 2 weeks is too long a time for waste to sit in bins and start to smell as we already experience with our black bins which are covered in maggots during the summer months. It is also important to review the black bin collection to weekly during the warm summer months for the reason stated above, it is unhygienic and cleaning does not help when the entire contents are covered in maggots
- 1. Fly tipping will increase
- 2. Many gardeners are pensioners, with the current cost of living crises this proposal is badly timed.
- 3. Not everyone has access to the tip
- 4. Cost to the individual
- do more to stop fly tipping it needs attention .
- All homes should pay a nominal charge if they have a garden.
That will encourage all to use bins instead of fly tipping or putting in non garden waste bins.
- People will just not recycle the waste if they have to pay - it will be a massive deterrent
- I think I have already made it clear what I think would happen if there was a charge made for garden waste
- It would make those that do not have composting available at home put their waste in the black bin as they have no other option. The council should be helping people reduce their carbon footprint as much as possible not make it more difficult.
- Enforced subscription would increase fly tipping and even longer queues at the waste disposal sites. In the current economic climate people can not afford additional costs for something that has always been included in their council tax bill. Everyone contributes towards community services that they do not directly benefit from so excluding garden waste collections is a slippery slope and I imagine affects the majority, not the minority.
I would happily consider home composting if equipment was provided, and it reduced my council tax. Subscription is just another way of hiking bills. Perhaps consider a rebate for residents without gardens. Most communal buildings have grounds of some kind that need maintaining so surely they still utilise the service at some point.
- We already have fly tipping so we know exactly where peoples garden waste would be dumped.

I am a pensioner now (which I hate) - my husband died at [age]yrs and was a well known figure in Northants years ago.

I am already using any savings to pay for day to day living. I CANNOT afford any more increases. My income is NOT meeting all the increases.

- It's bound to have a negative impact for some people. Those that have their garden waste taken away for free will not like the proposal. Alternatively it would have a positive impact on people who already pay to have their waste collected. Also I feel it would be particularly hard for older people and disabled people who cannot get to the tip, to have to start paying to have garden waste removed. I feel that you should look again at the prices you are proposing to charge and bring it down a bit. It would be more likely that more people would use the service if the charge was more reasonable. I know that you have to pay the waste companies to come and pick up the garden waste and dispose of it but it is unfair to people who need to use the service to pay a high price. I already pay and appreciate the service but find it's struggle sometimes to keep up with payments, but I have no choice.
- If charges imposed a greater impact on the area with possible fly-tipping of garden waste
- I don't understand why I have to pay for garden waste when the waste is from Council trees? and that I asked for garden bin and still didn't received.
- I think people may start to fly tip waste or put this waste into the general household waste collection , defeating the object to be environmentally friendly.
- This service is essential if you want to reduce the risk of fly tipping. Also, paying through council tax should be considered. It's ok to say not all people use the service and shouldn't have to pay for it..I don't use schools or colleges but I still have to pay for it. Lastly, this is not a consultation..it's how much are you prepared to pay and how...very biased towards paying for the service or going without it.
- I already pay for this service and it's hugely helpful. I am for helping others but I will continue to have the service whatever the outcome.
- If everyone had one bin you pay if more
- Garden waste will be dumped in hedgerows or other such dumping grounds. The council has a responsibility to residents to keep the county in good order. So keep collecting and disposing of rubbish of all sorts in suitable disposal sites.
- There was not an option to select for more payments across the year. Many people might not be able to afford £25/30 twice a year, or an annual fee. If you don't want fly tipping, then I believe there should be an affordable payment scheme and also heavily subsidised/promotion of composting.
- Users may be more inclined not to tend to their gardens, making properties look run down, or even concreting over, increasing likelihood of flooding.
Shared communal forest/garden areas would stop being tended by the community, relying on the council to maintain, which would become unusable as they would only be tended once or twice a year. This may result in the council having to spend more money on flood prevention and maintaining green areas.
- Fly tipping. We already have a very obvious problem with this and I believe it costs the council more than it would do if the charges to businesses were cut.
- Increase (very expensive) fly tipping
Loss of council composting
Likely increased use of black bins so less environmentally friendly
Extremely difficult financial times for households, people simply haven't got money to pay
Money spent on this can't be spent supporting local businesses
- You have raised our council tax enough already, we cannot afford more hikes for a service that was free when we signed up to live in a house with a garden (for our children). To now add

another charge onto our utilities after we chose to live in this house isn't right. If it had been on the horizon prior to moving into our home then it would be different - we would have been able to take it into consideration when budgeting for our cost of living. To slap it on now is cheating us.

- Fly tipping would increase. You're squeezing the income of those who can't afford such a charge
- It makes us distrust this new council even more than before. Taking away a service or changing us more, this isn't an improvement.

It will encourage fly tipping that the council will end up having to clear up anyway, and in the meantime we'll have to suffer.

The best compromise is to keep it as part of our normal tax, and only collect in growing season.

- The concept of only collecting during the growing season is flawed. The time of year with most garden waste is often November, as the end of growing season is when much pruning and clearing of dead growth is done, eg tree leaves, pruning and tidying. The only times of year with less garden waste are January, February and early March. I am a very experienced and knowledgeable of horticulture.
- An increase in fly tipping
- Cost of living is difficult enough. Please let me enjoy my garden without the worry of where to find the money to dispose of the garden waste.
- Are you going to increase capacity at your HWRC's ?
- You have progressively downgraded the refuse collection service and now despite the massive amounts we pay in council tax you want to charge more.

I am dismayed that despite making a complete balls up of running the old councils pretty much the same tawdry bunch have been put back into power. Beggars belief. If central government cuts are behind the reduction in quality of services say it to your victims loud and clear. There is far too much [expletive] in all areas of politics and the new Unitary authority is just as bad as the old administration.

- I feel that if people are made to pay for garden waste collection then we will see more dumped on the side of the road
- How will the council deal with people who have gardens but are not prepared to pay for waste and fly tip into a bin for which someone is paying for the service
- It is currently a fantastic service which we are happy to pay for. We were unaware that parts of the county got the service included in their council tax.

The service needs streamlining .

- The negative impacts are garden waste that cannot be composted will be dumped on open spaces and you will have to clean it up anyway. Squeezing more money out of people when times are especially hard will only have a negative impact
- People will fly tip or just dump the waste. The council should be encouraging people to look after their gardens not penalising the people who contribute to the attractiveness of the environment making us all feel better. Don't let the stupid and lazy spread their awfulness over us all.
- Any subscription charge will almost certainly result in a large increase in fly tipping which will result in increased costs for the council to remove.

The council would need to weigh up the cost of that against revenue expected from the subscription service.

- Some people may not afford to pay the cost of it and therefore not use it - this could lead to an increase in fly-tipping which would ultimately cost the Council more to clear this.

- Burning waste will pollute my neighbour's atmosphere, especially in summer months when windows are open and washing is out on the clothes line. Green waste causes noxious fumes when burnt.
I will have no option because I am a single pensioner on limited income with no transport
- We all know about and see fly tipping. Charging for waste always increases fly tipping. It then costs the council to clear the mess up, does damage to grass verges and hedges.
Reduced use of the service will also reduce the amount of area made compost available resulting in purchasing of compost and/or artificial fertiliser! Usually containing both peat and chemicals!
- Of course some people will be unhappy to pay extra, but those who do not use this service would be thrilled to have a reduction in council tax (if that's where the bin costs are included) and I believe, in W'boro at least, we have less and less garden space, if any. I strongly believe more people will agree with the scheme than disagree. And will go down much better with the public if it's made clear as to what the costs will be for those with brown bins and what will no longer be taken from those without brown bins.
- I do believe that extra charges on collection of garden waste will result in a lot more fly tipping, burning and general dumping of larger, uncompostable logs.
- I already compost some waste and prior to using the collection service burnt that which did not compost easily. Since using the service I have ceased to have bonfires which is helping with the air quality and no doubt assisting with the Council's green aspirations.
- This proposal, if implemented, will lead to increased fly tipping of garden waste in rural areas.
- An all year round service is essential. Much garden waste collects in the autumn and winter, such as leaf fall. The local authority does not sweep rural roads and pavements clear of leaves. This is often done by local residents in order to keep pavements clear and to avoid them becoming slippery and dangerous. To have no collections during the winter would be a dereliction of duty on behalf of the local authority unless they propose to carry out the leaf sweep in every village and on every pavement themselves.
Pruning is also a winter gardening job and failure to collect waste will result in a surge in fly tipping to the detriment of the environment and at high cost to the local authority.
- Increased fly tipping
Increased cost for the council via other channels such as the waste centres and fly tipping
- I feel that this consultation is a tick box exercise and the council has already made up its mind to charge for this service. The questions asked merely give the council an indication of how much to charge and how the service will be delivered.
When many households in the area are struggling to pay for food and energy this is an additional burden on them.
- I don't see why I have to pay for one of the few services I use, either a portion costs for all services and I will choose what I use and therefore contribute to or sort your finances out..
- you will be encouraging more fly tipping,,,also you are asking for an additional £55 for a service we already get,,included in our council tax,,so will we get a refund of £55 if we don't use this service.
- Stop wasting money on executives who are not effectively using council tax to support the community. Use that saved money to fund things for the community.
People are not going to pay for the bins that they previously got for free just to 'bring the county into line' we all know that just means forcing everyone to pay extra so you get more. Our council tax bill went up by £12 per month this year (great timing on this survey for it to come out 2 days before we received that) Why isn't that money already being earmarked to support the roll out of brown bins? Cost of living, energy prices, fuel prices, food prices, etc are also going up at never before seen rates, and many people are really struggling with day to day living. An additional bill

will force many people into debt or below the poverty line. Use our council tax money effectively and transparently, and re-invest it into the people who live here, not council buildings and the people with high titles working in them.

- This service is a fundamental and environmentally friendly service that the Council should provide and it should be included in its standard charge. If we go down the road of charging people only for the services we use, then the Council would become even more inefficient than it currently is (I think that is just about possible).
- I think charging for garden waste could be a barrier to people enjoying their green spaces and gardens which have such a beneficial effect on mental health and social outcomes.
If an already money squeezed pensioner has to choose between heating their house or paying someone to take away their garden waste, there is a direct link between them having to give up their garden and a decline in mental and physical health.
The cost per person of this when it trickles down to primary and social care would be much more than the £40-70 cost to empty a bin at the moment.
I think this scheme is very short sighted and does not look at the wider impact
- As stated before, stop trying to rip us off. Continue to provide the service we have in Corby and make that the standard for the county.
We have enough with rising prices already
- I imagine some residents will dispose of their garden waste less responsibly which will harm the environment. Surely it makes economic and environmental sense to continue with the collection service.
- I believe there will be more fly tipping if people have to pay a subscription. Also, everything else is currently going up in price and this will be a subscription that people won't be able to afford and will lead to many more gardens not being maintained
- I AM ELDERLY AND HAVE TO PAY A GARDENER WHICH IS ENOUGH WHEN YOU LIVE ON A PENSION
- If no service is provided it is likely to lead to more fly tipping?
- Yes I already pay council tax which should cover this, it's high enough!!!
- Adding charges at a time household bills are rising so dramatically would be totally wrong and put an even heavier burden on residents.
More fly tipping will happen which will cost the council to clear.
- unify the service
unfair that we pay and others do not
- If a cost is brought in it will increase the amount of garden waste dumped on grassy areas, costing NNC to then tidy or clear this up. It could also impact on the flooding due to increased blockages from grass and other waste blowing into the drains etc.
- Other councils offer free compost once a year from a collection point . Usually bring your own bags and fill up . 2 bags max
- This is just an excuse to raise extra revenue and will only contribute to people burning, dumping or putting waste in black bins and will cost the Conservative Party votes at the next local elections. If introduced I will never vote Conservative again.
- Charging will increase fly tipping
- Garden waste has always been collected by the council . We already pay for it through our council tax. You have now put the council tax up yet now you want us to pay for our waste ??
- As mentioned above subscription services foster poor behaviour such as fly tipping, not keeping gardens in good order, putting garden rubbish in normal bins,. The council will still collect waste so no more environmentally friendly.
- If a reasonable charge is made, I do not think there would be a negative impact. If the charge became excessive then garden waste may be put into the household waste bin. If everyone

stopped using the service there may be an element of "dumping" in the environment and also it would cause more pressure on HWR Centres.

- More flytipping and unkempt gardens for those that can't afford it. Maybe reduce the garden waste collection to every 4weeks and don't charge. I rarely put mine out only maybe every 3months.
- It would increase fly tipping. Garden would not be tended to causing eyesores around the community
- Scrap the plan to charge, you will just get black bins full of garden waste that will cost you more in charges for landfill. I very rarely put out my black bin, about once a month. Council tax is already at an outrageous level, trying to squeeze more out of taxpayers should not be in question. There are too many overpaid people in council employment, they should have salaries frozen or even cut rather than making us pay more
- I think I have already made it clear what my opinions are. I fully expect that council tax will go up further anyway without this extra charge..absolutely takes the [expletive]..we pay more and more and receive less and less in return.
- It is bound to increase fly tipping which is a big enough problem without adding to it
- For those on a low income and receiving benefits to cover their living costs, my concerns are that they would not be able to cover a subscription charge or have the means to dispose of the garden waste at a recycling centre. For some, this could find them in breach of their tenancy conditions if they are social landlord tenants or breach of contract for those in private tenancies.
- The current subscription free service we have I am sure reduces fly tipping. Not everyone has a garden large enough to have a place for home composting and this garden waste will end up in the black bin costing more to dispose of.
- Fly tipping would increase enormously so would be a false economy for NNC
- People are financially struggling already without having an extra charge. This would result in people not being able to pay the subscription charge and well getting rid of their garden rubbish by dumping it
- Already stated in this questionnaire. Certainly I do not agree with introducing a separate garden waste charge or stopping the garden waste collection. It is only for recyclable waste, not garden rubble, trees Etc. The garden waste provision is recyclable as compost which can be sold to cover the costs involved.
- Don't charge because we already pay council tax
- I still use my green bin during the winter period, but not so much so perhaps the service could be just monthly, rather than every other week.
- It would have a negative impact on people using their black bins to dispose of garden waste, or the impact on fly tipping would increase.
Also on the cost of the 'subscription'.
Would you not need to know the operating cost before charging users.
So if in this survey you are suggesting cost residents would pay already, that would imply the choice has already been made to charge.
- I think fly tipping will increase
- Have said in previous answer. We all pay council tax for things that we don't all necessarily use.
- I can anticipate those who do not pay filling up the bins of others who do. I would be concerned of flytipping especially as we are close to a park. I feel that the overall cost to the Council of collecting the waste vs the detrimental impacts to the environment and subsequent expense there should be considered and ultimately the bin charge should not apply to residents who are disposing of their green waste in a responsible manner.
- There is likely to be an increase in illegal dumping of garden waste.

- There is significant rural population, for which this service is a must. We already have reduced access to other services and facilities as non urban dwellers. The environmental impact of us driving and dumping waste would be significant, and waste being fly tipped would increase.
- Increased fly tipping on country roads, people leaving garden waste out on street making unsightly.
- It would be an additional charge on households during a time the cost of living is increasing exponentially. The potential negative impacts could be avoided by not introducing the charge. To do so would be short sighted and likely lead to unforeseen circumstances such as increased flytipping and/or more waste being sent to landfill as a result of residents simply using their black bins to discard.
- Much better just to include this extra charge in council tax as nobody will then notice the extra amount and the service will be available to all and not just to a chosen few.
- With the cost of living increasing substantially for households, charging for a service that has been free since it's conception, would be hard for many people.
A charge would cause more traffic to the household recycling centres, which is another added cost to the household and also not environmentally friendly.
I took advantage of the scheme whereby I had a compost bin instead of a garden collection bin, perhaps having a compost bin should be promoted.
If reducing the garden waste collection from March to November would mean it would be a free service, I would agree with that.
- If you introduce a charge people most people wouldn't pay it and would dispose of their garden waste elsewhere.
This would probably cost the council even more money to rectify.(fly tipping etc.0
- A potential charge for Garden Green Waste will reflect an increase in fly tipping and people using their neighbour's bin and or filling the brown or black bins with green waste.
- it would increase fly tipping and pressure on local facilities within the area also it would be hidden in other bins
- This is an unacceptable extra charge! Fly tipping & the use of black bins would increase
- We already pay enough tax so it should be inclusive
- It's laughable that we pay council tax and then talk about charging extra for garden waste collection service. It isn't "free" currently. Stop taking the mickey
- I think there would definitely be a negative impact if you don't harmonise. It's not fair that East Northants pays when the other areas don't.
- Stop taxing extra for taking away garden waste. I already pay more council tax because I've a higher band property with a big garden. Double bubble otherwise
- Negate fly-tipping by opening HWRCs seven days.
- Many people would have no means of transporting waste to the HWRC. If households put garden waste into black bins, it goes against the green agenda. This material can either be recycled into compost at commercial centres or put to other uses, but it should NOT just become landfill. We have trouble enough dealing with non-recyclable rubbish, so let's not add to it. There is also a very real risk that some households would simply resort to fly-tipping.
- I am sure that fly-tipping would increase which would result in additional costs to the Council. The service should be harmonised and any fees incorporated within our Council Tax ie. paid for by all.
Once you start to discriminate on the provision of a service such as this, where do you draw the line? Levy a charge on the number of occupants in a house?
Perhaps a move to a monthly collection? Larger households are already paying more through the Council Tax bands. No further discrimination is required.

We're all impacted by higher costs and having to tighten our belts, the Council should do the same without further discrimination.

- Fly Tipping!
- People are finding things tough financially, council taxes have risen and yet, you still want to make more money out of your residents! Bring back our separate councils-how come Corby Council managed without charging extra!!!! SHAME ON YOU. You will just encourage fly tipping and that will be at YOUR expense to clear it up.
- I feel a smaller bin would be better for all and less of an eyesore if they were green
- Shortening the collection period would disadvantage those who have to travel some distance to a domestic recycling centre as the period for winter pruning & tidying would not be covered.
- For us, a collection service between March and November makes no sense, as we still have waste during the winter, and would then have to make a 20 mile round trip to a recycling centre or try and fit it in the black bin..
- You are considering charging people based on how large their gardens are, will you offer low income families the chance to move to smaller gardens? Not you'll punish them for having large gardens that the council built in the first place.

Tax rates are rising everywhere, fuel is through the roof, gas and electric are rising 54% but wages have stayed the same. Families just do not have enough money as it is coming in without the extra worry and stress of having to either pay this stupid subscription fee or dispose of their garden waste themselves.

- What about a smaller green bin that is less obtrusive.? We cannot have a bin as it cannot be collected from the road side, we can't put garden waste in plastic bags as we do with the recycling etc. So what is the answer for us and people in our situation?
- As I said earlier, I feel very strongly, and have experienced, the detrimental effect that charging for recycling has on the disposing of garden waste. It is naive to think that the same number of people would recycle if they were charged. It is a nationwide responsibility to recycle as much as possible and the job of a responsible Council to make it as easy as possible.
- Lower income families will cease to use lawn mowers keeping gardens tidy. Fly tipping must cost the council a small fortune. By charging household this will increase the problem of fly tipping.
- Negative impact would be on the environment and more black bin waste - as more people would put it in their general rubbish bin
- Likely to increase home incineration, a health hazard for local residents. Likely to increase fly tipping, already a challenge in some areas. The current system of year round collection helps to mitigate the risk of these and invests to save money that may be required to manage indirect issues
- At a time when finances are tight and the country has a priority to recycle I think charging for this service is not advisable
- You think I can actually afford your tax in the first place?! You asked us to recycle it, we would have burned it or composted it. This is a disgusting proposal.
- Subscription charges would force more people to visit the recycling centres thereby increasing vehicle emissions. Fly tipping may also increase. Maintain the Corby and Kettering model throughout the authority to avoid this.
- Please see responses to previous questions. Bad idea and the proposals for dealing with it if it does go ahead are poorly thought out.
- If people had to pay this could create more fly tipping which is already a problem in the area.
- The whole idea is regressive and challenges poorer households

- Anything that increases peoples budgets is never welcome, especially in the current climate.
- I feel that if you start charging for using the green waste bins, many people will start dumping their waste on the kerbside anywhere.
Also, if you encourage the public to start composting their own waste, you will encourage more rats to breed locally.
Most gardens have to control vermin and it's fact that rats love to breed under compost heaps.
And I don't have to explain why we don't want rats in the garden.
- If a service currently provided is changed to a subscription based one, then I am concerned that fly tipping or waste burning will increase. Both options are detrimental in one way or another, the first in that the Council will have increased costs to clear the fly tipping, the latter because of the environmental effects.
- Making this a subscription will simply mean more waste is dumped on the side of roads and in parks and lay-bys. This will cause more expense for the council.
I cannot street enough how important is is that all rubbish collections including garden waste are included in the council tax charges so that this is properly collected and disposed of, without additional expense to the councils of dealing with dumped rubbish.
- The negative would be people just dumping stuff anywhere
- I am a pensioner on a fixed income so any extra charges make an impact on me.
- Imposing a subscription cost will have a negative impact on peoples recycling. Why pay if it can go in general waste? (Many reasons but with all costs rising this year it would be one more straw....)
- I believe strongly in the 'nudge' principles - make it easy for people to do the 'right thing', which in this context means using garden waste bins extensively so that this waste can be recycled. If a subscription service is extended to areas that previously did not pay a direct fee, there will no doubt be some households that opt out. If they are used to a 'free' service we could see an increase in adverse consequences - fly-tipping, adding waste to general household waste, adding to neighbours' garden waste bins.
- I think you would find more and more people putting it in their black bin. In our household we only produce a small amount of garden waste and don't generally put our bin out every collection day because of this. It's generally just leaves so I would put them in the black bin.
- If you charge as an optional service most will not pay.
The waste still exists.
It will go somewhere else.
Tip runs polluting the planet unnecessarily
Fly tipping polluting the country side
Bonfires polluting the planet
Unkept areas no longer maintained
Rotting vegetation to aggravate neighbours etc
- By asking individuals to pay for garden waste disposal there will be an increase in fly tipping (already a huge issue in our area). It will cause low income households, particularly those of pensionable age struggle to pay, especially with the increases in energy bills and to look for 'alternative' means to dispose of their waste. This could lead to an increase in 'at home' incineration which will, in turn, lead to neighbourly disputes and therefore a requirement for Council intervention - an even higher cost than that of the original disposal.
Either make our council services fully selectable, so that we can pick which services our money is spent on in entirety or continue to include ALL services within the one tax.
- I know many people who would use black bins as a way of disposal if it is charged for. Green waste should be free to collect as it is then able to be composted and reused rather than

disposed of by other means. People in the towns may not have space for a composter in the garden, I do not have any room or the security as the garden is open and doesn't have fencing.

- Environmentally the subscription service would be detrimental. Households are already struggling with increased household bills. In order to save the circa £50 subscription I believe households will either dispose of their waste in their black bins or burn it.
- My main concern would be for older residents who enjoy gardening and might struggle to pay the additional fee. I don't think over 65s should be charged.
- I don't see why we need to change, we're already paying for this service within our existing charge.
- Charging is likely to lead to (other people) fly tipping waste in alleyways and even on other peoples property.

Cost of living increases are hurting and this comes across as another tax!

- People can not afford another charge it is unfair... if it is nit going to be collected then you need to supply all households with compost bins that are safe to animals and environment and pests.
- Our concern would be a possible increase in fly-tipping. Therefore a subscription at the lower end of the options suggested in this survey would be sensible.
- Fly tipping of waste would increase, areas would look scruffy. Keep the collection as it is now.
- I feel that as a household we would be able to pay. But due to the cost in living etc there are households that would struggle. This is not fair. Council tax payments have already increased with wages not matching this increase.
- It is important to protect our neighbourhood environment,the council chooses to disregard the damage done by irresponsible residents,a charge made on responsible residents only validates irresponsible behavior. Surely,if extra revenue is needed a charge should be made on residents who choose to leave their bins on the street obstructing pedestrians.
- Why should we pay for a service that has always been free. Where will it stop? They only get collected once a fortnight. What if people can't afford it? It's ridiculous that this is being considered. What next, pay for your green bin to be collected? Council tax has already increased on last year and can't see what we're paying for to be honest.
- Charging for collection will cause a lot of people to put their garden waste into black bins. This flies against your ambition to be carbon neutral by 2030. You have provided no evidence to show that a subscription service will reduce the number of vehicles/ trips/ fuel, so you simply cannot use that in your Environmental Impact argument.

You are creating unnecessary bureaucratic processes that will need people to manage and police. At least 5 staff across NNC would be my guesstimate, and if we assume an FTE costs approx £200k a year that's an extra £million you'll need to find.

Keeping a complex system up to date and ensuring all changes are communicated to the actual waste collection staff daily is a logistical nightmare and you won't be able to do it. Then you'll have a lot of angry people whose waste hasn't been collected.

This whole thing feels like you are trying to generate revenue, and it clearly hadn't been thought through at all. It also seems, given the way the questions are ordered and formulated, that you've already decided to do this regardless of the outcome of the consultation.

- A high charge would encourage fly tipping
Green waste in the countryside
- Don't introduce a charge, it is likely that people will just dump it in their black bin or fly tip which we don't won't as to clear it up it would cost more.
Introduce recycling to make compost in local area which can then be reintroduced into the community.
- Just collecting in the growing season would not be enough for most gardeners. There has only been one week last year when I did not leave my garden refuse bin out. Also people who have

real Christmas trees need these collected in January. I am a pensioner and would struggle to take full bags to a recycling centre and I could not get my Christmas tree in my car. If there is only a collection during the growing season I would have difficulty in storing rubbish and it would encourage pests, eg rats.

- I think that it is wrong to even consider asking people to pay for such a service when this is included in our council tax
Just another way of a stealth taxation's
- Noone will pay a surcharge. It will all get put into the black bin.
- Increase in fly tipping
- Negative only to those who do not have the ability to pay but have the need through garden size etc.
- Yes,
negative on peoples already stretched pockets.
Negative on an increase in countryside dumping.
Negative on more people using fossil fuel /gases, to get to tips to get rid of their waste.
Negative due to increase of queues at waste depots.
Negative road congestion outside waste sites.
Keep the collections to weekday school hours, this is the best time as less people about, thus easier for the waste lorries to get in and out if streets.... le fewer cars.
- People can't afford anything more- we pay too much already and you want more - it has to stop
- Fly tipping is already a problem within the county. I'm very concerned that without a free service more waste will be dumped or burnt releasing more pollution into the environment.
- People can afford to pay more than we do with bills being as high as they are. It isn't fair to make people suffer more. All this is going to do is increase rubbish on the streets.
- Families are already struggling with increased costs for essential services, it is noted that the Council tax has significantly increased over the past 3 years!
- I think people would more than likely dump garden waste and that in turn would probably mean dumping of anything and everything would probably become a very big problem which in turn would cost the council even more to remove.
- It would encourage more fly tipping as poorer households that couldn't afford the additional cost would just dump garden waste in the local countryside
- I personally feel that I already pay for many services that I do not use through my council tax. (Schools for example - I have no children in the family, but appreciate the need for good education to everyone) Another service that I also already pay for is my waste collection and do not feel that an extra expense especially in this period of rapidly rising prices (and not so rapidly rising wages) is acceptable.
- If you make it a subscription charge I think this will make people more likely to fly tip.
If a subscription is put in place maybe the council could opt for people to swap their garden bin for a compost bin to encourage people to compost it at home instead of fly tipping
- Cost of living is going up and up and this council bankrupted itself so now it's looking for ways to get more money from the local residents bad show
- Garden waste will end up in landfill rather than being recycled
- I feel that the council are just out to make more money. Family are already struggling with every day costs a this just harsh
- if you start to charge households for this service, there will be even more untidy gardens people will bag them up and end up fly tipping it all over the place...which will end up costing the council even more money, we already see so much fly tipping with household items being dumped in are country lanes and side streets.

- My garden is 1 meter wide and 2.5 meter long , and because of council I have to cut the grass. So where I will put it ? It is ridiculous I have to cut even my grass because it's private property. 1 and 2.5 meters. Now you want me to pay for grass takeaway ? I already pay you band A. Lower wages the think about rob others.
- There would likely be more fly tipping of larger garden waste in the area. More incineration which may not be legal or safely done.
- Untidy gardens
Fly tipping
- Impact on vulnerable and those with low income, as they are less likely to have access to transport, to take waste to a HWRC, or be able to pay privately. Therefore, they could be forced into paying this charge, so akin to a tax.
What is wrong with the status quo? Charging for garden waste was not on the agenda, until Wellingborough Council was disbanded. Seems the wrong time to be asking for more money from residents?
Maybe reducing frequency of collection and the months collections take place, to reduce costs. Once every 3 weeks and/or spring summer only. Or a very nominal cost 10-20, if a charge is needed?
- People will end up disposing of waste illegally. Burning items, which could cause a hazard and environmental issue and also paying people who are not registered to dispose of waste.
- Potential either for fly tipping or black and green bins being filled with garden refuse
- A negative impact would be far more people dumping garden waste in the streets or in their black bins as opposed to paying for something that should already be included in the ever increasing council tax.
Also, a large majority of people will become very upset, disgruntled and angry meaning the council will have an uphill battle with any future reforms that may be proposed.
To avoid these negative impacts, keep it as it is, why change something that has been working so well for so long?
- i think it would increase fly tipping of waste or people bagging it up and adding it to the black bin rubbish just like when vans started to only be allowed to the tip so many times a year there is now an increase of fly tipping in the country side
- Lots of fires will cause issues and complaints. People may not use correct metal bins to burn and cause garden fires.
- Burning it would cause more air pollution.
- The rubbish in some areas of Corby is already bad. Does anyone actually look around the town? Some people will just fly tip their garden rubbish which eventually will have to be cleared by the council at a cost.
Let's have some pride in town we live in.
People may have agreed to a cost before however with the extreme pressure on the household budget at present it's a cost too far.
- Could not afford to pay extra, would result in a negative impact to environment from extra car journeys to local waste recycling centre, or by burning it at home
- I feel abit cheesed off after reading this as feel that the decision has already been made for a charge to be made.
I think that the charge should be less if just a seasonal service. If its an annual charge then its for all year which i don't think is necessary.
What other options have we got? It would be good for the Council to provide tips e.g composting, how to transport waste to the tip and if that is allowed. Also maybe to have a particular day at the tip just for garden waste.

- People will flytip! You are putting too much pressure financially on families. Adding an additional cost without rebate for providing a service that has always been provided for free before is too much. Lots of families simply cannot afford it! If you wish to harmonise then you should offer a free service to the whole county!
- I feel charging would lead to dumping of garden waste. Do not disrupt a good service to save money. If you start charging for this service what will be next? Is this stealth privatisation? Can I then choose my council services? If I feel you do not provide a good service, can I go somewhere else? The thin end of the wedge! Be careful!
- More flytipping would be involved, i know people that would dump it on fields and greens, people would be burning rubbish in their gardens causing bad smells and smoke etc. People would be strugglung even more if you started charging them for the service!
- If I don't collect the leaves outside my house the drains fill up and if we have lots of rain it causes flooding and accidents and all round disruption
- People will use their black bins resulting in overfilling & therefore rubbish left stacked up outside houses.

People will fly tip their waste

People will mix it In with their recycling

If a charge is put in place and people do not want to pay, those who frequently take care of grass/ bushes and trees outside of their property's will most likely stop doing so. And streets will become messy and more work for the council.

- Rubbish will be dumped all over
- I think people would flytip more. We already pay over the odds.
- The ignorance here is disgraceful. In a time where cost of living is increasing, this council is proposing to add yet another charge for us all. Of course if this were to be a service that is charged for it would have a negative impact.

Gardening is a source of relief and enjoyment for so many people, a charge would mean some people avoid doing any gardening to avoid having to deal with the waste, the mental health impact alone would be a serious issue. Then you have an environmental issue of people disposing of garden waste in other ways (fly tipping) and also generally not keeping on top of their gardens so they don't have to deal with the waste.

- I do not understand how at the moment you can legally charge one part of Northants and not the other. It is also very annoying that I pay for a service that often does not get collected, I then have to chase this up in my own time and then wait till the end of the week for the waste to be collect, in the meantime not sure what I am meant to do the the garden rubbish for that week as I already have a full bin. The sad and disappointing thing is that no one in the council cares.
- people leaving garden waste to mound up & smell, its a sustainable future to actively been taking garden waste for compost the reporting on where it goes
- Given the current climate with rising costs this is just another tax on households which will put extra burden on them. There is already a council tax which this collection should have already be factored in.
- Increase fly tipping and cost to clean up
- There would be more fly tipping around the countryside. Because the tip is not very user friendly people wouldn't bother deposing at the tip and would just fly tip it or put it in the black bin then wouldn't have enough room in the black bin and there would be garbage everywhere! We all pay enough council tax as it is why should you charge hard times at the minute without charging for this service
- People will dump their waste or put in the black bin, leading to a worst waste situation than We currently have
- Lead to increased fly tipping with additional cost to clean

- Charging for something I already pay for is not on.
- The council tax is already extortionate. The service in earls barton has never been free but included in the cost. Adding extra for the service is simply increasing the charge through the back door. It is not acceptable
- Fly tipping would increase I already see this where I live as people who only have limited funds and are left with a fiver a week dump furniture and rubbish all over the estate because you increased costs for this you have put rent and c tax I think you are pushing it too far in one year to put another increase have a heart for a change
- More people will now fly tip garden waste rather than recycling it as they can now easily at home in their bins.
- Fly tipping and illegal disposal would increase significantly.
Fly tipping is already a disgrace in Northamptonshire.
- If charges at the rates suggested (£45 plus per year) were implemented I would probably dispose of the garden waste I cannot readily compost at one of our "local" recycling centres. Since the closure of the Wollaston recycling centre our nearest centres are over 8 miles away.
- It is Needed in my area however I do not feel that there should be any extra charge other areas have this facility so why don't we
- Compostable waste put in black bins.
More fly tipping.
Financial hardship for some households.
- If you make us pay extra it could lead to some people disposing of excess garden waste in the countryside making everywhere more untidy! We already have fly tippers with household waste.
- If I have no children, do I pay less for services provided by the council for parks.
If I don't use libraries, do I get a discount.
If I have a small green space, 2m x2m with grass, then mow it, should I part extra to dispose of that grass? What will happen if the waste gets black bagged and goes in a black bin.
What if I walk across fields, sprinkling grass a la Great Escape style.
Will it increase fly tipping?
If it cost £3m a year then add a couple of quid to each household council tax.
If you don't, then what will happen to all the green bins that won't be used? They will be dumped by residents.
What happens to the waste, it will go in black bins, get dumped or people will just rip out gardens and we will lose the green spaces
- This is a ridiculous idea. It will encourage people to either fly tip or put into the black bin (landfill). We only receive one service currently, ie alternate weeks for bin collection. Whereas other counties provide all bin collection EVERY week. Therefore, if we are charged for the green bin (which probably goes out 3 times a year), we are then only receiving half a service and paying for the other half. People will not buy into this. We were encouraged to use and had to PAY for the green bin to start with!!
- It's just another tax that people won't want to pay. With the increase in electricity, gas, fuel, food etc paying for a green bin is the last thing they want to pay for.
Limit the green bin to 1 per household
Collections March to October
- Subscription service will result in further fly tipping in the local countryside lanes. Please reduce the the service to March - November and do not charge.
- Fly tipping
- I can't believe this is being considered. You add even more tax to another working family. I work hard. Pay bills. Don't moan when others are using services they need that I have helped pay for.

I don't get to claim any assistance. I want to mow my lawn and suddenly that's an extra £55! If this goes through you all need sacking and your heads examined.

- People are already paying for garden waste collection in their council tax bill. Lots of people will not pay and tip their waste illegally making the area look very untidy and dirty.
- I think it is a disgraceful idea
- There should be harmony in charges across the whole of NNC not as present ..one area paying others not! This is not acceptable.

I already struggle to pay council tax and any additional charges would be unaffordable. Garden waste bin should be provided for all FOC

- I strongly feel that the above proposals will have a negative impact.

Increased garden waste in general waste.

More waste going to landfill.

Increased fly tipping.

Increased journeys to the household recycling centres.

Increased demand for household recycling centres

Increased pollution linked to additional journeys to household recycling centres.

These can be avoided by continuing to provide the kerbside collections free of charge.

- Potential fly tipping of garden waste around the outskirts of the town costing council more to clear away than having a brown bin collection service
- I think if charges are introduced this
Will create fly tipping.this will cost
The council more in clear up charges
This has happened when the council charge at the recycling centres.
- I believe that fly-tipping of garden waste would increase. The availability of recycling facilities has decreased hugely over the years since we had no garden waste collection. The Wollaston centre closed, the others have limited opening days and controls over the number of visits. The cost of living is rising exponentially at the moment and paying for garden waste removal will be yet another cost that families cannot afford. Now is definitely not the time.
- All garden waste bins should be collected free of charge. Many people including ourselves also use home composting, but not all garden waste can be composted. It is a misinformed belief that garden waste bins are only used during the growing season. The largest and bulkiest amount of garden waste is actually produced during the winter months and this is usually waste that can not be home composted. During the Winter months we also have to use the municipal recycling centre for our garden waste; taking away bin collection at this time would mean more trips to the tip.
- This is a major problem and should not go ahead and those areas who currently pay should not have to. This is not a good move for the environment, will cause fly tipping (which we have enough of anyway) and make areas look untidy.
It will also cause extra added stress to people's lives with so many costs going up including Council Tax which is currently what This service is covered by. It is the councils responsibility to make sure there services are fairly distributed fairly. This is just another money grabbing scheme.
- I dont think there should be an extra payment for this . It should bins in the services we already pay for in our council tax . Waste removal.
- Cost of living has gone up, this just makes it harder for families trying to survive
- It's wrong, you want us to be mindful of the environment but charge us to do it
- Encourage fly tipping and put normally law abiding citizens in a difficult situation. Also put people into financial hardship.
- More fly tipping

- It will push already excessive costs of living beyond the means of most people
- People will just request larger black bins and use their black bin. This will lead to increased loads being collected, costing more.
- extra charges will lead to fly tipping
- I have a small garden collection every two weeks would also be a good option. In my opinion if you don't provide a garden waste service people will throw their garden waste elsewhere or just fill up other bins.
- The charge would lead to more people burning their garden waste which will then lead to residents complaining about the smoke & smell. It will also damage the environment. There would be an increase in fly tipping which is already an issue. If you make services harder to use people will just simply dump their waste somewhere else.
- There would be more likely hood of green waste being fly tipped or burnt.
- I think this is a backward step environmentally
- We are several miles away from the nearest tip and without a green bin 12 months if the year, we would struggle to get rid of any other waste.
- It needs to be fair for all so if it's paid service then it needs to be paid for all, not just certain areas.

There may be increased fly tipping but that is a common occurrence in rural areas like a Achurch already and needs to be addressed on its own right.

- The negative impact would be the extra money spent on the collection fee that is currently included in the price.
- There would be an increase in fly tipping, the council would not be contributing to its own environmental commitment as there would be an increase in people travelling to the tip and having a bigger carbon footprint, the council will be upsetting most of its residents who already pay for this service in their legacy council tax and would be made to pay again not a great way to start a new council causing this sort of increase when times are difficult anyway
- It's pretty clear from the survey that you've already made you mind up to charge a subscription for this service. As a resident of east Northants I've never had my green waste collected. The single reason for this, despite having a garden that generates green waste, is the subscription charge. We already pay for services through our council tax, which has just gone up. This should be a service provided as part of standard services.

If you're worried about emissions, why not just keep a record of all the brown bins you send out. Not everyone will request one. Then you'll only need to go to the houses you know have a brown bin. Or charge a one off fee for the bin itself.

- Everything is getting more expensive the council tax as well so we have to pay additional for waste
- More fly tipping
More garden waste going to landfill through the black bins
Leave the garden waste collection as a free service paid for through our council tax bills rather than a stealth increase in the council tax above the allowed rate by introducing a new tax!!
- The waste will be placed in the black bin, fly tipped, or most likely burnt. Surely burning garden waste is not good for the environment.
- All prices are going up and it's hard for people to afford certain things. I'd someone don't want to do this more rubbish will end up on the streets.
- More waste in black bins, so greater cost.
- Fees would be raising fly tipping, and this county is dirty enough already, rubbish everywhere. Bin collection already built into the council tax
- Please ensure it is fair, that we don't pay in one amount unless the fee is under £30/£40.

- Adding a charge would result in a lot of fly tipping and less recycling.
- Garden waste will end up in landfill or will be flytipped
- Increase in fly tipping.
- I think there will be negative impact as previously stated - it's your job to solve the self- inflicted problem but be clear I will not pay
- Fly tipping garden waste
- The banding system is the way to achieve differentiation between households and the extent to which they use or don't use the service. Introducing charges will be a false economy as there will be more fly filling which will cost more for removal. Increase the rates if necessary to deliver a quality service.
- Everything is costing more, and we take the brunt of these costs. You have increased council tax, reduced the benefit of country park season parking tickets - stop over taxing us and manage our money properly.
- Will only increase fly tipping.
Surely you are selling the waste to energy companies for incineration to energy
- With the cost of living, gas, electric, petrol etc, I think it is unfair to charge for this too
- I had to pay a contribution for my bins will I get a refund if I stop using the garden waste bin ?
- More garden waste would be fly tipped
- Would cause issues at local tip
I am strongly in favour of operating a service at no extra charge in the growing season. It is a dubious argument to say that money would be saved by not going to certain areas. Is unlikely that all residents from same street will opt out. I can afford to pay extra but would want to see a reduction in council tax for people who don't need the service.
- I think in some areas there could an increase in fly tipping if a fee is levied
- Being a local resident who regularly litter picks around our village I wonder if this change would encourage even more fly tipping.
And, in consequence, cause extra expense to the council for it's clearance!
- This will lead to more people dumping garden waste in the countryside. I don't have a big garden don't have room to compost garden waste. I don't put my bin out for every collection as I don't have that much garden rubbish. I definitely would not pay for a service that I wouldn't use regularly. I already pay a lot of Council tax for amenities which I don't use as they are too far away. I do my best with recycling and my black bin is nearly empty every time, don't want to pay an extra cost for garden rubbish disposal
- With current rises in general household bills, I feel this is could be another nail in the coffin for some households.
Reduce the service offered, to growing season only and reduce the councils costs that way. People do not need another expenditure at these times.
- there will be more fly tipping and some people will put there waste in to other peoples green bins who can afford to pay with out asking promotion
- Cancellation of free kerbside collection will undoubtedly result in more fly tipping and garden waste going to landfill.
- Less space in black bin, resulting in fly tipping.
- As previously stated there will be a big increase in fly tipping
- We shouldn't have to pay for a service that is already being paid for via our council tax
- I am forever contacting the council to come and cut grass verges etc as since been taken over by new contractors keep saying things are not their responsibility. I've asked on many occasions now what services that we are charged for are they actually providing as dont seem to want to do anything that the previous contractors did. I've even been told the grass verge outside my

house is my responsibility to maintain. What a joke. Its not part of my property and forms part of the public highway.

They soon came and cut it when I quoted legal responsibility to them.

Seems this council just wants to do nothing and charge the public the earth for it.

- What are the administrative costs of a pay as you use scheme? Only offering all or nothing. How many other services will the council apply this to? How much will the council set aside for clearing additional fly tipping? Will all residents in receipt of one or more benefits be required to pay a subscription charge? Many will already be struggling.
- More fly tipping
 - More nuisance with smoke from bonfires
 - Increased traffics to recycling centre
 - Incorrect use of other recycling bins
- This will only lead to people putting garden waste into black bins. This is ill thought out by NNC, and they need to rethink this.
- this would cause more fly tipping.
- Despite your statement to the contrary, this WOULD increase fly tipping. It would also encourage residents to 'hide' garden waste in the black bin for landfill. The way to reduce or avoid this, is either NOT to charge for garden waste, or to incorporate any additional cost into general taxation, IE Council Tax.
- I feel this may cause fly tipping
 - Plus I have not seen any green bins out the whole of the winter
- More flytipping and people would use their black bins
- I'm not sure what you mean specifically by 'above proposals'. By charging for garden waste collections seems to me that some very selfish people will fly-tip their waste - as if this isn't a bad enough problem already. Remedy? Don't introduce another separate tax for garden waste collections.
- Fly tipping and nuisance bonfires will be rife if you introduce a subscription service or similar. Once every two weeks between March and November works fine for Bozeat, so this could be introduced elsewhere to cut costs. I'd be interested to know the current costs to the Council for clearing up fly tipped waste, as this would inevitably increase, and I'm sure these costs and the cost to empty garden waste across Northants once every two weeks for nine months a year would soon balance out.
- 16.5% of council tax is allocated to Highways and Waste Management so we are already paying for the service. Is it likely that our council tax will be reduced if a charge for brown bin collections is introduced?
- I've patly answered this in a previuos qustion.
 - Reareash and evidence collected by many bodies, including the LGA, clearly state that collection and dsiposal of waste is best done in an organised and efficient way. Where if isn't, an increasing number of people will simply dispose of waste in a aay that actually falls s, which then haz increased costhort of fly tipping but leads to other problems. Those problems effectively land at the door of the authority anxd increases the cost of dsposal.
 - Brinign in extra fees for 85+% of the NNC properties is a ridiculous approach. It would be far more effcinet to put a small levy on the general fund across the authority area to cover the costs of the formed NNC area.
- People who can not afford the subscription charge or wish to avoid paying it will fly tip their garden waste.
 - Personal trips to the waste management tip is not an environmentally friendly way to mange the mass disposal of garden waste.
- It may lead to more fly tipping of waste if residents don't/can't pay for the collection service.

- Just another way to make us pay twice
- It would encourage fly tipping , burning would add to poor air quality .
Encourage more households to compost more garden waste
- If you put a charge on there will be objections.I think £1.00 a week is good value considering a journey to the tip & time taken. If the charge was included in Council Tax it would be spread out over the year.All North Northants residents should be treated the same.
- The whole point of the council tax is to provide these services. You could level the same principle at several areas of services that are used more or less by certain residents. There has been an increase in fly tipping already because of closing refuse centres like at Wollaston. Why exacerbate this?
- This will have a negative impact, the cost of fuel, food, and energy are already rising massively and adding another cost is not going to help, some older residents pay a gardener to mow lawns etc. as they are unable to do it and then they will have to pay another cost to dispose of the garden waste. Adding a few pence to each persons council tax bill wont make much of a difference but a £55 subscription is a lot of money. I see this just as a money making scheme and as some areas were not charging for this service, I am sure a subscription is not required.
- I am happy to pay, but only for a year round service.
- My concern is how are the bin collectors going to know if a household has paid the subscription service. If not then you could leave the bin out and pay nothing.
- Its going to encourage more fly tipping and bonfires causing more disruption to the community.
- This will have a negative effect in the Boroughs because you asking people to pay extra for a service the council tax already covers, which will create fly tipping issues.
Why is the answer always to ask people to pay more?
- Increased fly tipping
Increased incineration.
Decline in care of gardens
Increase of council tax on top of an already increasingly expensive world
This is just UNNECESSARY And money grabbing on behalf of the NNC.
Let's hit people where we can get away with it.
- Everything has increased in price... People won't be able to afford it
- People (including me) would put their garden waste in the waste bin. I compost what I can.
- Increase in fly tipping and its considerable cost
- Fly tipping obviously and if it isn't witnessed you'll just have to pick up the costs for clearing it up.
- My main concern is that people will say they can't afford to pay the subscription charge and then start to dump their garden waste around and even if they could afford to pay it they won't pay it just because they refuse to for whatever reason that may be. However if the cost was factored into council tax all around then everybody has the option and opportunity to use the service. For those who struggle budgeting their money it is just easier to just have all these things come out of money payment (Council Tax) than having all different things they have to pay for and remembering to save £50ish per year for when they next payment is due when some people can't budget their money enough to save that money aside each year. I apologise if that did not make sense.
- I think you will still be driving as far and as often as there will always be one person in a street who needs to use this service.
Domestic refuse sites will need to be open far more than at present to avoid fly tipping of garden waste.
- There are lots of services I pay for that I don't make use of (e.g. childrens services and social care services) but I have no objection to contributing to those costs through my council tax.

People theoretically pay council tax according to their wealth (or value of property) so the removal of garden waste should be included within the overall cost of council tax.

If you start charging for extra services that people can opt in and out of, where does it end? Can I have a discount for not using children's services or local leisure services or local public park? Wise up NNC - be the best you can be. Lets not have a race to the bottom.

- Most of these questions are missing the obvious response of "Yes, because I don't really have a choice".

As a single resident with no car, I already pay a significant premium for council tax for services, many of which I do not use. Waste collection in general is one of the few aspects of council tax where I felt I was getting good value for my money, whereas in almost every other aspect, I subsidise others and their children with only a paltry 25% discount in return.

Furthermore, the difference between the tax paid by those with gardens and those without gardens is already accounted for by the council tax bands, therefore this really is just a divide and conquer taxation at a time where households can least absorb additional costs.

Make the service free between March and November, compost the waste and sell this back to residents to offset some of the costs.

- I do think that some people will just put the green waste into their black recycling bin, and if they just put it in a black bin bag then the collectors are not going to know that it isn't just another bag of normal household waste. How would you propose to deal with that situation?
How would the refuse collectors know which houses had subscribed to the service and which ones hadn't, when they are out and about? Would they carry some sort of a list with them?
How could the collection team know for sure that they weren't collecting bins from those residents who hadn't paid for the service, if an extra green bin was sneaked out?

- Making people pay may cause more fly tipping or maybe even cause issues at the recycling centre.
- Firstly this service should be available to all, including people who may live in flats. As mentioned above they may have green waste to dispose of as well. (Balcony gardens, household planting/bouquet etc). I am sure that the council would not want this to be put into black bins.

Secondly why should the garden waste not be funded by wider taxation? Most of us certainly pay more than enough and this covers many services which we do not personally use (or ever will). Why not cover a service that many residents can see the benefit of and be pleased to actually have their council tax used for?

- Council collections do have an environmental saving. One vehicle verses several residents making individual trips to dispose garden waste.

Prevention of fly tipping.

- I do think that any proposal to charge could increase fly tipping
- There would be an increase in fly tipping
- The negative impact is where we have had a harmonised council put on us yet we are not receiving a harmonised service
- This is a terrible idea. KEEP IT FREE and encourage recycling.
- More fly tipping

Environmental pollution from bonfires

Keep service free during growing season

- Residents of the former Wellingbrough Council have already suffered an increase of 8% in their Council Tax for year 2021/22 compared to 2020/21 in order to harmonise with the rest of North Northamptonshire. Imposing a charge for garden waste collection would add insult to injury.
I suggest that a 'free' collection during the growing season would provide the best compromise for all parts of the area.

- With the cost of living going up surely it would be better to see in helping families out. I would also think this would lead to more fly tipping costing the council more to clear up.
- I already have to pay so even if a pay system is introduced it is not going to make any difference to my current situation
- Yet another tax on people who enjoy gardening: mainly pensioners.
- The collections could be once per month to lower costs. People with more waste can have and pay for more bins to help reduce labour, Vehicles and fuel
- I see no negative impact from having a system that interested households have to subscribe/pay for. I think it is unfair to add any of the costs of providing garden waste collection to the council tax bill which is already a struggle for some people to pay. I see a large negative impact if a free service is provide do to the additional cost or housing of the bins causing bad feeling amongst neighbours.
- Cost of living has increased so much already, it would be a shame to penalise those who have a garden by making them pay to remove the garden waste
- If a charge is to be levied for the collection of garden waste this should form part of the budget when council tax is set as has always happened in Wellingborough borough.
- There could be a lot of potential negative impacts but apart from not making the charge I don't know how it could be avoided.
- The cost of providing the service must come out of charges paid for by all council tax payers. Hiving off bits of the service is the thin end of wedge to dismantling the concept of a single service benefitting all people who live in nnorthants.
- A negative impact is obviously going to be more traffic going to the tip (recycling centre) with therefore more queuing in the approach roads. Much gardening is done at weekends and with the tip closed Mondays and Tuesdays, this just adds to the inconvenience of getting rid of it. Negative impacts could be avoided by leaving things as they are - ie. having a garden waste collection that I thought I already paid for!!!
How about a trade off - if we got our roads swept and our drains cleared out then maybe I'd look more favourably on paying even more than I already do. My state pension is my only income.
- I think if you introduce charges to areas that don't currently pay (seemingly a large proportion of the new council area) then you're opening yourselves up to fly tipping on quite a large scale as people may be unable to afford or simply won't want to pay the charges.
- People will just either fly tip or put it in the black bin if there is a charge. Council tax has gone up, petrol prices, gas and electric, food etc, some people simply cannot afford that extra £55 for the year when we already pay a massive amount for council tax already, my pensioner neighbour now pays a weeks pension just in council tax and is scared for what this year brings as she will have to go without something, I for one will put my compost in the black bin or put it in the bin at work
- people would start to use the black bins for garden waste.
- I feel that people will begin to put some garden waste into their black bin which will have a negative impact on the environment
Unless you are going to charge an awful lot for this service and get a high uptake, sometimes, the cost of running and administering a new service like this can be so high that actually they almost equate to the income you get in for it. It needs a critical mass of people taking up the service in order for it to be financially viable. It would be a great pity if you did implement this service and the subscription charge only really covers the cost of running it (which I am sure wont be made clear and open) which would make it relatively pointless, but just upset residents and impact your reputation.
- I would prefer for it to am optional service as I have artifical grass ams would not need to use the service frequently

- Put everybody on collections march to November
- There would be a certain amount of fly tipping
- This proposal will result in illegal deposits in the country roads as we are experiencing with other household waste items. I have recently given up using the council recycling centres as to pay for two mattresses to be deposited cost £64 . Total unaffordable to most.
- If you collect through the winter you will increase road journeys thus greenhouse gas emissions. Also winter means worse weather so possibly endangering your people and other road users. It is a time when the garden is dormant, people cannot get out to do any work.
- It would encourage people to dump it at the side of the road or elsewhere, rather than pay!!
- I feel that this would have a very negative impact, with the constant rise in household bills, people can ill afford to pay out even more for services which should be included within the council tax, which we all pay to pay for essential services. It is no coincidence as the council charge more for services and charge separately for some services like large item collection & disposal of certain items at the household waste site that fly tipping is an ever increasing problem, has the council looked at the cost of dealing with fly tipping compared to the cost of providing these services free or at a more reasonable price.
- Charges are likely to lead to more fly-tipping of garden waste. Would subscriptions cover the additional cost of clearing this up?
- I think this will drastically increase fly tipping which is already a problem due to the closure of the local recycling centre
- Any cutbacks to this service may lead to more fly tipping.
- With everyday costs rising the council should not be looking at adding extra costs.
- It would lead to less recycling which would be a diabolical result.
- The cost of living is too expensive as is plus I don't trust this council with any form of finance.
- I believe it would discourage people from separating their waste. If the council will not collect garden waste as part of the recycling promise or charge us for a service we already pay of as part of the council tax, what's to stop them to start charge for other recycling services we receive. It will also disadvantage people who do not have the funds to pay for garden waste, removal, but enjoy tending their garden
- Rather than a specific vehicle collecting garden waste more individual cars will be on the road to take waste to waste collection centres - this will reduce the council's environmental effect, and may increase CO2 emissions. A solution to this would be for the waste collection vehicles being more environmentally friendly and continuing the current service.
A greater number of people using the waste collection centres may lead to needing more staff, an increased collection of waste from the site, meaning more CO2 emissions by the collection company, and/or a larger waste collection depot required. This will have an increased cost to the council for a service they are providing for free.
- Monthly payments would be easier to manage rather than a one off annual invoice or even half yearly.
- It would be useful to know the cost of the individual schemes across the area. As a resident of Wellingborough I would consider it a retrograde step to charge separately for a service that has been successfully included in council taxation.
- Availability for all impacts the environment but will reduce queues at HWRC's.
Asking individuals to sign up to receive a service and reduce frequency when not required will offset the collection service.
Offer free composting bins with garden collection to encourage composting
- The above proposals would cause more fly tipping with further cost to the council
- We are already blighted with fly tipping, so if you don't collect for free then people will just dump it. Recycling centre restricts how many times you can visit. Make the centre more accessible by

stopping restrictions. Then people may put more effort in getting rid of all waste the responsible way instead of fly tipping

- Can we stop making decisions on how much this costs and how many times do we have to do this that and the other. It's like food banks. Once you provide a service it becomes self fulfilling. It's easier for me to shove my green waste in a bin and then go and buy a bag of fertiliser from B and M. I don't know how much it costs to collect green bins and process their contents but I'm sure you could come up with a user friendly alternative that engages most people to compost their own green waste.
- We live 12 miles from the nearest recycling site in Northamptonshire and we do take garden waste to a site using our car and trailer, however we can only go to the tip six times a year which is not enough, we asked for, and received another garden waste bin to help out. We also have a compost bin in the garden. We live THREE miles from the [Redacted] recycling site but because [Redacted] is in [Redacted] we can't take our trailer there. Could you please have an agreement with [Redacted] (and other neighbouring councils) whereby residents who live just over the county border are able to use their nearest tip even if it is in a different county. Then we may not need the garden waste collection, or could at least only have one garden waste bin.
- Feel strongly about having to pay for a service that we already pay for in council tax. If the council want us to compost our garden waste then they should provide the bins for doing so.
If we have to take our own garden waste to recycling centre have the council given thought to older people who don't have transport.
- It would create even more fly tipping. People would let gardens overgrow and would stop cutting the verges outside their house making it the councils responsibility again.
- Worry about fly tipping of garden refuse if people have to pay, there is enough normal waste collection fly tipping
- People like me who don't want to pay any more money to the council than they already have to would have to find an alternative method of disposal meaning that there's a risk of more bonfires and antisocial behaviour. The tips would be busier and they are already not open every day which makes life difficult for those of us who have to work.
- We worry about flytipping of garden waste if council decides to charge. Better to have seasonal collection rather than pay for service
- Some people are struggling financially with the cost of living rising and the energy crisis putting households under a lot of financial strain. Adding an additional cost for garden waste collection at this point would just be adding to the already difficult situations people are in. If the proposed charges were to go ahead, the cost should be kept to a minimum.
- If you were to do March to November then you could do it at reduced rate
- Used to live in Kettering.
'Green waste bins' usually not all put out in winter months. Neighbours as well as ourselves. I like Wellingborough's model.
Now in ENDC. Similar pattern of use is seen.
I had paid 6 monthly during the growing months, which suits. (I think that may have changed now to 12 month only -not sure).
Currently waiting for council decision.
If you charge you will have [Redacted] (or other contactors) trying to do service too. We have two separate green waste trucks in our village...is that reducing environmental impact???
What about a 3 week rotation in summer?
Garden-landfill-recycling??
- The people who currently have a free service would be unlikely to want to pay for it so there could be garden rubbish dumped elsewhere

- Surly this is what we pay council tax for
- A charge will mean that fly tipping will increase 1000 fold. People will not pay for this as the increase has come at the worst possible time due to increases in the cost of living this year (heating) no one has extra income to pay for garden rubbish collection. Our beautiful countryside will have garden rubbish tipped in every hedgerow. Which will cost the council more to clean up. Please don't do this.
- We pay council tax, part of that is to collect bins. Everything is going up in price at the moment and there shouldn't be a subscription for bin collection
- It is better to have a single all inclusive payment system for all services.
If a subscription charge is introduced in areas that do not have one, all of the council recycling centers will need to open even days a week to cater for those who dip not subscribe.
- Increased fly tipping, stealing of bins, use of the bin of someone who has paid by someone who has not.
- I think by discontinuing the service there is a risk of more fly tipping living on the outskirts of a town I already see lots of this on the rural roads around me ...the cost implications then become more than continuing with a free kerbside collection
- I feel we all pay enough council tax to keep this service free to everyone although in theory it's not free as it is included in our council tax
- Shocking really. This should and is included in the current council tax fees. You are now implying it is not. In a wholly unfair system, I assume the higher bands will pay more.
- There's enough untidy gardens without encouraging people not to bother maintaining their gardens.
- I think the council is a joke and is not treating all people fairly!!
- Only those who can afford will pay the extra for the service
Flytipping will increase
Gardens will become ever overgrown blighting the community
People putting their waste in your bin
Gradual erosion and cutting back of further services across society
- Households across the country are already struggling financially, so adding more costs for a service that I believe I am already paying for through my council tax and not receiving the service is appalling. If this service is imposed on us, people will begin to put their rubbish in black bins. Consider the carbon footprint of everyone who drives to the tip to dispose of garden waste.
- I think you taken advantage of people and this situation. Think you would have to stop making money from the by waste(compost) or give the money you make back to the people who paid for the service of it to be taken away.
- I think there will be an increase in fly tipping and burning of waste causing pollution. More burning of waste is going to cause the uk to increase carbon emissions
- Fly Tipping
- There will be more and more people put out the garden waste in the general rubbish black bin!!!!
- Households are already being hugely stretched. This is just another kick in the teeth. With council tax rises, energy, fuel and food cost rising, this is too much and unnecessary. Negative impact would be people fly tipping (which we already see a lot of locally) and using black bins.
- When we are investing so much in the environment it doesn't make sense that we put a barrier in the way for people to do the right thing. The environment is one of the councils core values, but is potentially proposing something which will put people off doing it. I'd would assume a lot of people will put there waste in the black bin, which I'd imagine would have a negative impact on

land fill. Other people will take it to for recycling but that will create additional overhead here and more petrol/fumes than one lorry collecting.

- Wouldn't it be more economical to have a skip in one place for a day every month and people ditch their garden waste in it (supervised). People have wheelie bins so it's not that hard to transport and allows people to put garden waste in the right place - and one supervisor to oversee the waste would surely be cheaper than driving a lorry round all day. You could vary the location each fortnight.
- Tiered service... where do it stop. So much for a green agenda
- The current situation with high inflation and rocketing prices of everything, including a rise in council tax, means that lots of households will not be able to afford to pay for this extra charge and this could result in much higher curb side littering. This could result in an increase of expenses for the council associated with dealing with this littering.
- Offering a reduced collection service during the growing months would reduce the environmental impact of collections. The council should also look into more environmentally-friendly methods of disposing of garden waste such as anaerobic digestion which can also generate heat or power from the gases given off.
- I feel that if a change was introduced then it would encourage fly tipping. This would not be good.
- At this time no one should be paying anymore most people don't have any extra money and the council tax at £2500 per year should cover this. This is a disgrace
- With the cost of living continually rising, many households would not be able to justify paying a minimum of £40 a year to have green waste collected. I have more than 3 grey/green bins, at least one of which I fill by cutting a grassed area which by rights is the councils grass but I do it to maintain the look of the area. If a charge is introduced the council can cut their own grass from now on! Many people will simply place their garden waste in refuse sacks so it cannot be distinguished from rubbish and place it within their black wheelie bin where it will be sent to landfill- increasing the cost the council pays on landfill charges and causing more harm to the environment. The garden waste service is extremely popular, Kettering Borough Council (as it was) knew this and would never have considered charging extra for it, if the new North Northamptonshire Council has even the slightest bit of sense, the service will continue as it is to encourage people to dispose of their green waste in a environmentally sound manner.
- I don't think it's fair to charge people more or to start charging people!
They don't get collected very often any way.
Prices for everything has gone up so people would not pay and you would end up getting a lot more fly tipping! Also Think about the impact it would have on all the local tips, if people decided to use them they would be even more busier and making more work for yourselves.
- I believe if a subscription charge were to be introduced, many people may start burning their garden waste (increasing air pollution and potentially endangering residents and wildlife), or others may dump their waste on roadsides and other inappropriate areas. To avoid this, the service needs to continue as it currently is; fortnightly kerbside collection, with the cost covered under the current council tax that all households contribute to. The cost of living is already increasing across several areas and many householders do not have the capacity to take on any additional costs.
- As previously mentioned, those who cannot afford to dispose of their garden waste via subscription will likely either fly tip it OR just add it to their black bags/non-recyclable waste bin, especially those with smaller gardens.
- The council tax we pay already covers the cost of waste collection and there should be no additional charges for this. What are you going to propose charging for next year? The collection of plastics and glass? Or the collection of paper and cardboard? Where does it stop?

- With cost of living going up and wages stagnant, introducing such a service will only encourage other means of disposal of the garden waste.
I.e putting garden waste in black bins or using non reputable waste disposal contractor who will under cut the monthly service charge causing an increase in fly tipping. There are friends that who are struggling now living paycheck to paycheck but with rising prices of fuel and energy will not opt into the garden waste service as they can barely have the heating on.
Whilst recycling centre are available, not even will have an opportunity to use the service due to different working patterns.
- See previous
- This service should be free. Given the ridiculously high council tax paid. If it does become something additional then should be factored in that everyone with a garden will be expected to pay.
- I believe that if you began charging for green waste collections, this will stop a lot of people recycling their green waste. If people had to pay for the service, they would end up putting the green waste in the normal black bin which is not an additional charge.
- You will find garden waste being fly tipped so it will cost the council more in the long run.
- As you have stated yourselves any reduction in collection would mean more vehicles accessing waste sites having an impact on the roads and greater levels of pollution. Once a month collection over 9 months would cut this impact and reduce the traffic chaos at recycling centres
- Fly tipping, people would also just put it in their black rubbish bins again.
- The Council should provide all garden and other waste collection within the current rates. We should all take a pride in our area and keep our gardens and environment clean. Charging more and more money for the same or less of a service will increase fly tipping and overall cost to the Council will rise for cleaning up afterwards. It is a false economy and short term thinking to put on additional charges for garden waste collection. Residents without gardens (flats etc) surely have their rates reflected in their Council rate Banding. The Council should want to provide the best service. at no extra cost. What happened to 'Keep Britain Tidy'
I go out and pick up litter (mostly [Redacted] rubbish) free of charge to the Council, but to keep the streets clean in my area.
- 1. Fly-tipping is already a very serious and unsightly problem affecting the majority of the world's social areas, though a major factor in the cause of fly-tipping is access to social resources for disposal of waste.
Have you factored the very possible rise in fly-tipping into your ideas? The problem here is that the council needs to avoid leading householders to increase fly-tipping even of highly compostable waste. Charging residents a fee to collect their waste could likely see an increase in tipping: the council and police would not have the resource to monitor the entirety of the county, and with all fly-tipping, the costs of recovery and disposal tend to greatly outweigh the original cost of kerb-side collection.
- 2. How does the council plan to mitigate pooled/shared access to resource? This might not be a problem, and might invariably be a benefit as it will likely encourage more social interaction, if just one household in a postcode pays your subscription fee, but are recycling on behalf of roughly 15-25 houses.
- 3. If it becomes clear that many households choose to not use the service, you have already indicated that this might lead to more traffic on the road as households take the waste to a local HWRC, would you therefore look to start charging for this service too, risking increasing fly-tipping?
- The council tax is already too high and increases every year. The latest bill has increased by 3.9%. My pension does not increase by this much and food, energy, petrol and every other item is

increasing. We were told that the split in Northants Council would lead to greater efficiency but all I see is increases in charges.

The council currently collects my garden waste within the council tax charged. If charges are levied it will increase fly tipping and increase the quantity of waste put into landfill.

- Huge negative impact fly tipping will increase as will your black bin use cause people will just put it in the black bin or green bin
- Only pay if you use the service as now in East Northants
- Charging would increase fly tipping which would cost the council more to collect.
- See earlier comments

Re the Environment

- I think garden waste should only be collected during summer months, I never have to use my bin in the winter months, people are already struggling with the cost of living, if they had to pay out more it would lead to more fly tipping, which is bad enough round this area already
- If the council were to either stop the garden waste service or price it out of people's price range the pressure on the already overburdened waste sites would be intolerable .. Rushden waste station would have to be moved as it simply would not cope especially in the summer and in my opinion is already far too small.
- Unless the proposals are shelved there can only be a negative impact.
- The proposals are not acceptable and will result in further fly tipping across our countryside. This is also worsened by the local waste recycling centre policies for limiting visits to 8 a year!
- A lot of people will burn it or fly tip. A lot more garden fires this year which will become hazardous.
- This would increase fly tipping, affect elderly residents, and is a poorly thought out scheme in total
- Just don't, please.
People are already struggling with poverty - This will be a terrible idea
- If the service is cut the savings on the service would be out weighed by fly tipping, I already pay for this service as part of my council tax so expect a rebate in-line of the subscription charges you propose
- There will most probably be more fly tipping and bonfires to burn the rubbish.
- I believe this would lead to a large increase in fly tipping. We live in a rural area and already suffer with fly tipping, garden waste would be much more expensive to clear up and would therefore cost the council more in the long run.
We already pay for things we don't use in our Council Tax and to begin to split them up would cause more dissention in the long term
- I don't want to pay more than I am already paying
- We have paid the fees since we have lived in [Redacted] but it is unfair when we are aware neighbours hide their garden waste in the black bins we have reported it but the council seems uninterested We currently pay £350 ! month in council tax for a small 4 bed house far higher than any other resident in local councils.
- You are only allowed to go to the tip with a trailer 6 times throughout the year. We have no room to compost so how do we cope with this . Each time there are more restrictions on households yet we are expected to pay more through our rates.
I believe the council's are poorly run just one example was Six fields loan £10million of our monies GONE!
- I have previously stated that I think if you took this service away, there would be increased fly tipping.
- The council seems very quick to state how much the service costs yet do not offer up any solutions to how they may offset that cost, such as :

- Bio fuel generators
- Compost / Mulch production for resale
- Contracting out to commercial users for fees
- Multi use vehicles for collection / distribution of other things
- Offering 'add on' services to the vehicle - like selling compost
- I think it would have a negative impact if you start charging people that don't pay at the moment. Not to charge anyone but your not going to do that.
- I feel that with more people paying for the subscription the the total annual cost should be lower for all people. I the price is lower then more people should use the service cutting down on fly tipping that's costing you a small fortune each year.
- Not collecting garden waste will encourage people to get rid of it in ways they shouldn't. I will probably burn mine so impact on the environment
- The negative would be: people would mot pay and dispos of it any way they could without being charged extra ie black bin!
- If you charge people with low incomes for waste collection, fly tipping is likely to increase - costing the council more money to clean up!
- We all pay a council tax that provides a range of services that some of us do not use. How is the bin collection any different??
- If there was no subscription more people would recycle the garden waste and not put it in the general waste
- If any households which currently get the service free of charge decide they do not wish to pay the new charge,, what happens to the bin they hold at present ?
Cost of collecting those bins must be taken into consideration.
Is flytipping likely to rise ?
- Should not have to pay for this service
- I would strongly argue against being forced to pay for a service which has previously been included in the overall council tax bill. This is typical of the Tories who control local government, most of whom never have to worry about paying their household bills and have little in common with us ordinary people on limited incomes, especially OAPs.
- An allocated number of free bags of the compost produced from the garden waste and the opportunity to buy extra discounted bags would help to reduce the impact of an annual subscription.
The opportunity to pay monthly if paying by direct debit would also help.
- Your general waste disposal (black bin) will increase exponentially and dumps on the highway verges. Makes no sense at all, Councils should compost that garden waste and sell on.
- Removing the service or charging extra will result in fly tipping.
I would be interested to know how much fly tipping costs you per year
- Please see previous comments and re-consider who you are penalising and why. Most people do only use garden waste bins between March and November so I think this is reasonable
Tackle the general rubbish collection issues first!
Every year we already see vast amounts of garden rubbish dumped at the side of the road and this will only get worse with your proposal especially as the recycling centres are only open on certain days.
I can't help but feel that if it was easier to use recycling centres, there would be far less fly tipping which costs the council thousands each year to clear up! Would be useful to actually see the figures??
Also, as beautiful as they are, in these times where everyone is being pushed to the limit financially, is it time to cut down on the amount of flowers around the town centres and roundabouts?

Priorities need to change!

- Honestly, you know how tight times are already. People are already doing what they can to save money, one of the things includes people not holidaying/going away and spend more time at home and in their gardens. You are effectively proposing that would be charged too. Reconsider.
- Feels like you are penalising people who maintain their garden for wellbeing and improving the environment to offset the damage increased construction and traffic in the local area. Not everyone is physically able to take their garden waste to the tip.

I'm not convinced it would be easy to monitor who has paid & who has skipped their subscription when it's paid for every 6 months.

Could the compromise be March - Nov collections instead of a subscription fee?

Feels like you get fewer and fewer services from living in Northamptonshire. Constantly paying out for very little to show or be content about!

- People not willing to pay may start fly tipping
- Majority of People are lazy, unmotivated and will just dump garden waste or stop maintain their gardens. It's just going to cost you more to clear up the mess.

Drains will become more blocked in residential areas as people will trim their hedges and leave it to blow/wash away.

People will not pay that charge especially in the estate areas.

And people who work and support themselves and pay their council through their own means should not be subjected to an extra cost when we pay all of our taxes straight out of our pay checks.

We try to keep our properties maintained to help keep our community looking tidy and clean but if you stop providing this service making it able for us to do so then what's the point we might as well just stop bothering.

Like I said if you think it's unfair for the flats then they should get a small reduction.

- I believe some people would opt out of paying and would put garden waste in their black bins and/or flytip waste on the nearest country lane.
- People are already struggling you do the maths.
- It's a really bad idea. Nobody around this area would pay it would be dumped and fly tipped
- No extra charges should be bought in.
- The usual type of people wouldn't want to pay for the service and would dump their garden waste anywhere they could
- People will end up fly tipping or dumping their garden waste elsewhere.
- I don't mind paying for the service if I really had too but due to everything going up the amount I'd pay is restricted. I only put the garden bin out probably once a month so if needs be I'll dispose another way.

I do think there will be a lot of people who will refuse to pay and amount of garden waste will be dumped elsewhere some of it not in an acceptable manner.

- Removing the free at point of service collection will result in people (who are already facing unprecedented utility rises) not using their green bins and instead either diverting this compostable waste into the black bin or fly tipping the garden waste. I'm am quite sure that the fly tipping clear up will cost more than applying general taxation and exactly how are you gonna trace this type of waste for any prosecutions? Or that you will be using up landfill space for greenwaste that it properly divided from general waste could be changed into municipal compost.
- Already pay high council tax and pay a management fee on top of that a year.
- Increased fly tipping
Smelly bin bags in the streets

- Negative impact on the environment with more cars having to go to dispose of their waste. Not everyone will recycle their garden waste. Financial impact on families in already hard times garden waste will not be a priority.
- Maybe everyone could be offered a compost bin instead of a garden waste bin to encourage people to use one
- Any charges must be realistic to the residents. Charge too much and fly tipping will increase, and cause even greater cost to the council to clear it up.
- Increased fly tipping of green waste-don't introduce a charge
Increased amount of waste left in gardens-don't introduce a charge
Increased methane gas being released which won't help out environmental situation -don't introduce a charge
Residents will have yet another bill to pay-putting more pressure on them
- Stop trying to tax us more! You get taxed when you:
Earn money
Spend money
Save money
Die with money
It's all Tax and you still want more. How about you sort the [expletive] roads out around Northamptonshire instead of [expletive] around with garden waste bins.
- This will cause alot more tipping causing unnecessary clean up operations which in turn will cost money
- I already pay council tax so object to more charges.
- This will reduce green waste recycling as households will simply use their black bin. I produce little water in my black bin as I recycle most of my waste, so I would have room for the garden water I produce in it. I do not have the time or wish to drive to a recycling centre to dispose of my garden waste.
Flytipping will greatly increase from what is an already unacceptably high level.
- It is unfortunate that the new unitary council has inherited a variety of garden waste collection arrangements. It is vital in the interests of fairness that the arrangements are harmonised. If a universal subscription scheme is introduced then those previously receiving a free service would no doubt feel aggrieved. I think there would be a risk of fly tipping garden waste. I proposesolutions.
 - 1) provide additional garden waste disposal facilities at a more local level so that people don't need to travel as far to the main recycle centres.
 - 2) implement a strategy to promote home composting through education and possible subsidies for garden compost bins
- I think charging to remove garden waste will lead to people fly tipping instead. But it will encourage me personally to compost more. As a cleaner on a low wage but not entitled to any government benefits I am already struggling financially and feel an extra yearly payment on top of my already high council tax payments is unacceptable.
- Increased kerbside dumpage
Less maintenance of property
People who actually want to look after their properties being charged excessively
Recycling would be used (hidden dumpage)
Increased traffic at skip
More damage to environment by more people driving back and forth to the skip
More pot holes on that road!!!!
- This is just another tax on the already overpriced council tax that we all have to pay.
We didn't want to be part of North Northants and were never asked if we wanted to be.

- It would make sense for the bins too be only collected in March to October. This is when people do their gardens more. It is a waste of money sending the lorry around in the other months. This alone should have a lot.
It is should not an extra charge, due to the reasons previously stated.
- The main negative impacts would be people burning garden waste in their garden, causing smoke and possible garden fires for which emergency services would be required(more expense and extra stress on NHS!)
Another problem would result in many gardens becoming neglected and waste being fly tipped(more expense).
- Given the increase already in the Council I am unwilling to sign up for a further charge where there previously wasn't one.
- I think charging overall would be a bad thing, many households are already feeling the pinch with increased bills so to add something else people just would not be able to afford it. In addition to this this is likely to cause more of an issue with fly tipping, or using other household bins to dispose of their garden waste as they will just use the black bin. On a positive though I think it's a very sensible idea to cut back the collection from all year to March-November and would help with cost cutting for the council. Hopefully by doing that it would deter the council for charging for the service.
- As previously stated, fly tipping is bad enough as it is your just going to make the situation worse & we ALL still have to pay for the tidy up. Northamptonshire is looking scruffy & unkempt as it is this charging does not bode well.
- This will only encourage more flytipping, therefore costing the residents and council even more through rises in council tax, to which we are very limited to see an impact of .
- Currently all household in my area contribute to the cost of the service even if they do not use it. By charging only those who use it the authority should reduce the council tax too those who don't take up the service.
Otherwise all households would continue to still contribute to the cost of the service and households who agree to pay for the service would be paying twice.
- When the council collect garden waste, do they use this to make compost? If so hiw much us the revenue? You may lose this revenue.
- Fly tipping would increase
- Pls also provide compost bins for food waste.
- I belong to the local litter picking group and see all kinds of things fly tipped. I think we would see much more flying tipping of garden waste and would be in black bags, which would be very bad for the environment!
- Whether I would continue to use the service we depend on the cost. I have several friends of a similar age can manage to put garden waste in the green bin but not heave it to the recycling centre, especially Corby with it's awful ramps. Gardening is good for physical and mental health so there should be as few obstacles as possible
- I feel that ceasing the universal collection paid for out of general taxation would tend to lead to:
 - increased fly tipping
 - increased antisocial burning
 - increased misuse of other bins
 If the proposal to levy an additional charge for this service is adopted, I shall start a campaign to encourage council tax payers who do not use other elements of the council's services to withhold the proportion of their council tax that is attributable to these.
- Households already face much higher utility bills, the added charge of emptying the garden bin (which we already pay for) is adding insult to injury. Where do you think pensioners on a fixed state pension only are going to find the additional money for the utilities let alone an extra charge

for grey bin disposal (which is a service we already have). You shouldn't have given that money to sixfields. Only lead to more fly tipping.

- You are creating more problems with fly tipping to which it costs you more to get rid of it also council tax is expensive already especially with all the price rises at the current time people are struggling already to pay for food and essentials let alone having to keep paying for all these add ons all the time

- Yes if you start to charge then people will fly tip their garden waste & the countryside will be spoilt & it will cost the council more to clear it away.

- Sure some will fly tip, plus put into other council bins.

I cannot help but wonder just how efficient the council is at its services and purchases. As a self employed person I have to be very careful about business expenditure and the price I pay for supplies, as I cannot continually put my charges up as I will lose business.

We don't have the option to opt out of the council providing us services so we expect you to be the very best at what you do, my experience of civil service organisations is that is not the case as someone else is paying...

- Increased carbon emissions as 500 vehicles in my village take their green waste to your Council Offices, recycling centres, or to fly tip, instead of just one vehicle circulating per fortnight. You can save money by either a) Strategic outsource; b) Employing less people to load the bins - they are overstaffed; c) Have a process to centrally devolve into compost and resell in order to offset costs. Other Authorities have managed it; or d) An amalgamation of the above.
- My council tax has gone up enormously and services are just getting worse and worse. Roads, schools, policing, rubbish collection and general maintenance of council responsible items is at a lifetime low for me. Asking me to pay for a service which is currently free in the surrounding areas is unjust. The scheme currently in use in Wellingborough and other areas should be extended to residents of the old east northants zones that currently have to pay extra
- Of waste it's not collected this could have a negative impact the environment. People are likely to find less environmentally friendly ways to dispose of waste. Burning, fly tipping or driving to the recycle centre are a few.
- I think if people have to pay a subscription charge there will be a lot more gawaste dumped in garages and green areas.
- You may well find that people will burn garden rubbish or dump it, with the attendant environmental impact.
- my only concern for not providing the service would be the increase in fly tipping
- The principle of allowing people to opt in or out of a service provided by general taxation is wrong. Your 'consultation' is not a consultation because I only happened to come across this questionnaire by chance.

If you introduce a subscription collection, you will increase fly tipping, journeys to the tip, queuing at the tip and burning of garden waste, all of which make nonsense of your professed attempts to be environmentally friendly.

- I feel that charging for this service will vastly increase fly tipping and increase pressure on HHWR centres, and as a result increase pollution due to higher levels of people using HHWR centres.
- Council tax already difficult to find for pensioners and families alike, so adding extra costs for a service that has been at least for the past 57 years To my knowledge inclusive in rates/council tax, is totally unacceptable.
- Whilst I appreciate that the new authority has taken on £57 million of county council debt, this is not the way to claw some of this money back. You should base a charge on the size of garden, with small gardens not having to pay then a graduated scheme so that those with massive gardens pay the most

- Only offering the service between March and November just doesn't make sense for people who like us, have large gardens.
Not everyone gardens and tidies between those months and some people cut grass all year round.
Not sure how efficient and economically viable it would be but have you thought about a 'pay-as-you-go' service? So people can either select a time period for collection (twice monthly, weekly etc) or they could use an online pay and book as you go - so you only pay for when you need your bin collecting. You'd need a watertight booking and recording system though so maybe not something the council has at the moment. That way, you'd only be driving down roads that you need to but the service would be open to everyone with a garden all year round.
- These proposals would definitely have a negative impact, people are already faced with huge council tax payments and will not/cannot pay any more. Fly tipping is already costing the council a lot of money and obviously it will get worse as people will be tipping their garden refuse if it is not collected .
- Fly tipping and litter is a major issue in our area and charging people for the service will make it worse. There is an environmental cost and well as a monetary one which maybe the council would not have to absorb but someone would have to if dumping occurs on their land . It would be best the cost is shared out via the general council tax.
- I think a lot of waste will be dumped roadside
- Introducing this charge could have a detrimental impact on groups such as the elderly and disabled. I know many old people who live in neighbouring authorities who have to pay for garden collection but choose not to in order to save money. I also know of increased fly tipping as a result of such policies.
- Bills are already at a high and the amount paid monthly already covers this service. This is another way to pull money if even if you don't want to use the service.
Older people will not be able to take waste elsewhere and may not have the money to pay extra
- I do not accept the argument regarding the fact that not all residents make use of the current service in Kettering. There are numerous services not applicable to our household yet we are still asked to pay towards these.
- I think charging for this service is a disgrace. I only have a small garden and despite having 2 compost bins at home need the garden waste service during the growing season as I do not have room in my compost bins during the summer. I disagree that bringing in a service charge would result in less miles required. If just me me person on every street were to pay for the service the same journey would have to be made. Restrictions at refuse centres have already increased the amount of fly tipping which is a real problem around here and making this a service that we have to pay for will only make this problem worse. Shocking that the council are even considering this
- The proposal would increase fly tipping which is already an issue within the county. Use some common sense, increase collection period from 2 to 3 weekly, thus allowing waste to rot down and allow households to submit any additional whilst reducing council costs by a third.
- Absolutely ridiculous putting additional charges onto households during this world crisis.
Perhaps it is something that should be put on the back burner and with these charges then less money for other local investment such as buying from our community shop or supporting local restaurants as less disposable income for all families!
- It is recycled to help the environment. It helps people keep villages well kept and not fly tipping. The villages are constantly litter collecting anyway! (Council job) reporting neglect, danger and fly tipping. If you need more money catch fly tippers and fine them! Put in more speed cameras to catch people driving through villages too fast.

- To add another bill on top of all of the increases in cost of living is heartless. Corby has been hit hard financially by the unitary council and many residents are already struggling financially
- Do not implement this change to the service as it would create a bigger divide between the trust of the local council and their level of competence to deliver the service level that they should be providing.
- If there is a charge should be split into monthly direct debits as some are on benefits who use the service and can't pay the £55 in one go as they are taking it away from food expenses or paying for energy/water bills etc
as at the moment everything is going up from transport costs like petrol bus fares food energy etc and be nice to have this service for free or include it in the council tax bill for everyone to pay towards
- The council needs to be mindful of those fly-tippers, as this could have an impact if restrictions are implemented.
Those without gardens should not be charged, but then again, they may have 'garden waste' if they have potted plants and window boxes? So where does their waste go.
We are fortunate to have a decent sized garden but have artificial grass due to having large dogs. We do have garden waste when deadheading plants etc, but rarely put the green bin out during the winter months, so the charges need to be fair.
- I would have to drive from home to the waste disposal site a round trip of 20 miles the cost could be reduced by either more local tips or a realistic charge aimed to maximise use of a collection service
- You may get people dumping their waste rather than paying for it to be removed which would be more costly to remove.
- Again, with rising council taxes, rising cost of living and increases everywhere, I feel that people are being stretched too much.
I think that people would just dump their garden waste anywhere, which in turn would increase fly tipping. This would cause more cost to the council.
- With Utility costs, food costs, fuel costs and council tax already increased I cannot afford an additional bill. This additional cost will put me in debt as I have no spare money each month. This will also affect my mental health as I have never been in debt.
- I believe the Council will end up paying a lot more in the long run to clear the abundance of fly-tipping that will start appearing, and or neighbourhood disputes when foliage is thrown over gardens.
- There would be an increase in fly tipping of certain garden waste such as hedge trimmings and tree removal waste as these are not readily compostable and take up a lot of space to compost. I would take this kind of waste to the tip or burn it when it was acceptable to do so
- I think there would be a lot more fly tipping, which will incur further costs in the council to clean it up. Very short sighted to charge for the service that we all currently use for "free".
- More waste in black bins
More fly tipping
More emissions taking to Recycle centre
More people go into debt as unable to pay
More gardens paved over increasing water run-off and flooding
- As stated, increased traffic congestion, exhaust fumes and cost to residents already struggling is likely to result in increased burning of garden waste causing nuisance to neighbours and a likely increase in fly tipping from businesses. A regular, authority managed service maintains control of collection and disposal in a responsible manner with oversight and accountability, while incorporating collective fuel charges. Furthermore, with significantly increased council tax and service charges compounded by a reduction in actual services provided, there may be a strong

likelihood of residents falling into arrears, risking their family home and increased associated recuperation/prosecution charges for the authority.

- People would start fly tipping
- Every time I go to the tip it is always busy and I have to queue for long periods of time. If everyone is then also going there for garden waste then its going to be even longer. The way to avoid this is to simply make sure everyone has access to garden waste removals by providing bins which are collected by the council.

If you don't have enough people subscribe does that mean people would lose jobs like the bin men? If so then you definitely shouldn't go down that route.

- I believe if you do introduce a charge, it will lead to additional fly tipping, thus causing additional charges to the council to clear...

Also

If it is the case that only 1 or 2 households in a road do subscribe, that would not be cost effective for the trucks to empty as well as the CO₂ and footprint is not going to be reduced

- We are all trying to do our bit for the environment, putting an additional cost on green waste collection is detrimental, more people will flytip, burn and make green areas more manageable by concreting over. It's a basic community right to be able to get rid of excess waste, it should not be targeted at only the people who have gardens. It would be a very dull grey place if they were all concreted over.
- I believe I have already said that with all the other increases that are hitting households, a further charge for a service being provided for within the Council Tax levied at present on properties, would not be well received. It will lead to people disposing of garden waste irresponsibly.
- As I put in another answer, won't people just put green waste in the black bin?
I thought the green bins were to encourage people to be more "green-minded" and to make it into compost rather than it go into land-fill.
Won't people find that when they put their paid-for green bin out for collection, people add to it (like with skips?!) May be I am being cynical.
- Life is tough for many people at the moment, don't make it worse. Gardening is known to help mental health, you might be responsible for taking that pleasure away from people.....plus we see enough fly tipping around all ready, this would increase I'm sure with putting a charge on garden waste. I am a widow, I only get 25% off my council tax.....my husband was 50% of my household, I already feel that I pay far more than my share for council services
- Responsible individuals would dispose of garden waste conscientiously. Others would dump it anywhere leaving the council to pick it up
- Removal of the service may lead to additional fly-tipping.
Forcing users to pay a lump sum rather than monthly will make the service less affordable.
- Charging would almost certainly increase fly tipping and bonfires and we should be doing all we can to be 'greener'
Do the Council sell the compost resulting from the green waste collections? Perhaps this could be sold at a reduced price for subscribers?
Won't it increase admin costs for the collection crew to check which households have paid?
Will you take away the green bins from those households not paying and what would happen to them? Hopefully they would not go into landfill.
Some people may make additional tips to the recycling centre instead of paying for a bin - increasing road use and polluting the atmosphere and resulting in the same amount of waste to be dealt with by the council.

- Could the payments for the garden waste collection be collected monthly alongside council tax payments? With escalating household bills this would enable customers to budget more effectively.
- I live beside an alleyway people dump their waste including garden waste there East Northants area this would get worse in the other council areas. Wellingborough has a rat problem I've seen them near Morrisons more rubbish even garden rubbish will just encourage these rodents that carry some very nasty diseases.
- If you charge then some may use the black bin or dispose of it in the countryside, which may cost the council more to clean up.
- I believe ceasing the "free" collection service may reduce the amount of attention some residents currently give to garden and verge care. This could have a negative effect on the general overall look of NNC streets and towns generally.

Rather than separating the Kerbside Waste service in the eyes of the public, it should be promoted as being part of the overall NNC green services designed to maintain the positive look and feel of our towns and villages. Whilst some may not use the Kerbside Waste Collection service, the same could be said of those who do not use the parks or playgrounds but these are maintained from a central pot.

- There will be far more garden waste put into black bins it would then not be a green alternative and would not be used for compost it is a very bad idea to charge those who have never paid before there will be a lot of fly tipping and dumping of garden rubbish
 - I litter pick regularly; another job the council is meant to do but does not
- I see at 1st hand the fly tipping that the current restrictive rules at the recycling centres creates; as a result Hardcore, Tyres, carpet and tree cuttings are already the worst offenders in terms of large dumps in the countryside. People are struggling to put food on the table; so what do you expect if you charge or won't accept.

When are you going to wake up and realise that having comprehensive free recycling (in terms of paid for by current tax) will make it much easier to maximise recycling and minimise dumping.

Yes people in the towns have less garden waste than people in villages with more garden but people in town have more local facilities in other ways so the benefit from the council tax should balance out

I feel that any further changes like charges to collect green waste is unacceptable and we will FOR CERTAIN also see more fly tipping grass and tree cuttings dumped on verges, into water ditches and in passing bays on quiet lanes as people won't or can't pay.

- Lots of families are suffering with regards to the rise in the cost of food, utility bills, petrol/diesel and national insurance rises (and for some - cuts in benefits). Yet another increase in bills at this time is insensitive, especially when large amounts of Northamptonshire are currently getting this service for 'free'.
- Inevitable Fly Tipping will increase. The good neighbourly behaviour would change as we would have to stop helping sweep up outside each other, or helping with an elderly neighbour who may need a plant pruning or clearing from their garden. Keeping the small green areas around us tidy would cease as we could no longer put the small twigs, leaves and weeds in the bin. The sharing of bins where if one neighbour has not filled their bin another would ask if they can put their overflow in it that week. And probably many many more small acts of neighbourliness which if they stop being performed would definitely impact on the maintenance of surrounding area. Out in the villages we pull up weeds from paths and gutters. Dispose of small debris from trees after gales - all this will stop. Keep drain covers from silting up. Are you going to take it on?
- People will flytip
- More fly tipping.

- I think that introducing a charge for a service that has previously been free will always provoke a negative impact.

Having paid for the service since we moved in, I would continue to use it, as I am sure that it saves me money in terms of travel to the tip and means I don;t have to clean the car afterwards as well.

- Residents will start dumping green waste and fly tip it therefore carrying on with the service is imperative.
- I do not know why the Authority is fixated on a subscription charge. Surely an already-existing system such as the Council Tax collection could be used to collect this charge. After all, Council Tax charges fund refuse collection anyway. Many people may be put off by what they see as yet another charge, when the general view is one of "Isn't that what I pay my Council Tax for?" By increasing charges slightly via the Council Tax system with a clear explanation as to why it is increasing, not only will more people be placated by that, but there will be almost zero set-up costs as it is already in place. The public (myself included) are cynical enough to think that if a seperate charge were introduced for a service that is currently charged through Council Tax, that it is just the outsourced waste management company trying to increase their profits and fatten shareholders wallets.
- If you go ahead with the proposed charging service for green waste there will probably be an increase in fly tipping.
- If subscriptions rise significantly may have to reconsider using the service
- With the increasing cost of living, all charges should be scrapped for good
- I think many people would just use their black bin to put garden waste in, meaning recycling would be lower
- Increase in fly tipping is a potential consequence. Households are already facing rising costs and finding hard with inflation and cost of living.
- I would use the service if was about 55 per year otherwise I would compost it at home
- Some households will consider other means for disposing of green waste including, putting in black bins which will increase the cost of disposal, burning in the garden, which has negative environmental impacts or fly tipping. Thought should be given as to how to mitigate the potential negative behaviors.
- Flytipping
People near us already cut their hedges and just leave it on the pavement to blow away
The council tip isn't adequate to take more vehicles
Again people on benefits wouldn't have to pay so they as usual are on to a winner
People would burn it in the gardens as they do now when they have too much
It might be just left and then vermin would increase
- I have made my points in the first question.
Negative impact:
 - fly-tipping on the country roads
 - putting garden waste in black bins
 - burning garden waste in gardens (which is not good for the environment)
 In general, I don't know what the council does with all the money. Roads are full of potholes, grass verges are hardly mowed, fallen trees/branches are everywhere along the roads, white lines and signs on the roads are nowhere to be seen - this applies to our usual routes of Grendon/Wollaston/Great Doddington/Wellingborough/Earls Barton.
I was hoping that the new monetary authorities will get more efficient, not charging us more for doing less.
Thank you.
- Of course it will have a negative impact it will be yet another bill for people to pay.

Totally wrong to even think about it.

- Increase in fly tipping.
- To discourage burning/flytipping by those households who haven't had to pay previously, I think charges should be phased in gradually. But those who don't have any outside space shouldn't have to subsidise those who do. Outside space has been so vital for the mental wellbeing of many people during the Covid-19 lockdown, it seems unthinkable for this to continue - but just because you might have a garden, doesn't mean you can necessarily afford an additional subscription. Especially as the cost of living is shooting up. I gave a lot of thought to ticking that box. It's not an easy balancing-act, is it!
- It could encourage fly tipping
- I feel everyone should pay the same if there is a charge. Currently it's very unfair that some of us are paying and others get it free. Especially with the amount of council tax we have to pay. It needs to be year round as in the winter there are loads of leaves to be picked up and it pretty much takes us filling the garden bin every week to get through them all.
- Cost of living is already going up to unprecedented heights, people would place waste n black bins and put their household rubbish on top or dump black bags on the pavement. The bin men are too busy to go through bins to challenge. Seen it all before. Let us be realistic, people will find another way and the council will clear up the mess., costing the same had they not charged.
- Not happy
- No collection I can see more fly tipping and waste into black bins = negative for environment and local area
- Increased fly tipping of waste, worse environment due to reduced care of green space. Increased financial burden on the many. Increased use of tips
- I feel that the Council takes enough money from residents to cover this service. The Council Tax seems to be going up every year for a reduction in what little service we do get. The roads and pavements are in a terrible state in some places and only seem to be patched up all the time, rather than a proper repair being done. Will we be having to pay extra to have our black or green bins collected next?
- Every year council tax is rising. Rent is increasing. Gas and electricity is rising. Petrol to get to work is increasing. Food prices are increasing. Do you think charging for garden waste is going to help with other high bills.
- Fly tipping, burning rubbish etc, crazy idea
- At a time when the cost of living is rocketing and my income (benefits) remain the same, I am more concerned about affording to heat my home and affording food than getting garden waste removed. I know for sure that I would not be able to afford to pay an addition subscription charge for this service.
- Why have we had to pay all these years give us a break times are hard enough
- More waste will be just dumped by the roadside and that will incur a cost for its removal. And people will put it in the black bins.
- The system should be harmonised by making it free to all. Stop paying lip service to environmental issues.
- More fly tipping. Additional costs to council for clearance. People will just put garden waste in black bins which increases work load anyway
- I think there will be more rubbish lying around.
- Please bring all services in line so residents across the whole of north Northamptonshire council are treated equally and fairly. Thank you.
- -It may add to more flytipping because people can't afford to pay for the service, just as flytipping increased when the tips rules were changed.

-Any additions to the black bin service is detrimental to the environment and I would not be happy that I had to put my garden waste in the black bin because I couldn't afford the garden waste service.

-I cannot compost because it encourages rats into my garden. I had to get rid of my compost bin. If more households compost there may be an increase in rat problems and Wellingborough seems to already be struggling with a rat problem . When the garden waste is put into the brown bins and taken away it is secure from vermin.

- fly tipping
less people gardening, therefore negative impact on physical and mental health - when you know the garden waste is going to be collected it is an incentive to get outside and do some gardening.
longer queues and congestion around Rushden tip which is an already very congested area due to The Lakes
- If people have to pay for garden waste collection. Then they will dump their rubbish in lay-by, and anywhere they can. People are too lazy to take rubbish to the council tip.
- Charging more money on what is already a high council tax is absolutely disgraceful. Its about time someone sorted out the complete money wasting of councils. Perhaps also if all staff weren't given endless amounts of weeks off on full sick pay and extensive holiday everything would be in a better state of affairs. Most people have to put up with SSP when they aren't at work, meaning I am continually paying for council workers to do what they want.
- There would be more fly tipping which would cost more to clear up than a bin subscription and would be a blight on the surrounding area.
- The added burden on the pensioner that has to do maintenance or pay for maintenance if they have a garden.
- Increase in fly tipping. Increase in pests as gardens would not be maintained as well. Not fair on households with no garden unless their council tax was reduced in line with the new funds raised.
- Collection vehicles would have to travel to every street where at least 1 person subscribes to the service, in this case driving past numerous other properties without making collection at these. So not much travel cost and emissions savings.
Why doesn't the council sell garden waste in the same way its sell recyclable waste to offset the cost of free collections?
- At present 2/3rds of the area does not pay so although I am happy to pay I think the fee should be about £25-30 per year
- I think garden waste should be free to all. As this area is one of the highest to charge to take away garden waste. I no people say if they have to pay for it, it will go in the black bin. Plus people will fly tip there waste, which will cost the council more money to move it. We pay enough tax as it is.
- I believe fly tipping of garden waste would increase dramatically costing the NNC more money to clear.
- I strongly disagree to paying for my garden waste to be collected as I have trees in my garden that the council put there !
- Definately not happy for the charges to increase at all.
I believe best compromise is to make service 'free' (i.e. included in Council Tax) but limit it to Spring/Summer months. I haven't used my bin at all over the winter, so technically should be entitled to a rebate!
- I would be concerned people gardens will not be cared for as well due to the additional cost. people will dump their garden waste anywhere - or in neighbours bins that subscribe to have collections.

older people may not be able to afford it, causing them stress

I would be happy for the collection only in the growing season to reduce costs.

- Fly tipping has become a huge issue in rural parts of the County. I can only see this increasing if collection of green waste was subject to a charge.
- Fly tipping everywhere ain't this bad enough already
- The waste would go in other bins or fly tipped which will cost you more to clear
Other living items costs are going up and people already pay for waste collection service
- You only have to look at the level of fly tipping to see the effect of introducing charging for specific types of waste disposal. We in Corby have had a very efficient waste collection system without the need to increase costs, is it beyond your abilities to copy the Corby model for all? Corby also managed to handle all its Council obligations on one of the lowest Council Tax rates in the county perhaps, you could learn from their example how to run a Council without wasting finances.
- The high cost of living and high rent in Nothants is getting worse and people are already struggling financially.
There will definitely be a lot more overgrown gardens as some people can't afford the extra charge. There will definitely be more fly tipping of garden waste which will undoubtedly cause more general waste as well.
- Increase in flytipping undoubtedly. The council could engage with the Preston model for local procurement and save millions which would negate the need for charges such as this
- I worry if some people had to pay there would be more fly tipping.
We do pay but feel it's not fair for some areas to be charged and other not to be!
- Increase in fly tipping and also people filling their black household rubbish bins with things that could go in their brown bins.
- I think if we have to pay the mess would be not good i like the way it is
- People are already struggling with increased council tax this will encourage more fly tipping
- We already have fly tippers, we already pay our Council Tax, on time and in full. This is going to cause a major problem
- This whole idea is a negative. Residents are experiencing increasing daily costs and I'm sure that charged garden waste removal wouldn't be a priority for payment in households. I [Redacted] and see the worst side of rubbish being dumped, this would only compound the issues. Sure you can have a rethink ,
- More fly tipping
Extra weight going to landfill which you as a council should know better.
Local tip will be over run and no doubt understaffed. Not all ways open and times convenient with working full time.
- Subscribers paying for the service... other people using your bins at your expense..
The tip would incur more people taking green waste ...Increase road use
Fly tipping increased by nonsubscribers/Rogue Fly tippers...
- not sure
- As I have already stated, use the garden waste you collect, compost it and then sell, this should help with cost, and don't collect in the winter
- MORE FLY TIPPING
- There is already a big problem with flytipping. By charging for this service it will only get worse. Also tip is usually very busy anyway and by put charges in will mean too busy at tip to deal with all additional visits there will be more staff and much more frustration to public taking rubbish to the tip....so counterproductive....
- Lots more fly tipping
Households using other bins

- Can't help but feel this will make more work for the council because as you well know Corby has a problem with fly tipping as you see it every day . Discarded shopping trolleys cookers fridges. So now we will get bag of garden waste which ultimately will have to be picked up.
- Negative impact as unemployed
Negative impact may have more dumping in countryside
Do not agree with charges as council tax is already very high and impact of cost of living and fuel bills is enormous
- As with my last answer dumping, and burning would be the option taken up by many. Garden fires are for country and rural areas not towns, smoke and smells not a good idea.
Can be avoided by not putting a charge on the service.
- If the garden waste bins are withdrawn it will lead to more fly tipping so keeping it in place would be more beneficial
The charge (if there is one) should be the same for everyone unless they require additional bins on top of the usual collection
No one wants smelly grass cuttings or other plant matter rotting in the summer months
- The biggest problem us going to be that households will dispose of the green waste in the black bin. A lot of household have already a lot of additional cost so the environment will suffer because people cannot afford any more additional charges. It might be Worth investing in more local drop off/ collection points as driving to the nearest recycling centre is not always possible and again detrimental to the environment and expensive due to increase fuel prices.
Recycling has to be made easier and cheaper not more expensive and complicate.
- Every household has to budget its income, this is a case of stealth tax and old councils policy's not being the same across the county.
- I also believe there would be a huge increase in fly tipping of garden waste should extra charges be made for the service.
- I do believe adding another charge on top of peoples already increasing Bill's will mean that they cant afford it so wont opt in. This will increase fly tipping or using the black bins and increased visits to the waste sites.
- All you are doing is increasing bills for people already struggling. Fly tipping will increase and people will use bins of those that do pay.
Keep the service as it is.
- Currently the general public needs another tax levied on them like a hole in the head; people are struggling to pay even their food bills.
A charge for what has hitherto been a free service will inevitably lead to an increase in fly tipping which ends up costing the Council more to clean up. It also becomes a thorn in the side of those who are unlucky enough to live near 'popular' dumping grounds.
How to avoid this happening? Don't put an extra tax on households and 'harmonise' the service by making it free across NNC.
- I believe that council tax payers already pay enough and that the council should make cuts in other areas.
We have gone through very tough times during the pandemic and many businesses have had to make cuts to survive, the council should look at reducing their expensive overheads.
- As ex East Northamptonshire I already pay the subscription charge
- Increased costs at a time of living expenses spiralling is showing a lack of perception on the council's image and very unwelcome.
- More cost would simply encourage garden waste being dumped on parks, woodland areas, verges, garage areas and make the town look more of a mess than it does at the moment
- More fly tipping would happen
- Just carry on the way you are

- Increased likelihood of fly tipping , which would be unacceptable.
- I'm concerned there would be an increase in fly-tipping from those that don't pay for the service.
- More people going to recycling site which aren't local. Bags hanging around til have free weekend to take to site. More fly tipping. Having to put smelly bags in my new car.
- I think if a charge was going to be in place there should be some options.
We very rarely use our green bin so a charge for the year would be pointless. So I'd be more interested in a seasonal charge to make it more affordable
- I would not be able to afford to pay for any more services although I work make barely enough to live on this would be another blow on top of everything else
- Will increase dumping of garden waste.
Will increase people going to the tip with the garden waste
- I can see that the council has already made up it's mind to charge and this is a false consultation.
I think a lot will get dumped in the countryside along with all the other rubbish that's dumped because of escalating costs to dispose the rubbish.
Poorer households will be adversely affected as usual.
- As you have already pointed out, people will have to make more trips to the local refuse centre. Not good for the environment with the extra carbon emissions. As we are an older couple, in our [age]'s, and my husband have just suffered a stroke, the extra work involved in taking garden waste to the recycling centre more often may be more than I can deal with. Therefore, bad for my health, both physical and mental. Although I'm sure you will not be considering peoples difficulties such as this. It feels as though your are looking to cut your costs and at the same time increase ours.
- Fly tipping, more fires, higher costs for council and emergency services also bad for wildlife and residents alike
- Garden waste would be dumped onto verges, into the road and other places where the council does have an obligation to maintain it. Verges would turn to mud.
- The cost of living, fuel and bills in general have gone up yet the average wage has not, adding yet more money on to both council tax and garden refuse is beyond unfair to people. The cost of recycling plastic and paper Lucy out weigh that of ordinary garden waste that can decompose easier.
- Would probably be more fly tipping
- Currently the council collects garden waste and recycles it as part of the services offered under council taxation. To remove this service or charge for it is not encouraging anyone to recycle this. Composting all of it is not practical as much of the wooden cuttings will take many years to break down. A lot of people do not have the skills to compost garden waste effectively and if there are no longer any collections there could be a lot of green waste in a year.
- If you go ahead with these charges you will be leaving the footway as well as the countryside in an an utter mess!
- See above replies (fly tipping, CO 2 and particulates)
How could potential negative impacts be avoided? - DON'T CHARGE FOR BROWN BINS!
- I think if you charge, people are more likely to dispose of it incorrectly which would increase your costs more
- I feel if we had to pay a subscription we wouldnt pay it and we would take it to the recycling centre. For disabled people they may not be able to do this, I wouldn't be able to if I lived alone. I think some people may resort to fly tipping or putting the rubbish in the black bin.
- Set up a text service so households can request their bin to be emptied. This way lorries don't have to visit every property - just those that have requested collection. Properties without a garden should be exempt.

- Some residents may not be able to afford an additional subscription charge, so why not charge all residents a lesser amount which is collected with the council tax and make provision for collection alongside the usual weekly collections.
- People who can not afford any more taxes will be forced to dispose of the garden waste by fly tipping. We have already plenty rubbish being thrown out all over the county. We don't need any more
- My concern is fly tipping. It's already a hotspot
- It's a lot to ask people to pay for bins at present time with extra to be paid on fuel and food have a feeling there will be fly tipping
- Gardens grow throughout the year, and generate garden waste, such as leaves and prunings during the winter. It is imperative in my view that it should be a year round service. I'm happy to pay for it, but it must continue as all year.
- It will lead to more fly tipping
- I do think most people would take it to the tip with an impact on the environment.
- If a charge was introduced I think there might be more fly tipping of garden waste in some areas.
- If payment is required the service should be available all year
- I think my previous answers have already made my views clear. But to suggest this is to make things fair in rubbish, if you want to be fair you will have to go much further than this. Surely a system is to share responsibility across the household. We already pay based on house size, so those without outdoor space will already have a different bill compared to those that do. So what you are planning is to charge more to those who already pay more based on their property size. But this time, not only will the richer pay, which won't bother them, the poorer amongst us will now have an additional bill added to all of their others. What do we expect from an out of touch council.
- This is a further charge on people who responsibly use this service. There will be an increase in fly tipping etc which will cost us all in different ways. Please don't do this.
- Putting these additional costs in at this time is unbelievable. NCC have mismanaged their finances for years and are an embarrassment. Now you seek to put residents under further financial strain. Incredibly short sighted, fly tipping will rise which will cost far more in the long run. Yet more poor decisions by an incompetent Council, renamed or restructured. Still useless.
- Costs are continually rising, the council tax has just risen once again and everyone is feeling the squeeze.

If there is a choice to subscribe to this service many will opt out as a means to save money. I am lucky that I drive by the recycling centre on my way to work so can drop items off at no additional charge or vehicular use to myself. Others who do not have this option may seek other methods, such as flytipping or using others' bins. I think the wider impact on council services also needs to be considered in this proposal.

If more people had access to the equipment and knowledge to compost at home, I think more people would do so. This would reduce the amount of waste generated by gardeners and allow for less waste collections.

- Council tax is already high enough and with the added pressure of household bills rising this is another cost that people will not be able to afford and will result in more fly tipping.
- As stated in one of my previous answers, I believe many people would revert to putting everything in the black bin to avoid charges. Household or garden waste all comes under the umbrella of waste and should be dealt with accordingly whether we sort it into appropriate bins or not i.e. part of our council tax
- I worry about home composting being encouraged if the garden waste scheme was withdrawn. Not everyone will adhere to composting guidance and will add food waste without turning the compost over correctly and that could encourage rats.

- The recycling centres would become even busier than they are already causing traffic congestion and more pollution, as more vehicles on the road.
More fly tipping will occur, which in the long run will cost the council more.
The community charge has already increased for struggling families.
- There would be a real danger of an increase in fly tipping which would cost the authority even more money to make a saving the frequency of collection during the non growing season could be reduced to once a month
- If a service charge is brought in for those who don't currently pay there could be an increase in fly tipping.
- I would be inclined to remove all garden vegetation if I was to be charged for garden waste removal.
No birds or hedgehogs
- As said previously it's really important to us that the service is all year round.
- As you have already intimated, the negative impact would be a increase in the carbon footprint, if we take the garden waste to the local tip.
- We pay enough already!
- N/A
- The downside of asking people to pay for the service (those who never have) is that they may either use the black (landfill) bin for garden waste or fly-tip. Also it could increase traffic to the tips which already can be extremely busy through the spring and summer (queues cause pollution).
- With the cost of day to day living increasing rapidly people are already struggling especially those on low income this will not help those people and will encounter more people to fly tip wherever they feel like.
- I feel some people currently using an unsubscribed service may not like this change as they are handy for grass clippings etc; but there are plenty of refuse centres available to collect/deliver garden waste.
Additionally neighbours could club together to have a communal garden bin if they only use them for collection of grass clippings or small garden waste.
For those of us with larger gardens or nowhere to compost, subscriptions make sense to me.
- What does the council actually do with the green waste they collect? When composted is it bagged and sold to the public or distributed a round the various council sites, parks etc?
- Those households that need to use the service should be able to subscribe at a lower cost across Northamptonshire.
- Increasing the cost of the scheme would stop me from using the scheme.
- There will be many more individual car journeys to tip causing related pollution, some would put garden waste in black bin and others would dump it by the road as they already do along the road we live in.
Keeping it as part of the council tax we already pay (which is becoming more and more unaffordable) and not charging extra would help mitigate the above.
- Fly tipping would increase. It is already bad on the Hardwick Road lay-by.
- Implementing an additional charge for this would mean an increase in fly-tipping at our rural locations and then creating more costs for removal increasing CO2, and making areas unsightly!!!!
- Already said on previous comment
- Kettering reduced the waste collection to fortnightly to allow for recycling collection and garden waste, the garden waste as far as I was aware was composted and sold , making money for the council.

- If the collection was not year round then this would greatly impact negatively on my use. Our garden produces a great deal of waste through the winter as that is when we prune our shrubs and fruit trees. We fill our two bins every fortnight throughout the winter, without fail. Our use diminishes through the main growing season as all the soft material is composted. If the collection was only seasonal we would have to drive to the recycling sites with it.
- The cost of living is going up and you want to make us pay more, don't you sell on the composting material?
- Already expressed my reservations in previous questions. I already compost at home but still require the green collection service.
- Another scheme to hit those of us who earn too much to get government support but not enough to spend on anything other than essentials.
This would also hit retired people - my mother loves her garden and gardening but could not afford to subscribe.
- I think this would lead to more people putting garden rubbish in the general waste bin when it really doesn't need to be in this bin.
- If only some of us are paying for a service others are getting free surely the costs for all people to use it should be less if all are paying for it.
- Mentioned earlier
- I believe by only operating in growing season would be more beneficial to the council. The cost of living is through the roof and to start charging people will only encourage fly tipping. I also think your discouraging people from gardening and looking after their green space by adding another cost to it. £55 is a lot of money to some of us .
the council should be encouraging households to have green spaces
- See previous comments.
Increased landfill, come on with the focus on the state of the planet is this what we need?
Fly tipping, will increase no doubt.
Reduced revenues for the council for recycling this waste into compost!
- I shud have a choice I cud put a garden bin out when they collect the green one as mine only goes out once a month.. n they collect near me
- Fly tipping is already out of control. This idea can only make it worse.
- No idea how to you can change the service that we have, also I don't have the budget sheets to see where the rest of the council tax is allocated.
- Continue as is service. Charging extra is just another way to increase council tax.
- Size of garden and the volume of garden waste generated varies hugely and is practically unique to every property and it does not always follow that well off residents generate the most waste. Only those that require the services provided currently use them regardless of a charge or if it is free. Removing a free service to those who need it and cannot afford to pay will lead to flytipping and/or burning and/or overgrown gardens that will adversely affect all neighbours and/or more use of recycling centres for disposal which in turn requires plastic bags (12 or more per bin) and umteen car journeys to those centres all of which is adverse to the environmental policy.
- I think less less money is being spent on towns and services and unnecessary job roles and salaries are coming in. There seems to be bad management in charge.
- Charging for the service where previously it has been free may encourage fly tipping. Recycling centres should open seven days a week.
- More fly-tipping. Only collect during the summer months in order to save costs, if you must.
- Neighbors filling my bin. Pollution and stink from burning garden waste. Pollution from increase in number of cars driving to the tip. Increase road traffic. Increase in dumped litter. Slippery slope to subscriptions for every service. Bin lorries will still need to hit everystreet but will just

collect fewer bins. A reduction in their number of service users will make the service more expensive for those who do use it

- Huge negative impact, putting households in an impossible situation to either pay again for a service currently included in council tax against a backdrop of the largest cost of living increases in thirty years, or keep on paying the same and losing an essential service.

Fly tipping will absolutely increase as a result of this.

It will make it much harder for low

Income households to maintain their gardens and properties, increase car journeys with ad hoc trips to the tip or independent contractors (and rogue traders who clear garden waste then fly tip it) and cause huge inconvenience

- Increased fly tipping especially in rural areas. More garden waste going into the black bins which is worse for the environment. Seasonal collections for garden waste at no extra charge seem
- appreciated and appropriate as these are covered in the cost of existing council tax expenditure.
- Monthly payment should be an option to only pay for the months you use the service.
- This would mean that garden waste would be put into black bins by those who only occasionally need to use a garden waste bin, or cannot afford it with the cost of living increasing.
- When we all have to pay (which I know we will) what will you do with the money that is already allocated for collections in Kettering, Corby and Wellingborough?
- I accept that less well off households will find this a potential shock. However houses in bands D and above should surely be able to afford a £60 per annum charge for this valuable service. If not, then perhaps households in receipt of housing benefit could be exempted.
- People pay enough and are struggling to pay bills and cost of living so they can't afford more payment on Council bills.
- Countryside will be spoilt. People will dump and it is bad enough now.
Cost you more on clearing the hedgerows etc.
- more fly tipping would happen, the council charge more than enough for services so I think there would be an uproar from house holders and the council will be in a situation that happened with the Poll Tax - people refusing to pay and I would be one of them
- I may resort to putting in the rubbish bin if I can't afford it
- Increase fly tipping and blocking of waterways causing flooding risk.
People not cutting back trees and hedges and paths being blocked making it harder for pedestrians
More people voting against this council. We are fed up of losing everything and paying extra for the privilege.
- Some people (particularly those who are already struggling financially) will probably dump their garden waste wherever they can ie hedgerows, farmers fields, or what is perceived to be waste ground.
When people are struggling badly they will save money where they can.
- It is not correct that during the winter months there is not a need for collections.
A lot of pruning and clearance is done in the winter months
- Possibility of fly tipping from people who don't pay subscription.
- The Government has already said that it wants councils to stop making an extra charge for collecting garden waste, as this encourages fly tipping.
Introducing a charge for garden waste for households that currently have the cost of this included in their council tax payment is simply a back door increase in council tax rates. With no 25% reduction for single occupiers either. Conservative councillors have campaigned with promises to keep council taxes low. Introducing a garden waste charge would be breaking that promise.

With residents already suffering a cost of living crisis to inflict additional costs on them, in the form of a garden waste charge, would be totally unacceptable.

- spreading the charge to more areas would probably cause an increase in fly tipping
- As mentioned earlier, I would like to see the council to start a campaign to get households to start composting on a much greater scale than currently takes place. Many people do not think about ways to help the environment and composting is a Great way.
- I think this would have a negative impact on the current recycling process, and would force more households to dump waste.

I also notice that you haven't mentioned how the bin collection team will know whether a household has paid or not.

Are you going to pay extra employees to join the round just to check whether a bin can be collected or not?

This would add additional costs and time to the collection process, and make it even more expensive.

- As pensioners in a band f house we pay a large enough council tax now. We already mow the grass verge outside our house as it is only cut a few times per year by the council. This adds to the amount in the green bin.

Our pensions have been hit badly by low interest rates during the pandemic and with the huge increase in heating oil and electricity prices another price hike is not what we want.

- If you start charging for this service it will encourage people to fly tip their garden waste. It will then cost you an awful lot more to clear up the fly tipping. You already have the lorries and staff in place so there is no extra charge but clearing up will cost you a fortune.

- More fly tipping

Bad effect at recycling sites

- People will dump garden waste wherever they want, or use other people's green bins
- I find this service to be a huge benefit to me, however, I have a small garden so my waste is minimal and, as yet, have never completely filled it. You might want to think about having two sizes of bins and charge accordingly for each size. The smaller bins could be £35-40 per annum and the large bins £55-60 per annum. That way you are more likely to get buy in. Having said that, I would still pay the larger sum if it meant we kept the service.

- As I have stated before, we all pay for services that we do not use. I do not have any street lighting for example but my council tax pays for others to have it.

since it has become more difficult to leave waste at recycling centres both in terms of opening hours and charges for "trade" waste there has been an increase in fly tipping. If a charge is made for collection of garden waste there will be an increase of this being dumped as well - being an environmental hazard as well as dangerous to wildlife. It is also costly to deal with so I am not sure where savings come in if this is factored in.

- I could not afford the additional cost this would incur.
- I think that some households will choose not to use a paid subscription service for garden waste removal and, as a result, will either fly-tip their garden rubbish or dispose of it via their black bins, thus increasing the council's expenditure in resolving the problems so caused.

I also think that, given the decreasing standards of general behaviour so readily observable around the Kettering area these days, there will be a tendency among the more antisocial/un-neighbourly elements to try to dump their garden waste in the bins of others who choose to subscribe, thus leading to an increase in un-neighbourly and rancorous behaviour.

There are a large number of small green open spaces around the town, and especially in the Ise Lodge area, which are inadequately maintained by the council and where neighbours club together among themselves to keep them safe and tidy. It is bad enough that the council doesn't maintain these spaces properly, but positively offensive that the council will charge people for

the removal of such things as lawn clippings that result from such maintenance. I think there will probably be a reduction in the number of spaces that will be maintained in this way if the council starts to charge for garden waste removal, resulting in a significant further deficit to the general ambience of Kettering as a place which is gradually ceasing to be an enjoyable place to live in. Speaking personally of my view of the way the council conducts itself, it is my view that there is a tendency to keep the Council Tax very low and to tend to try to "dine out" on the low level of the tax. This is at the expense of the failure to be able to afford to offer a fuller and more desirable range of public and collective services, and, more broadly, is evident in the appallingly low level of capital investment in the public spaces in the town. Clearly, it is also evident in the desire of the council now to prioritise "transition" to charging for practically anything that it can in order to make ends meet. It is simply not good enough to argue that this is necessary because the government has reduced funding to councils. The absolute fact is that the council, for overtly political reasons, collects inadequate quantities of tax. For my 3-bed semi, I pay £700 per year less than would where I previously lived (in [Redacted]) for a very similar house, and over £1200 less than I would for a similar house where I grew up ([Redacted]). So, I would say that the council chooses not to have enough money to provide for its part in creating a pleasant environment to live in, not that this is, in any way, simply a consequence of external forces. To bring myself back to the specific question asked above, I would say that bringing in a charge for dealing with garden refuse would have the negative impact that it would tend to reinforce this impression of the way that the council operates and conducts itself.

- I do think that if some households had to pay then they may not take their green waste to the tip but dump it. I think that recycling centres should be open 7 days a week from April to October, this would help with the queues.
- Just ensure that the bins are available all year or people will have to use the tip which would get busy and people may fly tip.
- I appreciate there may be others who don't have gardens and use the waste bins however there are a lot that do to contribute and hopefully this is recycled in a good way to make money for the councils. Before garden bins we would have had to take waste to the tip so this will mean more people taking their waste either to the tip or dumping it elsewhere or feeding into bins others have paid. I don't use educational or care services but still pay for them in my tax which will be the case for those with bins or no bins. The councils should be encouraging recycling and being green as part of their strategy.
- to keep costs down just keep it simple.
- If you don't collect the waste more people will take garden waste to to tip, how are the tips going to cope with the extra customers and waste, the car cues especially in the summer and weekends will be extensive and will cause issues on the roads, and if the tip skips gets full where do people go.... They will just dump anywhere. Yes you can encourage more composting and wild gardens with meadow lawns instead of grass, try leaving the leaves on the ground for the ladybirds and birds and bugs, and leaving some of the weeds for the bees like dandelions
- People will start fly tipping it, or leaving rubbish bags out that won't get collected. Where is the money coming from to fund the staff/ admin costs of running the services over the whole of North Northants?
- I believe charging for this service is wrong because
 - 1.Council Tax has risen year on year another tax will just add to the hardship already felt across the county.
What will this extra money go towards? Will it actually go on the disposal of the green waste or will it go elsewhere?

2. People WILL dump or burn their garden waist only adding to the growing fly tipping problem we already have as well as causing air pollution by the burning.

Or like myself I would just put what I can in my black bin.

- The majority of people won't be making trips to the tip every time the lawn gets mowed. You'll find more people burning/incinerating garden waste, followed by hundreds of calls to the police because 50 households are all burning cuttings on one street at the same time on a sunny day. Alternatively people will try and cram it in the black bin, then not be able to get the kitchen waste bag in it. Leading to maggots etc.
- I think people will be reluctant to attend to their gardens if the service is no longer FOC and they have not signed up. This will cause for some households to let their gardens become overgrown and untidy. This in turn could cause rubbish to accumulate and cause a vermin problem. The overall appearance of the area would deteriorate when Kettering has spent a lot of money on trying the make it look more attractive. There would be an increased cost to the council for complaints re the above including fly tipping.

I don't feel that now is the time to give households an additional cost when they're already being hit by increased food, utility, fuel, national insurance costs. Council Tax has already been increased substantially this year without this additional cost for households. I think this will have a very negative impact on the way people view the council. At a time when everyone is struggling, you're giving them an additional cost.

Will you be subsidising those households who can not afford to pay the charge, don't have a car etc? I believe there will be a large number of those.

If you wish to harmonise the bin collection, why is there not an option for the paying boroughs to go back to having it included in their council tax? Why is the only option for the others to pay?

To recoup this income there must be other services/fines that can be increased that may not have been increased for a number of years.

Lastly I hope consideration is going to be given in to how much fake grass is now going to be used as a result of this. Fake grass is very cheap these days but what happens to it when it comes to the end of its life? I think it's going to have a very negative impact on the environment.

- As previous comments
- A subscription service charge could increase fly tipping, which is already a problem in the area, and cost the Council more money to deal with.

The local Waste Amenity Centre at Brixworth already has problems with queuing, as per the road signs, and this would only exacerbate this problem.

It does not encourage recycling at a time when this is critical and households bills are rising.

- You are determined to bring in charging for the garden waste collections across the Authority, even though at present the majority of households do not pay.

You will find that householders will put their garden waste in their general waste bins to avoid paying.

You should be encouraging residents to recycle and move away from creating general waste, not penalising them for being responsible.

You should operate a free service between March and November and a paid service outside of those months.

- The negative impact would be that the residents who maybe don't have any transportation but do have a garden would fly tip their green waste in parks or over their neighbours fence, which happens frequently in the Lloyds area. Residents may also stop looking after their gardens and let their hedges grow which makes the area very unappealing and unattractive.

Having regular pick ups by the council during the growing season seems a fair compromise which should be adopted by the council and the residents in the East should have the same service.

- More bin lorries = more pollution, a larger carbon footprint and more cost. Encourage people to compost their waste and make habitat piles with the non compostable prunings. Untidy Gardens are actually much better for wildlife too.
- I already pay (begrudgingly) for garden waste to be collected every fortnight, it goes into the same vehicle as the recycling bin which seems sensible and cost effective.
I feel offended at having to pay for this service when others get the same service for no extra charge.
- Due to the council's lack of collection and tidying of falling leaves from its own parks and trees, leaving street gutters and drains blocked, householders who tidy their own frontage would stop doing so.
- Charging a second time to receive a council service paid for through our ever increasing council tax would inevitable increase fly tipping and abuse of the black bin system.
Do not attempt to impose extra charging it is totally unacceptable and a very bad idea
- We currently have two bins and pay £110 a year even though we don't always put two bins out. I think if new subscribers were offered, say, a discount for two bins it would encourage take up.
- As previously stated. I think a charging model will end up costing the local authority more which ultimately will cost the residents.
- I think that introducing a charge to those who have used the service freely at this time when we are under economics stress due to oil and gas increases and the roll over effects on wider increases would be resisted.
However maybe they would be more inclined to agree to pay if they realised the alternative would necessitate increase in local tax across the board.
I think most people have a sense of fair play and would not like to be subsidised by people who are probably less well off and have no need for the service.
- People who don't pay would only find another place to put the garden waste. Keep it as it is
- The charge needs to be reasonable or people will just go out and dump their waste by the roadside. £40 is a limit in my opinion.
- In my area people actually throw waste, including toys, old furniture, garden detritus etc over their back fence onto a public amenity area. I am therefore not convinced by arguments that illegally dumped waste will not increase, particularly with the current lack of law enforcement. My suggestion to lessen this impact is a commitment from the authorities that this so-called low level crime will be addressed.
- Charging for collection once every 2 weeks would encourage people to dispose of garden waste in other ways.
Could you collect less frequently for no charge?
- If you charge people who can't pay will end up fly tipping especially if they can pay or drive.
- They're is 100% going to be more flytipping of garden waste in the area. People don't want to give anymore money especially at this time so they will refuse to pay for it to be collected.
- As a family who doesn't produce garden waste, I would not be happy to pay extra on my bill to subsidise other people's collection.
I think you should charge the amount it costs for you to run the service.
- Like I said before in Northampton there has been a rise in garden waste being dumped on road sides. And normal in bin liners so you are don't helping the environment by doing this charge!
People have paid for this service for many years within their council tax. If you can't afford it then look at reducing the bonuses you give your staff.
- Unfortunately, as we've seen with 'pay for tip disposal' we've had a huge problem with fly tipping.

If paying for this service is brought throughout the county, it will be our beautiful countryside that will see the over spill from waste not picked up. A MASSIVE NEGATIVE IMPACT. Which costs the county massive amounts to clear up.

By reducing the months (growing season) should help reduce the cost.

- It is an absolute necessity to provide a garden waste collection service as we have little alternative. In our village we have an annual bonfire to deal with the substantial autumn garden waste, trees etc. the rest of the year we need a service. I manage with one bin (private provider matches NNC rates) and chip, compact and jump on the bin to manage with one. I compost as much as possible at home and would be tempted to burn as well but this is less accepted than when I was a child. Please remember that in the country villages we are still residents of NNC!
- I feel those who are struggling with the cost of living, will be negatively impacted if a subscription charge is put in place. I also feel the upkeep of properties will deteriorate. The impact could be avoided by keeping the service free, as it is currently.
- It will end up with grass going into the black bin and leaves
- It has been observed within the information released prior to this consultation that fly-tipping has been identified as possibly increasing and that many people will use black their bins which will impact on landfill. I feel a study to see what months collections drop off and increase would provide evidence that a greater period of non-collection may be manageable and that all charges are dropped, even those that currently pay.
- Obviously increased fly tipping,remember what happened when tips(sorry recycling centres) began limiting visits/charging/closing 2 days a week. One of the benefits of course would be a providing employment for anyone with a pickup truck-£5 to collect your garden waste sir,then taking it away and dumping along some country road.
- Hopefully the impact of a charge would not lead to dumping in the countryside.
I suspect this would take place
- Believe that fly tipping would increase if charges were made
- A big concern would be the impact of people having more bonfires in their garden to burn garden waste.

This would have a very negative affect to health such as respiratory conditions (I have asthma and very badly affected by smoke).

As well as for the environment burning waste isn't good.

It's also more of a fire risk to surrounding houses.

Concerns about fly tipping or others using your bin without permission if it's a paid for service. Attracting pests and disputes.

Vehicle emissions from more people driving to a recycling facility versus the lorries collecting everyone's waste in one go.

Impacts could be reduced by not charging a subscription charge, and we think that reducing the service to March-November is a great alternative, as that's when it's most used.

Rather than having any subscription charges.

- Introducing a subscription service is likely to increase garden waste being added to black bins possibly even fly-tipping, even if you make it very clear about the cost and energy required to burn green waste from black bin collections. Clear details and communications are very important to aid understanding.
- Subscription service would drive black bin waste and fly tipping. Make recycling as easy as possible for greatest success - provide the bins as standard, free of charge
- People fly tipping more waste.
Putting garden waste in their black bins, missing opportunity to recycle - which we should all be doing by now. And still not everyone does. There will be less people doing it if you charge.
- More fly tipping in the area. More rubbish going to landfills and overflow black bins

- The council tax increases year on year but the service gets worse bins not getting emptied till overflowing dog [expletive] everywhere
Grass verges long
- It is a 30 mile round trip from home to my nearest civic amenity site, a free collection service for all would reduce mileage.
- Misuse of black bin
- Please stop trying to pass the cost of services back to tax payers in the county. Everyone is struggling at the moment with household bills and inflation. This would be a bad decision at a bad time.
Try sorting out the structure of the unitary council so you are not paying different departments different wages around the county to do the same job.
It is not the residents of Northants fault that the council was ran so poorly for so long, that this is now having an negative impact on your residents.
Take some personal responsibility and stop trying to pass the cost on to your residents.
- As somebody that already pays we have factors this into our finances, however my concern is that there may be an increase in fly tipping or incorrect disposal of fees were to high/ introduced to areas that are not used to paying.
- As mentioned previously, I feel that in some cases a charge would mean extra 'green' flytipping with attendant cost to NCC.
- I already pay council tax which goes up every year and have no intentions of paying anymore you lot that have bankrupt Northamptonshire county council should have been sacked and it will only be a matter of time before you bankrupt the only council that was in the black before it was made a unitary authority by your compatriots that are in government you should all hang your heads in shame but obviously you have no shame .when are the ratepayers going to see the millions of pounds that you gave to Northampton town football club and also who's been sacked for costing us ratepayers 4 million pounds that will have to be paid for your utter incompetence if it wasn't for your sheer incompetence we the ratepayers could have had a reduction so if I have to pay for my green waste for the first time in 50 years you can come and take my green bins away and don't forget to dispose of them properly!
- I object to extra charges as previously stated.
I would either take it to recycling (pollution and traffic congestion) as necessary or maybe even burn it (pollution and waste as garden waste is compostable). I would compost had I space to do so.
- Those that will pay will pay for those that wont as their bins will be unlawfully used by those who refuse to pay for the collection.
NCC if you have any sense, just reduce the service for all for the months during grass cutting season or you will have tipped grass dimped on verges and illicitly put in black bins. Act, for once sensibly
- East Northants area, who currently charge for green waste collections have a history of mismanagement of funds, which have resulted in at least one multi million pound payout. By joining with Corby to become North Northants, the burden of their inability to manage correctly has to be suffered by local residents, which is grossly unfair.
- From the tone and persuasive language you have used, it appears you are not truly consulting because you have already made your mind up to charge, but are required to consult under general public law principles, which renders this process meaningless.
- Severe effect on the environment.
- This is an unbelievably idiotic suggestion. We already have a massive problem with fly-tipping blighting our countryside. There will be piles of garden waste left everywhere. What will be the cost for you to clear that up??

Just ridiculous!

Just collect it all - we pay enough as it is without extra charges.

What's to stop my neighbour from filling my bin with their waste and not paying for a bin of their own?

We don't get the streets cleaned anymore of rubbish and they will be covered in green waste too! Great for the community

- Implementing separate charges will cause garden waste fly-tipping. No one wants additional bills. No one expects council services to be free and most would assume they are already paying for this service in the council tax
- Fly tipping would increase massively, it's bad enough now with the changes to tip procedures. You will simply exacerbate an already growing issue.
- Waste would end up in landfill which is harmful to the environment, garden waste should still be collected but could be less frequently
- Please don't stop the service. It's really valuable in terms of reducing individual trips to the waste centre and the environmental impact of this, prevention of bonfire nuisance and it's so convenient! We live miles away from the waste centre after the Oundle site was closed. Please keep the service all year too. There is always something to do in the garden.
- I think more people will burn their garden waste or possibly just fly tip it. Both options will damage the environment and fly tipping will cost the council money to clear it up. If you are intent on charging for this service then you need to ensure that the council household waste and recycling centres are opened every day and for longer periods to allow residents to dispose of their garden waste there. These waste centres need to improve their services to prevent so much queuing especially out onto the streets thus blocking traffic flow.
- There will be an increase in flytipping and bonfires to get rid of the garden waste.
- Subscription service can adversely affect low income households and would cause them to use general waste, burning or fly tipping to dispose of garden waste. Low income households should be eligible for either a means tested discounted rate or the service provided free of charge up to a certain income level.

In areas that don't have to pay for garden waste collection there may be impacts if subscription is introduced. The council should explore how other local authorities have moved from free to paid services successfully.

- I think that it should be a subscription service but with the option of paying monthly. It would be good to see what the money raised is spent on rather than it being absorbed into the general budget
- I would have a bin if it was free like everywhere else.
- See previous points throughout my response
- It's unfair that part of the county is already paying for this service whilst the majority get it free.
- If you charge too much, fly tipping will likely increase. It needs to be clear where existing money comes from and what will be freed up by charging direct.
- Another cost for already pressed households
- My only comment would be that this would bring extra income for council while I'm sure council tax for residents who opt out of service won't see a reduction in what they pay!
- Of course the obvious. We don't want people hiding grass in the standard waste bin. That isn't good for the environment. It could also increase fly tipping.
But to harmonise is the best option, maybe a subscription that is truly fair, ie the £3 million, divided by all households in North Northamptonshire.

- N/a

- You already do small size refuse bins - so why not small size green waste bins for small gardens, collected once a month only at a reduced charge. I'd pay £20 for the small amount of waste our garden produces - but not more.
- If this service is not provided at a very reasonable charge - it will only encourage more fly tipping in the countryside.
- I think charging people for collecting the garden waste is going to have a negative impact in the local area. Gardening is some people's only joy in life as they can't afford to go to local gyms, events etc. I worry making the waste collection another pay service will stop more people. We also need to think about the money situation for many people at the moment. Putting prices up in an area which we already feel were having a lot taken away from us is not going to have a good impact. Finally we're going to see a lot of people who can't afford / won't pay the garden waste collect - so houses are going to start looking messy. Please don't add another charge to an already struggling community.
- Gardening is an all year activity. Not just in the growing season. In the winter trimming and clearing keeps bin full. We need a bin collection throughout the year.
- People's mental health would be affected as it's good to go outside and do gardening especially people who don't go out of their homes
More problems with people dumping waste around area
- Could the fee be reduced if more households used the service? I think it would appeal to more customers if the annual fee was around £40, especially if it could be paid twice a year at only £20 each time.
I worry that those in areas who currently do not pay will not be willing to pay for it at the current £55.
We cannot afford another CT rise so if offered within our current annual fee it needs to be within the current annual budget.
- Council tax should cover this service, as it has for many years in the rest of Northants. Would like an explanation of why east Northants have had to pay and the rest of Northants hasn't?
- The obvious one is that why should we pay when garden waste is composted and then sold on. A profit from what we are paying for. Other parts of the council, pre merge into North Northamptonshire, have not had to pay it so give ex ENC residents a break. Many of us live on the breadline and it is an extra cost for a service that should be provided free. We don't pay for the other two bins as it is incorporated into our Council Tax, I assume. As our Council Tax has gone up by nearly 6% this year, then earn the extra percentage by collecting the garden waste bins.
- More fly tipping, You will need the recycling centres open every day to allow more people to visit. The one in Corby needs more space for the cars to queue as it blocks the road up. People will remove some bushes and trees so as not to produce waste.
- More fly tipping if residents had to pay. General upkeep of gardens would be less frequent leading to a lowering of standards, particularly front gardens. By encouraging residents to keep gardens tidy it would slowly lead to raising standards in Corby in general.
- I sense you have already made up your mind to charge for this service. I would expect to revert to taking all garden waste to HWRCs as was done previously before the brown bin service was introduced
- The service must continue. Without it the amount of fly tipping will only increase.
- I think it's completely unfair to pay any fee when there are local areas that don't pay at all. I think at best it should be reduced for all.
- Negative :-More Fly Tipping or more pollution from private vehicles going to Council Waste Centers .
Cut service to Growing Season Only.

- Increase of fly tipping. Open the tips more regularly and for longer.
More drain on the home owners purse when Council tax, fuel prices are rising. Do not charge for this service.
Better enforcement of flytipping with bigger fines will help deter people.
- The suggestion that the HWRCs are a free alternative are not practical for regular use because disposal becomes a 2-stage process - the gardening followed by the HWRC trip and then there is a limit to the frequency at which one may visit the HWRCs.
- If I was using green bin had pay I would dig garden up slab it as wev done
- In general the garden waste collection service runs very well. The costs need to be incorporated within general waste collection services and should be applied equally throughout the county.
- It could negatively impact green waste being disposed of responsibly.
- Just let all who require one have a free Bin.
- I think some people may not be able to afford to pay for this extra service with rising costs every where and garden waste dumping would rise .
I do think it needs to be fair across east Northamptonshire and if we have to pay we should all have to pay . I don't think some people should get it free and others not .
I do also think splitting the cost should there be one into two payments would help with affordability.
- As I said before, we have had this service (March to November) included in our Council Tax from when it started. If we had to pay extra, then I am sure that "Fly-Tipping" would increase. This could lead to additional costs being incurred by NNC / Parish Councils for clearing away the waste if it were left on public land.
- Include the cost within normal council tax and charge all equally to avoid inevitable fly tipping and the disproportionately high cost to the council.
- Nobody wants to pay extra but removal of garden waste, but should attract a small charge for the service. Yes some people will dump it if a cost is applied which is concerning.
- More fly tipping
Elderly unable to take it to the tip
People will put it in the black bin
- Perhaps those on benefits should not have to pay. If the charge is too high, people might be tempted to dump garden waste in the countryside. The option remains of using recycling centres, like the one in Corby, but that means car use and creates pollution.
- Charging for this service if made optional would lead to more fly tipping which in the long run would be more costly.
- Residents feel the the Council tax has risen enough and what was a service included should remain. There would be a lot of fly tipping especially considering the price of fuel, the countryside would be a mess.
- If you don't make it the same fee or free charge across the entire area I'll take the Council to Court for Discrimination. This is more relevant being as I'm a wheelchair user. Your Call see if I don't!
- The only ONLY way to reduce the negative impact from introducing charges at any level would be the free and unrestricted opening of green waste re-cycling areas in convenient areas which MUST be open EVERY day from 7.30 till 7.30. These could be separate from existing sites, which require significant infrastructure to facilitate the separation of different categories of waste.
- Making it more expensive or more difficult to recycle garden waste would be environmentally detrimental and increase fly-tipping. People would either not bother, fly-tip their rubbish or dispose of it in the wrong bins.

- I think that withdrawing the free service and/or making it only for 8 months of the year, more garden waste would be included in the normal waste bins , increasing the cost of delivering this service.
I also believe there would be more fly tipping of this waste if the service was withdrawn or paid for creating additional cost on the clearing up of this waste
Whilst there could be an increase in the carbon footprint of delivering the service to all areas, there would also be an increase in the carbon footprint of residents visiting local amenity sites to dispose of it themselves if the service was withdrawn. The local site to me is already very busy so would the council have to provide more sites to be able to cope with the increase in demand? Providing the service across the whole area would mean an increase in jobs rather than redundancy for the teams if the service was withdrawn/ reduced top just those who subscribe to the service
- if you charge for the service then if no rebate is offered on the council tax, the tax payer is paying twice for the service.
some people will not pay and you the council will see an increase in fly tipping, which the council will have to clear up.
- I feel that in the growing season more frequent collections should be made. Not every 2 weeks. Perhaps residents could log in an request a collection to reduce visiting every property with a subscription?
- Introducing a payment scheme will undoubtedly cause more garden waste to be put in the black general waste bin and possibly lead to increased fly-tipping.
- If a charge is introduced, this could lead to more fly tipping.
- firstly i think more garden waste will be dumped illegally.
there will be more pressure on the recycling centres which are already busy.
not fair on lower income families who would find the extra charge a burden and with the cost of petrol round trips to the recycling centre are also expensive.
It isn't ecologically sound for thousands of residents to be driving to the recycling centre rather than one council truck collecting from all households
- I think Rushden and surrounding area have had the worse of the deal as already pay when Wellingborough doesn't.. no fairness at all
- Council should consider composting garden waste and market the compost to raise additional funds
- N/A
- Lots more fly tipping. Damage to livestock in the fields where it is dumped. Lots more compostable material in the black bin
- As outlined above I worry this kind of approach may discourage residents enhancing there spaces that can form part of the green environment we all hope to enjoy.
More specifically diverting green waste is likely to lead to increased fly tipping and congestion at the recycling centres.
- Introducing a fee is likely to deter users so more thorough checking of household waste bin contents would be needed with the right to refuse collection if garden waste was discovered.
- I would agree with a March to November service if there was also a one off service after Christmas to collect real Christmas trees.
- I already have to pay for an extra black bin.
If I have to pay for a grey bin the next will be pay for blue bins.
what are you using our council tax for?
- I do not agree with any profit from this scheme being used to top up other council services. With one cost per house hold using the scheme should be quite easy to calculate a true cost and thus

no profit. Does this mean that those who have been getting "free" collections and will now paying will receive a council tax rebate?

- Charging when others get it free will only encourage black bin use to dispose of green waste, or dumping, or burning. Why can't there be a local communal disposal or collection point - as Oundle had some years ago?
- I just think with the cost of living rising this is a far ask
- nothing
- More fly-tipping
More rubbish accumulating in garden, particularly for people who don't have a vehicle to take it to the council tip.
These changes will have a negative impact on the environment.
- Obviously people will use their other bins, or fly tip
- Covered in my previous comments. I think it would put extra strain on already tight budgets and probably cause the council a bigger problem with fly tipping. Which is also incredibly unsightly.
- Fly tipping of garden waste as has already happened with other large items which are now charged for.
- I would assume the estimated cost would be reduced if a larger proportion of the community opted in to paid collections. This should be part of our current council tax payment - as it currently is for amour area.
- We have a communal garden area and a gardener comes and tends to it and put the waste in the garden waste bin and if the residents have gone off flowers etc what would happen to the residential areas like a block of flats who have only a couple of allocated Blue and garden bins. How can it be justified to charge every resident.
The cost of living is hard enough and now this
- They would discourage recycling of garden waste for many. We all pay for some services that we do not use, why charge extra for something that is good for environment (recycling)
- We pay enough council tax as it is. This is a service which is expected but I realise its not compulsory for the council to provide it. However, its similar to the fire service, they are bound by law to provide rescues from fires, however, they are not funded to release casualties/bodies from crashed vehicles but we still do it without charging the victims.
- There will be a huge increase in fly-tipping, not only in rural areas. The only way to avoid this is by keeping the charge within the existing council tax.
- There will be an increase in people using the HWRCs especially during the growing months which are known to be busy and cause congestion around the neighbouring areas, contributing to further impacts on the climate with increased car journeys as some cars will not be able to hold the same amount as a wheelie bin, resulting in numerous trips. Fly tipping will also increase, especially with garden contractors who are likely to use the homeowners own bins for removal of waste, they will now have to pay for disposal which will lead to charging more for their services, which with current cost of living will likely mean they lose out on business unless they keep prices lower - thus leading to more fly-tipping as green waste is likely to be seen as more acceptable.
- Think what we pay in council charges should incorporate garden waste collection
- People will just dump it anywhere
- I would be concerned about other people putting their non paid for garden waste in other people's paid for bins!
- Under the present circumstances of high energy bills which will continue to rise, alongside the increase in council tax, water bills, car tax and petrol, I feel strongly that no further extra charge should be imposed on the public. However I do believe that most people would cope adequately with a March to November garden waste collection

- Fly tipping. Overgrown gardens. People using other people's bins without consent.
- People will find other ways of disposing not always in a positive way ie burning waste on
- Increased fly tipping is a big risk
- Gardening can be a very positive therapy for lots of people including the elderly and the some of our vulnerable residents. Should it be made more difficult for them because of their limited budget. I live in Kettering and happy to pay to support them with regular collections without extra cost.
- I think with all the gas and electricity prices rising and the rising cost of living this will be another thing to worry about. The cost of council tax anyway is high and I feel like more should be done to stop people worrying about having to pay more money when wages can't keep up
- I assume rightly or wrongly that people will put the garden waste in the black bins rather than pay
- If households were forced to pay then this will be in addition to the ever increasing Council Tax. This will put a lot of households in financial difficulties especially those thatbare borderline low income. Fly tipping will increase and burden Council resources which then makes a mockery of the additional charges. Is it possible to compost waste and sell the product to residents to off set waste charges.
- I know people in other parts of Northants who get the service free. We all should
- Do the collections between March and November for free this should half the costs and would be practible. Make sure for the rest of the year the local tips can accommodate for any local garden waste disposal. Its not right to go to subscription for various council services that is going down a slippery slope.
- I feel the better option would be to collect the waste from March until oct/nov as I know my bin stands mostly empty during the winter months - this will save costs on petrol and man power and be better for the environment - I would hope this would reflect in the pricing - I think the extra charging could cause a problem with fly tipping etc
- As I said earlier, I currently pay £55 for a year but only use the service for 7 months, how about reducing the collection service to be as Wellingborough (March to October) but charge everyone say £30 a year you will still be better off than the current situation.
- The cost of living is going up to then start charging households for a service they already pay for through their council tax is immoral and underhanded!
- Notwithstanding what the info doc asserts, I fear there would be an increase of either flytipping or green waste being sneaked into black bins.
- Pollution of the atmosphere, parks, rivers, streams, roadsides
- It would almost certianly encourage more flytipping if an additional charge for garden waste is to be introduced
- If an increased subscription is applied, some households might stop using the service.
- Inconsistencies across the council districts is unjust. Needs amending immediately. Other councils provide service free or for much lower cost to residents. Currently disappointed with nnc attitude towards this and their residents, who's council tax goes up annually with no improvement of service.
- Imposing a charge in areas that are currently collected free is likely to result in an increase in fly tipping and associated clear up costs. Need to minimise this risk by heavily subsidising the charge for collections
- as per my previous comments, I live in a borough that does not have a food waste bin collection, but other boroughs do that is part of the council tax. I would think it not fair if we are charged for the garden waste bin like the other boroughs, and not be supplied with the food waste bin collection like the other boroughs. The council is trying to make the boroughs all the same so make sure it is.

- Residents are already facing substantial increases in the cost of living due to high living costs. Your proposal will make their lives more difficult and add more stress to their already difficult situation. If you have to make cuts, stop collections from November to March which would encourage people to work on their gardens at certain times of the year. Can you really expect people of pensionable age, many of whom don't have transport to make their own arrangements.
- Do not charge for green waste collection. Recycling centres are already overloaded. Charging will encourage fly tipping.
- I am on benefits and disabled I will not pay to have garden waste collected. This is going to cause more fly tipping and financial hardship on already struggling households when the council tax has been increased. No one should have to pay extra regardless of their financial status. It's a disgrace that councils are suggesting this when other services are being impacted and not value for money.
- To only collect in the growing months would be nuts. There are many jobs, eg clearing up leaves, pruning etc that need to take place in the off season and create a lot of garden waste. Arguably there's more garden waste in this season than the growing season. You certainly need to have it all year round. If you don't people are left having to drive to the tip. I suspect a lot would be put in the black bins, or fly tipped.
- The standard of living is decreased because you charge more and provide less!!!
- Charging higher fees would turn many people off especially like me who is on a fixed income.
- There will be a lot more fly tipping of garden waste than there is at the moment in the kettering area. People here are used to the service and the visible fly tipping of tree and hedge waste is a lot less than in East northants area.
- There will be a lot more fly tipping of waste than there is now. We are used to having the service here free of charge and people will just dump it if they have to pay. East northants area has a lot more fly tipping than we have here.
- Cost of living is rising! Energy, food, fuel is all rising! Wages are rising nowhere near that! Stop being money grabbing and kicking people when they are down!
To reduce negative impacts stop wasting money! Brand new logos everywhere etc etc - WASTE OF OUR MONEY!!!!
- Would you act on those using others bins/ fly tipping increases?
- Some people may just dump garden waste causing even more costs
- People would dump their waste as usual. Fly tipping.
Neighbours could collate their waste for example and share a green bin. Less cost only in growing season makes sense. You could save a lot.
- In this current climate where we are encouraged to recycle more waste, this scheme is only going to cause more fly tipping or incorrect disposal, which in turn will be costing the council more money.
- Everything going up why put the boot in
- I think it would mean an increase to fly tipping of garden waste with conflict happening where the service is already included in the current high rates of council tax.
- if charges were made I would expect to see a rise in fly-tipping
- As I've completed this it's hard to answer I currently have 3 bins and do fill them most weeks March to November but does that mean paying 3 x £50 a year? Because then that isn't manageable I wouldn't mind paying once, but x 3 would be too much do the maybe I would opt out and go to the refuse centre? It's always been free here due to living in the corby area?
- People who have not had to pay for this service, would be more likely to use it if the price is reduced

- This will encourage fly tipping or people disposing of their garden waste in the black bins. No one can afford extra expense at the moment we all live on a tight budget as it is. This will be another blow to many households.
Gardening and being outside is good for mental health. This additional charge will stop people gardening because they can't afford the charges.
- as before the risk with a separate charge is illegal dumping of even more rubbish
- Since the majority of the areas currently get their garden waste collected all year free of charge, then to harmonise this it means you have to give this free to east Northamptonshire and make all year round.
- If residents who have free garden waste collection have to pay for it then there would be more garden fires and more car trips to the waste centres, so not good for the environment. Some residents might even fly tip.
- Imposing additional charges will result in some people dumping garden waste elsewhere especially where a property is close to woodland or green spaces.
Some would hide it in the general waste bin.
- The service should be free still if you charge you will encourage more fly tipping - the cost of living is already too high without the council adding more
- As I have already stated. I believe a lot of the waste would be put in the black bin. This would have a negative impact on the environment. The council's funding is derived from the residents of the borough paying council tax, there are many services provided that are not used by all of the residents. For example, money taken from the council tax to pay for care of the elderly, my father pays his own fees he is private, should my family be exempt from this portion of the fee? I think using those who live in accommodation with no garden is a ridiculous excuse for charging for a service that has always been part of the council tax fee. I believe those who use the garden waste bins pay more than enough in council tax to fund the service. Kettering Borough Council has always been able to balance its books, and this new fee is a punitive measure due to merging with another local authority that did not manage its finances as well.
- I pay enough as it is
- Littering of garden waste would encourage the dumping of other kinds of waste
- If you pay council tax then we shouldn't have to pay. Working people taxed again
- The council was supposed to be reducing land fill charging people to take green waste would increase this, there could be more fly tipping or residents could just cut their grass blow it on the road and allow it to go down the drains like the council grass cutters do.
- I think encouraging people to use compost bins and garden waste bins in tandem? This could maybe reduce the garden waste collection to once a month instead of bi monthly, If people used the compost bins then they surely won't have as much garden to dispose of?
- By having to pay for garden waste collection, those who can afford it will do so. With the cost of living going up, those who can't afford it will resort to fly tipping their garden waste. It'll be someone else's problem to clear it up, which is totally unfair.
- There will be an increase in fly tipping as was seen during the covid lockdown even though this was denied by KBC. Travelling to and from recycling centres also contributes to environmental damage.
- The cost of the collections should be kept as low as possible to allow everyone to access the service and possibly could be phased in (half price for the first year?) for those who are currently not paying - this may avoid them not subscribing and instead taking lots of trips to the HWMC.
- I believe charging but would increase roadside tipping.
Keep the service free
- You're opening up a can of worms suggesting that services can be paid for on a "use by" basis.
But that's how Councils work. Blindly. Lacking common sense and without a clear and sensible

thought process. No doubt much Council work is outsourced which is why it costs more than it should do. Likely there are also too many in management rather than actually doing the work.

- I think if a charge comes in to use the garden waste bin that households on DWP benefits including disability benefits , low incomes not receiving any DWP benefits should perhaps pay less .

If it isn't affordable to all this could lead to more fly tipping and also Gardens becoming overgrown if they can not afford to pay .

Whilst I understand that to many this service service has seemed to be free of charge ,to inform the public how much it has cost the local authority to provide it in past years and how they raised the money to fund it .

- Houses in band E and above (i.e. with gardens) pay much more Council Tax, with no rebates or other discounts. They should not have to pay more for waste collection.

- My preference is for no subscription charge and collections during growing season.

The subscription charge you suggest is too high - £30 would be a max ie £3 each of the 10 months of council tax

- Households are already struggling with cost of living crisis this is not the time to add an extra bill to people who are already struggling.

Can see an increase in fly tipping if that goes ahead

- This is heavily weighted against anyone not living in a large town. It also means not having the waste collected might mean travelling to the recycling centre. In Desborough we don't have a recycling centre. All that will happen is fly tipping or concreting over the garden. All options are bad for the environment including having to travel to a recycling centre which also isn't practical if you don't have transport.
- There will be an increase in fly tipping which causes the Council costs to clear
- I feel the cost of charging for the bins would be at greater detriment to both the environment from people filling black domestic waste bins with garden waste but also to the local environment. If people cannot afford the additional cost they may no longer tend to their gardens which could put a greater stress on drains and cause pest problems.
- They would be more general waste created as households would just put it in the general waste bin or fly tip
- I would nor be happy to pay extra for this service. If there is a charge made, this will inevitably lead to fly-tipping for which the local authority would have to pick up the cost for clearing this.
- I am not happy to pay extra for this.
- Calling at all addresses would obviously raise cost and environmental impact. Subscription service would target only those addresses using the service.
- If people don't have a method of disposing of garden waste it will end up in landfill or fly tipped.
- Disgusting charging for disposal of garden waste, some people will be tempted to fly tip, making the local area even more filthy, and scruffy than it already is!
- Reduction in the recycling across the county and more waste in landfill
- I think doing this will encourage more fly tipping and is a bad idea we pay enough council tax and see very little for it
- Inevitably the proposal would result in fly tipping of waste and illegal disposal, significantly impacting the environment of the area and the impact on residents. The situation can be avoided by continuing the current arrangements.
- The cost of living has already gone up. Gas, electric, petrol, food, drink, interest rates etc. I really couldn't afford to pay any more. I think it would encourage people to fly tip.
- I would prefer not to be restricted to garden waste collections only from March to November. I do not use my garden waste bin so much during the winter months but there is still pruning to be

done. Some people near me dump their garden waste in the nearby field and having no access to a kerbside collection may contribute to more people doing this.

- I worry that poorer households may opt out and do fly-tipping or bonfires.
- Any additional charges would obviously negatively impact on my budget. Continuing to provide a no cost service during the growing year would be my preference and would cause the least negative impact.
- Initially there is bound to be “missed bin” complaints and confusion from people who do not engage with council comms and fail to subscribe for the service. Some properties are likely to become more unkempt and overgrown from households that opt out of the service.

There is bound to be an increase of garden waste in general waste bins.

- A subscription should definitely be chargeable to all households than use a garden waste disposal service. Unfair on users that pay and do not see why they should have this service free.
- Council tax has increased again but services not increasing. Cost of living crisis and paying for garden collections isn't a priority over heating therefore more people will dump waste instead of paying for it. Reductions in charges to households need to be made

- I don't think it is fair that only one area has to pay and we are all now in the same council.
- I think everyone needs to be treated the same - not equitable to have different towns not paying and then some paying, better to reduce the charge and all pay a smaller amount.....

Also if not by paid subscription then you could shorten and only collect between April and October but if paying I would expect a year round collection - if this situation is not made equitable I will cancel my paid subscription for garden waste collection

- Make the tips open every day! The one in weldon isn't open for long enough and the signage is confusing and not clear enough as to what waste goes where, with not enough parking. If you charge for garden waste removal then you should also collect it weekly during the growing season, then bi-weekly in winter. I'd happily pay for that service.

- free for all, only in the growing season, charge those who want extra bins
- Removal of these services would increase CO2 emissions from residents using HWRC, secondly there would undoubtedly be garden waste hidden in general waste bins. There is likely to be an increase in garden fires to dispose of surplus material and probably fly tipping. All of which would result in an increase in CO2 along with a reduction in council revenue from the sale of compost plus the additional cost of clearing up fly tipping.

One final point is that those on lower incomes that have gardens would be adversely affected whilst those on higher incomes with larger gardens are more likely to compost and apart from the stealth rise in council tax would be less effected.

- Fly tipping will become more of an issue than it already is for those that either refuse to pay a subscription or financially cannot pay and do not have transport to take the waste to the recycling centre.

Many people do not use or have access to the other facilities provided by general taxation, so if having their garden waste collected is all they use that balances out their not using other services.

- Fly tipping is a big problem and I read from the council how expensive it is to clean up. I see this argument from both sides as I appreciate some rogue companies do this, however, as previously said on the questionnaire I can only visit the tip 6 times a year due to my vehicle so Christmas/birthdays/redecorating-diy and gardening is a lot more than 6 trips a year. Council tax keeps increasing year on year and I do not feel the service provided improves. The most important part is to recycle as much as possible in the most efficient way possible that is fair and consistent for all residents.

Recycling is recycling and I fail to see the difference in food waste/green lid recycling and garden waste. Those households that recycle food waste aren't expected to pay for the service that everyone receives, so how is garden waste different?

A lot of families (including mine) are now facing hard financial choices and paying extra for the collection service is not a possibility for my household so I have no option but to burn what I can (which I hate as I know how irritating this is for other residents, and not good for the environment) and put in my black bin (your admission this is costly)

A fair system needs to be put in place, and remembering that this year is a real fight for many households to just get by and next year doesn't look to get any better, but we all need to do our best in saving the environment for our children.

- By charging for garden waste you are encouraging people to put it in black bins rather than put for composting.

We had to stop composting due to rodents

- We pay enough already for a rubbish service there is pot holes all over the roads and rubbish if the council didn't waste our tax money on stupid wages and expenses and pointless paving in the town and flowers that our dead and planned properly they would have enough also if they didn't keep giving every one on benefits cheap tax then we might not be in the mess we are
- To start charging for brown bin collections would make some people put their garden waste in the black bins, and therefore cause additional issues with these collections. Why impose a charge on something that is good for the environment? Surely we should be encouraging composting and disposing of garden waste in a responsible way, not putting obstacles in the way.
- The council tax is high enough already; time for NNDC to improve their services with more efficient budgeting. The proposed charge would lead to more fly tipping and increased landfill rubbish
- It need only be a 6 month period and if the tip was open in Rushden more often you would not be getting this problem and the fly tipping would be less.
- Fly tipping would increase.

Residents already paying the highest council taxes would be penalised

Certain garden waste (e.g. evergreen clippings, leaves, wood, roots) can't easily be dealt with by composting so there needs to be some collection service.

If the council believes private enterprise can make a healthy profit out of garden waste collection, why doesn't it make the profit for the benefit of its own voters/council tax payers? NNC seems to be considering this as a political move to privatise waste collection rather than to provide a public service.

- I have ridiculously large trees in my garden - protection orders. I need at least 3 bins in Autumn when the leaves fall plus fallen branches. For most of the other times of collection 1 bin is sufficient.

I pay a high rate of council tax and I think this should be taken into account.

If introducing a charge should be means tested - finding even the lowest charge is going to be a strain for some families

- Stopping the collection over the winter months does not make sense as is when a lot of pruning etc has to take place. Would suggest it is maybe reduced to monthly
- People struggling to buy food or electricity and pay bills this charge would make it worse for the.. Also neighbours using the bin for other waste and the bin not being emptied due to someone else and not the person paying
- More people will burn their waste making more pollution for local residents
- I just think the amount the council charge for tax, it should be free it also contributes to the green element of helping the planet, maybe it could be sold as compost to people

- Fly tipping garden waste onto green spaces. People already chuck cuttings and tree branches onto open spaces. Causing difficulty to walkers. And that's where it's free! How much more we would get when it is paid for.
- Heads are in the clouds if you think people can afford an additional tax on their grass cuttings. This is an organisation that wants to save 3 million pound so they can fund other services, yet is still completely and utterly disjointed, still running separate IT, customer service etc etc teams just as if it were the existing borough councils.
No long term strategy of any note, particularly when it comes to their housing stock which nobody seems to know what to do with, just penny pinching.
- More expense when everything is going up
- I think it will increase fly tipping which is already a big problem in the rural areas
- The Council just needs to be fair on everyone, not just gardeners.
- I think my current collection , (between March to November) at no cost is great and meets requirements. If I had to pay for this same method then a subscription charge of 50% of the charges given above should be applied. All year round green waste is not necessary in my opinion.
- If there is a subscription charge, not everyone will be able to pay or want to pay for something with limited benefits, e.g pay all year but only use for 6 months. I would be concerned about what people will do with that waste, e.g black bin for convenience or fly tip.
- My concern would be people might leave their green waste just outside their garden. I don't know if people would put it in their own vehicle and drive to the tip to dispose of it. Home or community composting would be a good solution but unsure how successful it would be in Corby or whether anyone would even set it up!
- I think there is a possibility that if the charge is too high garden waste will just be dumped by the roadside as is the case with general rubbish.
So I think the charge should be reasonable enough not to put people off.
I think it should not be beyond the Council to find out how many Green/brown bins are being used and possible revenue calculated. Collection is obviously being subsidised at the moment, if a reasonable charge was levied to all users even if not covering the complete cost it would reduce the subsidy, and free up funds for other services.
- I feel very strongly that it would be unfair to put an umbrella charge on every property as many people do not have gardens or are happy to dispose of their garden waste in other ways. I am happy to pay £55 annually for a year round service but think it would be a good idea for everybody using it to pay something. The outlay saved by the Council could be put to another use.
- Any money for the service should be monthly.
- You make things to complicated easy solution add to council tax.
- the service must be throughout the year. variations in climate will cause varying need
- Cost of living already increasing more than a lot of low income families can afford, this would just add insult to injury and force people to start fly tipping as they can't afford the cost.
- No comment
- I think that charging an extra fee would lead people to dump garden waste rather than pay to have it collected. This would lead to an increase in cost to the council (or should I say the council tax payer) as this would have to be cleaned up.
- If the collections were I. Growing season only I would expect to see this reflected in the subscription charge by a lower fee than what I am currently paying all year round.
- Don't make people pay separately put it on with the council tax for those that need it or for all- makes the cost less noticeable?

- The lane we live in has been abandoned to garden waste at both ends ([Redacted] and [Redacted]) belonging to North Northants council , can you assure me that this will not become WORSE if extra payment is to be applied
- Where does all the garden waste go, and what is done with it,
- Failure to optimize collection of garden waste will only result in increased flytipping or unnecessary journeys (not climate friendly) by residents to dispose of waste at recycling centres.
- For me it would be difficult with being disabled having to use recycling site.
But if its too expensive I'd will have to think twice
- My garden is not big enough to fill the bin every month. It would be good if you could pay for only the months that you use, like a pay as you go service.
- If people take their garden waste to the local recycling centre, then that is a lot of extra cars on the road, polluting the air. We need to REDUCE pollution, not add to it.
- I foresee more people putting simple garden waste (grass) in the black bins as it costs them nothing. The council indicate this costs more. If council tax continues to increase, people cut corners and that's an obvious one to do.
- We already pay NNC £3.5K a year.
Please do not expect us to also pay any new stealth taxes.
Focus more on providing us with greater value for money by improving the Council's productivity & efficiency.
Thank you.
- Nothing to add.
- The council tax charge is high. I don't use the local schools but this is a service I still have to pay for. All services should be included in the council tax charge as an equitable solution.
- Can't afford anymore already struggling to make ends meet
- I think people would put garden waste in black bins or public bins.
Possibly even fly tip.
A lot of additional costs to people are happening right now including council tax rise.
I think it's bad timing and in poor taste to test the waters now on another cost to households.
- There will obviously be a big increase in fly tipping which will not be able to be avoided.
- fly tipping would increase if charges were introduced. It would seem to be reasonable to only collect garden waste in the growing season.
- People less likely to prune trees and hedges, or even plant trees.
Fly tipping will increase.
So properties have mature trees and hedges which cannot be composted.
- The proposals erode the councils services and decrease quality of life in communities.
It alienates people from society and diminishes respect for council institutions and the rule of law. There will be people who feel offended and unsupported by these proposals. Such proposals fragment cohesion in society.
- As stated previously, I can foresee some residents dumping garden waste at any convenient country hedgerow, gated entrance or ditch if charges do come into play.
- I have previously used this service which proved invaluable but simply cannot afford it anymore. I would love to have the service returned but it is an expense that is one step too far. It would also cut down the fire risk from laying sticks and warm grass mowing leaning against fences or other combustible items.
I think by cutting all collections to the summer/ autumn months the money saved by not doing the winter collections as now would go towards funding the collections from the areas that pay for this service at the moment.

I also think that any household on assisted rubbish collection through age or disability should be considered for free garden waste collection and a larger regular bin to cover the added rubbish generated by carers

- I think the questionnaire is heavily biased towards pushing towards paying for a green bin across the county rather than offering the free service that parts of the county already receive
As stated all rubbish collecting is better than no collection to encourage the certain type of person that will fly tip anywhere. To charge will not deal with the fly tipping problem
- Residents who are being pushed to breaking point financially already with increases in the cost of living, higher taxes etc will NOT be able to afford to pay extra charges for a service they have been provided with as part of their council tax for many years. NNC, you only have to go on social media to see how unpopular this potential charge is already. Your residents will hit you where it hurts and place their heavy garden waste in to their refuse bins instead which will cost you more in landfill charges!
- N/A
- Yes! The cost of council tax is by far and away already my highest bill (even after the recent energy price increase). To add yet more cost to a bunch of services I do not use is a complete joke!
- Home composting is not at all practical for most people and the loss of collections would result in a huge increase in private vehicles visiting the 'tip' with garden waste. The tips are already incredibly busy and the increase in vehicle usage would have a huge environmental impact. Again not everyone is able to make trips to dispose of garden waste.
- Yes. We already pay too much in council tax and don't see the benefits....
- Already explained that I think the lorries will still cover the same mileage but there would be an increase in private journeys to take garden waste to a recycling centre or a local hedgerow! This is the point of a centralised collection service.
Unless you have evidence from currently operating schemes that prove that lorry mileage has reduced?
You also generate a potential for conflict where neighbours who don't subscribe put their garden waste into bins of people who do subscribe.
- I feel I pay enough tax to justify a free collection every other week between March and October, it's pretty obvious by your questions that you have already made your minds up on this one .
I have been within the old Wellingborough council area many years and I sure it's all going to go down hill, now that you have all joined together.
- A "free" service, which is not a statutory service, would impose higher costs on a reduced operating budget which seems fiscally irresponsible to the point of myopic, with the only apparent benefit being in the political arena.
A subscription service would allow those who require the service to fund it appropriately, whilst those who do not would not be economically impacted through either increased overall taxation, or reduction in other services which they hold as a higher personal priority.
Whilst there *may* be a risk of fly-tipping, I believe this to be a red herring, or at least to have been significantly exaggerated. There is a subscription service in the former East Northants area and they have both some of the best stats for fly-tipping reduction and prosecution in the area, if not the country. Rolling out their enforcement and investigation techniques across the North Northamptonshire area would be an excellent mitigation (and I would recommend this in any case!).
The only negative in offering a subscription based service is that it is politically challenging to ask people to pay for something they have, until recently, used without obvious personal cost. However, this can be mitigated with good communication, explanation, both of the financial situation, and the services that would have to be cut to fund a service that only a portion of the

area could or would access, versus the benefit in services that could be provided through the charging for garden waste collections.

- I think that introducing payment for the service when finances are already tight for residents would be unfair at this stage.
I was also under the impression that garden waste was used by the council to make compost to then use or sell to create another income stream for the council. Surely keeping it split from the general black bin and using the waste product is more environmentally friendly?
- Everything is costing more, our gardens are our escape from work, stress etc must we now have to pay to keep them beautiful
- We don't want to encourage bon fires where bins are removed, having a bin collection for garden waste provides a method to cleanly dispose of garden waste and avoid fly tipping etc
- I do use the service and it is excellent. However, I do feel costs should be applied on a more even keel. Not sure why we have to pay when others are receiving the service for free.
- Most elderly people on my street will not be able to get to a recycling centre and will be at a disadvantage. Their gardens have been their saviours.
- A reduced, nine month service, might impact some tax payers but this shouldn't be too much of an issue.
- Negative impact. I suspect more fly tipping which is already prevalent may be one of the impacts.
- More flytipping - increased carbon footprint of people driving to HWRC. Misuse of black bin..
- If you discontinue the service there will be even more rubbish dumped. You would cause a lot of disruption to a lot of people who use the service. The cost of council tax is getting hard to afford as it is. IF you decide to charge you should HAVE to collect all year round
- As it's pretty inevitable that there will be a charge, it must be as low as possible otherwise even more fly tipping will ensue.
- If the scheme is too expensive I would be concerned about fly tipping. Some items are now compostible and need to go in the garden bin so one should be provided.
- The lack of free bin collection will result in:
 1. Possibly more fly-tipping - greater costs, counter to Green initiative
 2. Burning garden waste counter to Green Initiatives
 3. Greater burden to civic amenity tips, increased traffic to tips counter to Green initiative
 4. Will not reduce fuel costs as irrespective of number of subscribers as travel will be the same
 5. More financial hardship on households in which in the current climate will increase 1 and 2 above
 6. Result in garden waste being put in black bin - counter to green initiatives
- Personally my concerns would be the extra cost to local residents. The demographics of East Northants are very different for example say Corby so the effects would in my view be somewhat different possible. Decrease in recycling by depositing of green waste in non-recyclable waste bin or an increase in fly tipping.
- If people were charged for something that is currently free for many then I would imagine that there would be an increase in fly tipping & garden waste being sent to landfill. Would the money saved by charging for garden waste disposable be equivalent to the potential increase in finance required to combat fly tipping?
- If there was a charge- more garden waste would be put in black bins & go to landfill- not good for the environment.
- An inclusive service for all (subscription free service) between end of March- Nov (or even until oct) would be the most sensible and realistic option.
People budgets are already pushed to the max with the huge cost of living crisis. Most households will simply not be able to afford an extra £40-55 a year for this service.

The entry/exit point to the local waste centre (Weldon) is already inadequate and if people have to visit to dispose of green waste, it will put more pressure on the roads around the area not to mention pollution and the environmental impact if one is having to travel to and fro with a full boot of waste (even more so if they find they can't get access at the recycling centre as they were not able to queue for access) In this instance, it would also encourage fly tipping.

It would negatively affect the environment as more cars on the road to dispose of waste and without doubt, flytipping would increase and teams would have to attend to remove it quickly (so as not to encourage more fly tipping) although in practice, it is woefully apparent that this area of the council is already stretched and understaffed and fly tipping and litter is already a grave concern across the county (the litter issue across the country is a huge issues already).

There will be many who will chose to dispose of green waste in black bins because they simply won't or can't travel to the recycling centre and can't pay for alternatives which may cause a rise in residents burning waste at home which can be dangerous if not done so properly causing more issues to health and potentially the environment.

I'm not keen on this 'pick and mix' approach to providing council services and it's a slippery path.

Do people with children pay more for certain services? What about those that use libraries?

Also a note that I understand the green waste is used to make fertiliser- presumably the council is paid for this? Surely the income from this can be part used toward the cost of providing this service since the council is profiting directly from household waste anyway?

- if it is to be a paid service monthly direct debits as now would be best. This allows householders to spread the cost
- Residents in Higham Ferrers (East Northants area) have been penalized for several years with higher council tax, additional charges and poor service - several complaints about missed green waste collection in last twelve months.

It was my intention to cancel the subscription service as the cost is now £80 per annum (£6.67 per month x 12), however, due to circumstances it was missed. So your £55 is incorrect.

[Redacted] arranged by East Northants and I joined from the outset.

- Some teams of collectors are inordinately fussy - one or two twigs sticking out and they refuse to collect the bin at all. A little more flexibility would be useful.
- There will 100% be an increase in fly tipping.
- Some people may not be able to afford the charge. Or have the means to dispose of garden waste in other ways. The mental health benefits of having a garden are well documented.
- I reckon it could cause a rise in fly tipping, or people burning waste in their gardens in a sometimes unsafe manner to them, residents and nature. Awareness should be made about that as it was exactly what happened around where I work in Bedfordshire when they stopped garden waste collection.
- Retired should pay reduced fee.
- There would be a lot more fly tipping of garden waste as people will not be able to afford to pay the extra charges and people will not maintain their gardens as they would have nowhere to get rid of the waste. Council tax goes up every year but we dont seem to get more for our money, it seems luke services are being taken away so what are we actually paying for?
- As highlighted, you currently charge me for local services I don't use - I don't mind because I believe in community. If you levy a charge on garden waste it will be dumped in the street just like your imbecilic way of encouraging people to flytip household waste
- Happy to pay a realistic small fee for this service
- People will stop using garden waste bins if they had to pay for them. More material will end up in landfill. They'll be more fly tipping which will incur more funds from the councils budgets to clean it up and prosecute offenders if they can be identified.

Compositing is not a desirable option when some gardens are small. Plus residents do not want to encourage vermin to start making homes in the pile of garden rubbish that will simply get left in the garden.

Not everyone is a gardener and not everyone grows flowers or vegetables. Not longer are we in the 40's or 50's. Where the the mantra was self sufficiency and 'dig for Britain'.

- The cost of £55 a year is crazy when Wellingborough and Kettering pay £0. This should be £0 for all. It saves it going to landfill and saves excessive queues at the tip.
- There are often already long queues at the tips.

More car journeys = more air pollution.

Your view that: "A subscription service means the Council only drives to properties who have opted to pay for the service and are likely to need a collection. As a result, it is likely that a subscription service will require fewer vehicles and use less fuel, both of which are better for the environment" seems unlikely. Surely vehicles driving around the same streets to collect, e.g. one wheelie bin is not cost-effective.

- The East Northants current service is pretty good.
- Wrong time to be proposing this
- Subscription would encourage people to dispose of garden waste in an anti-social manner and potentially result in further costs associated with clearing up fly tipping and the addition of garden waste in black bin general waste.
- Due to the rising cost of living and wages not supporting this increase it would greatly impact further on me providing for my family.

I believe the only way most people would use the service if it remained free and only collect due to March and November

- thinking of myself - I have a very small garden and the only thing I put in my green waster is a small amount of grass cuttings - they could easily be placed in a bin liner in my black bin instead if you impose a cost - but that isn't the right thing to do - adding a small annual charge is likely to push many people away from doing the right thing. consider reducing collection dates to monthly and only in growing season - add extra charges for high users but don't impose a charge for all users - thats what council tax is for.
- As before Kettering needs some TLC it is half the town it used to be what with the cost of living going up and the sacrifices people have ma de over the last 2 years its just another nail in the coffin for residents
- It will lead to people dumping garden waste in order to avoid paying charges.
Continue to offer this as per the current arrangement with no extra charges to taxpayers
- Number of bins should not determine costs as there are different garden sizes and maintenace levels
- More fly tipping, recycling depots should open 7 days a week when we are expected to recycle
- As mentioned previously, making a charge will probably result in a lot of people just putting their green waste in their black bins, which is environmentally unfriendly. Is there an option for shared bins for smaller households with small gardens?
- This is a very unfair tax for those that are currently forced to pay for a service that should be provided. Goodness me, we pay enough in council tax. What next are we going to be charged for it's just not equal or fair.

- I agree that you may need to charge for collection of garden waste, I just think they'll be a lot more fly tipping which is getting worse and worse round here
- I think it is extremely short sighted to be thinking of charging for this service. We want to encourage safe disposal of garden waste and not encourage more car journeys as people will end up taking their garden waste to the tip. Life is already expensive with increased food prices and fuel prices - people are having to cut costs and this will be one of the things that ends up

getting cut from households' expenses. Please think wider than just bringing in a bit of extra money in addition to the huge council tax bill you charge us.

- It should be free as with the other refuse collection.
- Charges should be rationalised across the whole NNC area. It is inequitable to continue otherwise. It is reasonable to introduce the change over a period of time and subscription charges should be introduced gradually to those areas where the service is currently free, starting at a sensible level (say £20 or £25 pa) and increased at a reasonable rate in incremental steps, over, say 3 years.

There should be NO increase in the charge for former ENC residents, until the payment in other former council areas reaches the charge we currently pay.

It must remain a year round, twice weekly service. Our weather is fickle, plants grow without reference to the calendar!

- If the scheme is introduced there will, as in other areas being a vast increase in fly tipping
- it must be the same for everybody. if it was collected all year round (every 2 weeks) i would think that only one bin is required for all houses. I also think that there are a lot of people who do not have a garden and therefore they should not have to pay anything. the easiest way must surely be free of charge to everybody who wants it. collected once a fortnight. one bin only. if you have to make a charge it should be a small amount just to cover the cost.
- Already stated
- Financial- The cost of living (energy prices, council tax) has already increased so some people may not be able to afford this additional cost.

Environmental- the policy is not to dispose of garden waste in the black bin otherwise the bins will not be collected. Undoubtedly residents will just dispose of the green waste in the black bin causing two consequences- either the bins will not be collected and left on the kerbside or the bin will be emptied affecting the disposal of the black bin waste and additional energy costs.

Otherwise people will just dispose elsewhere- residents are unlikely to go to the tip and those with accessibility issues/ no private transport do not have this option.

- The current economic climate does not lend itself to further charges in this area, one of the highest council taxations in the country. Despite information explaining the charges we have yet to understand exactly what we are offered to enhance our daily life.
- People who currently get it free might fly tip if it becomes chargeable.
- Most people if they have to pay extra will either dump their waste in the Borough or put it in the black bin.
- I don't not get why we should all pay to have a green waste. It should come out of the tax payer money. I would like to know why it could not be paid with tax payer money.
- Should have been harmonised long ago....just how difficult can it be?
You can't treat some residents different to others.
- My solution to this would be to collect between March and November . The savings from cutting Corby and Kettering to these months as well could then cover the cost of providing the East Northants residents with a free collection.

This solution is surely the fairest as it affects the least people at little or no cost to the Council. When the Council rates were harmonised in April 2021, my constituents in the Wellingborough area suffered the highest increase of 10.22%, so to start an extra charge only 18 months later would be deemed unfair!

Regarding the amount people would be prepared to pay, if my suggestion above is not given traction, then a lesser charge than the minimum of £40 offered in the consultation should be an option. I am sure £25 pa would be at least cost neutral.

- More fly tipping, more cost, more inconvenience. Anyone surveyed garden waste fly tipping across the unitary body and estimated extra cost in areas that pay for rubbish removal?

- Fly tipping
- By your questionnaire I can see you are considering levying a charge for all households using this 'consultation' to increase charges across the board.
I totally disagree with this and I think this, if true, is very underhand.
- Can't afford it
- By imposing a charge on the 3 areas not presently subject to it, that clearly impacts negatively on those residents who use the service in those areas.
Retaining the charge in East Northants, if the others remain uncharged perpetuates the current inequity.
- Adding a separate charge is likely to increase the amount of garden waste that is added to general waste... which would be counterproductive. It could also lead to more fly-tipping.
- Due to the cost of living going up this will have a negative impact on low income families that use their garden waste bin
- As previously stated
- Being an elderly person the cost will impact my finances and the ability to try to take waste to the tip if I choose not to pay for the service. It will push more fly tippers.
- Both my wife and I are in our 80s and still enjoy a reasonable life style due to our general health. Gardening is a pleasant past time but does generate waste and so far we have never had to pay fortunately. I have on occasions had to make arrangement to take extra waste to the tip but it is extremely time consuming and currently quite expensive as we live the other end of the town. Furthermore as the Centres are now closed 2 days a week there are other difficulties if the weather is bad together with our other commitments plus extra cost if we go elsewhere. We are lucky we do have use of a car but some pensioners do not so will be forced to pay any charge levied.
Whether you charge or not, can you ensure that collections will continue until later in November than previously as autumn clearing and gardening continues
- I think more green waste will end up in landfill, many households can't afford more charges.
- Open the council tip everyday some people work weekends etc.
- Any introduction of a charge would be detrimental. It seems two out of three areas are free, how did they cover the cost for this? Apply same principles to the area currently charging.
- A subscription service would negatively impact those on low incomes and the elderly as they may be unable or unwilling to pay.
- Although I would pay for the service I feel that this should be included within our council tax many people would not be able to afford adoptable costs especially in current climate and People will use black bins or just dump their waste
- Additional specific charge would increase fly tipping and irresponsible disposal.
Why not provide for 'free' whilst including cost in Council Tax? Everyone, whether they have a garden or not, benefit from this form of responsible recycling of waste.
- All your doing is encouraging fly tip
- If a charge was imposed on the residents who are not being charged at the moment it may lead to the fly tipping of garden waste in hedges as would being charged per bin.
- An all year round service would be beneficial but this could be reduced during the winter months (once a month?).
The lack of waste recycling facilities in the rural East unfairly disadvantages those living there (since the closure of Oundle) - it would be fairer to partially subsidise/provide extra capacity FOC to those that are further from waste recycling facilities (>10miles?)
- As mentioned if a charge comes in more people will dump garden waste - which will cause problems for the council/land owners
Or they will burn it which will cause unnecessary pollution or in the worst case serious fires.

Households are already paying higher rates for everything -garden waste should already be included in the recent council tax increases.

Any further costs added by the council will be detrimental to families and add to their financial worries.

- If the whole county is to pay a charge but only the old East Northants is currently paying, surely an average of £25 per household would be fair!
- You will make having a decent/maintained garden a privilege for the well off, deprive potentially vulnerable and disadvantaged children from a decent and safe place to play outside and increase pollution and carbon emissions as more opt to burn the rubbish. We already have a massive flytipping issue locally, don't go and make this even worse by bringing in a charge for garden waste. This is a short sighted decision. No need for collections all year round, just do pick ups like in W'boro during the growing season to save a bit compared to now across the new authority.
- Flytipping and improper disposal of garden waste
- Some people might be reluctant to pay and just use their black bin instead.
- My worry is that non-subscribers would fly tip their garden waste, non drivers would have no way of getting the waste to a HWRC. Not sure of the answer to this issue, does seem excessive having the trucks going round all the roads when not everyone uses the current 'free' service. Is there anyway that households that don't subscribe could take their waste to a central spot at the local allotments? They could compost it there for the allotment holders.
- Please see previous comments.
- Fly Tipping is a problem at the moment, it will only increase if oeople had to pay for garden waste collections.

This in turn would cost the council a lot more, having to drive all over the place and collecting it from country lanes and parks.

- I have already made comments about how I feel a subscripton service would impact local services, roads, and residents.

We have had free garden waste collections in Wollaston for as long as I can remember and to implement a subscription fee now feels like the concil is taking advantage of a change in council boundaries to drop another cost on households when many are facing genuine hardship.

What's next? Another 'subscription' fee for recycling collections?

- Negative impacts will be. Fly tipping, home burning of waste, potentially unkempt gardens. to avoid this keep the existing level of service without additional charges.
- There would be more fly tipping not only of garden waste but it would be combined with general waste. As people don't usually like putting waste into cars the restriction of 4 trips to a waste disposal centre with a small trailer should be increased to a least 6 trips.
- There is already issues with fly tipping in the area, and I believe this could extend to garden waste if the service is not easily accessible ie "free". Obviously it's not really free, it comes out the council tax, which has just been increased. With lots of cost of living rises, many people may (understandably) decide not to opt in to a paid service, if they are choosing between that and heating and food. I'm in a fortunate position that I could, and potentially would pay out of ease, and the fact I'm not the sort of person to dump stuff on the side of the road! However I would rather everyone pay an additional £1 a month, bring the other regions into the part-time collections, and leave everyone with affordable access to waste collection. Of this can't be achieved with this increase and or redistribution of funds, perhaps it needs to be investigated if this fund is being used efficiently?
- To repeat what I have already said the negative impact would be that some people would not or could not afford to pay for the brown bins and so would use the black bins. As back bin waste

goes to landfill and brown bin waste is recycled it must be better for the environment for everyone to have free brown bins.

- If a subscription is introduced it will encourage fly-tipping and that is already bad enough and will cost the council more in the long run.
- More burning which has a negative impact on the climate
- The LESS YOU collect, the more YOU CHARGE the more fly tipping you will have to clear up.
- I never thought that garden waste should be an extra charge. I took the service on as I had such negative experiences at the local tip trying to deal with excess that way. I compost what I can myself and could manage without the service in the winter.
- if you stop a free (perceived to be) service at a time when all household costs are out of control, you risk:
reputational damage
fly tipping
environmental reputation damage
and on the positive side you get happy customers especially those in East N.
- If Garden waste collection was restricted to the growing season March to November, would it be a weekly service of fortnightly as it is now.
Which is more cost effective ; One bin with a weekly collection or Two bins and a fortnightly collection?
Reduce the negative impact with an offsetting reduction....non use or reduced use of the black bin [therefore more recycling in the brown/blue bin] to counteract the charging for garden waste.
- A lot of people will stop cutting their hedges back, resulting in a complete mess of the visual appearance of our town, and in some areas, smoke will ruin our evenings, and the carbon reduction attempt.
Also, what about the redundancies that may occur as you cut the collection services.
You could avoid negative impacts by continuing with our collection service.
- It's an outrage. Next thing is you'll want to charge for Household waste, then recycling waste. The council already does far less than it used to do viz a viz collecting household waste than it used to do.
- Please see my earlier comments. Just because people are not using the paid service it does not mean they are not disposing of it somewhere by driving miles to the local recycling centre or fly tipping. The environment is the most important challenge we face and the council should be prioritising this over all other services. Without the environment nothing else will matter. Ultimately, the long term outlook would cost the government and council way more than now because they will be having to fight the effects of global warming.
- I'm on a pension which is already being diminished by national government and local council fiscal measures and inflation, the last thing I need is to lose even more money especially if it's for something I already receive through my council tax funding. What's next further down the road, additional payments for black and brown bin services. If we can't afford three bins stick it all in one bin and bury it, that's probably what happens anyway.
- I think that people who do not want to pay will end up fly tipping which we saw once before a few years ago when CBC stopped collecting large household items. I think the service should continue to be provided through the normal council tax that we pay but happy for it to be only from March to Nov.
- I think people might fly tip garden waste or put it in the black bin. Some people round here don't cut their front garden lawn, which makes the area look unkempt.
- Roadside tipping

- The impact of an extra charge will be even less money for already struggling families.. if this keeps going on like this soon enough we will move in to the woods.. there no need for a green bin there
- Council tree waste will go back from where it came
- There will be a massive increase in fly tipping that is already a big problem in this area. Cleaning that up will cost more than keeping the bins as they are now.
- I don't see that I would have a choice in paying as I have no other way of disposing of my garden rubbish although I could put it in my black bin then it wouldn't get recycled
- More black bin waste destined for landfill.
- More dumping.which would ruin environment possible cost more for the Council to recover. Corby council tax has already gone up in alignment.
If only a few pay.I live at the end of a no through road.
It would be a waste of money to send the lorries down to collect.
Also at the end I would get increased pollution from the fumes.
- I think that at this time charging for garden waste will create dumping/ fly tipping issues - when households are already financially stretched
- Even with regular free collection I often see garden waste dumped down our local path and feel this will only get worse if charging is brought in in future. Although there are varied approaches to this subject across our council region could we not for once bring the areas that currently pay for the service into the general fold of free collection and take a cost out of their lives at this time of ever increasing costs instead of adding extra to the rest of us.
- I believe that by implementing an additional cost for green waste collection you will encourage more people to dipose of green waste in their general waste bin as this will incur no additional cost to the resident. These is counterintuitive if the idea of this subscription service is mainly justified by environmental sustainability.
- I can see more fly tipping happening as people won't pay for garden refuse service.
- I can see more fly tipping if there are charges introduced.
- I am elderly and so are many others on our park, we don't all drive so will not be able to take it to the tip, also we are on the breadline already.
- We already pay for collections in our council tax, and many people will not pay a further subscription. If our tax was reduced then maybe people would agree to paying a collection subscription. Subscriptions will lead to fly-tipping.
Most people currently take their excess garden waste to the Waste Recycling facilities
- Potential for increase in flytipping?
Provide more local drop off points for Garden Waste only in the smaller towns. The main recycling centres in Kettering for example are too busy at weekends to cope with extra garden waste. Plus it's more cars on the road making individual journeys.
- I think charging for this will result in more fly tipping & people using the black bin.
Compost can be sold by the council so we should not have to pay for the collection of it.
If more allotments were made available people could use this space for composting & could maybe help neighbours getting rid of theirs
- The council would lose the income it makes from selling the waste to the people who turn it into compost.
Make the service free to all, so you get more waste, then you make more money.
- Removal of any waste services will in my opinion result in an epidemic of fly tipping and be counter productive due to the costs to the council of clearing up this fly tipped rubbish around the county.

- I really do not agree with charging residents further when this has not been something that we have had to pay for previously. Cost of living is getting more expensive and people are struggling.
- More people will result to fly tipping
- Flytipping is already a problem around Corby and if the charge is implemented garden waste will increase this.

If collections will be only for those who subscribe it is inevitable that some non subscribers will fill the bins on collection day.

- We already pay through our council tax so additional charges for green bin collection would be an outrage particularly as so many utility provisions are increasing at such an alarming rate now. If you try and add additional charges for this service I believe a lot of people would be dumping rubbish in hedgerows etc causing more problems for all of us.
- In the village where I live there is often illegal dumping of tyres, sofas and rubbish in hedgerows and lanes. This will make the situation worse as people will just dump it
- The risk of introducing a charge is an increase in fly tipping.
- More people would dump their garden waste illegally so causing local services an additional cost which could be avoided by not making changes to the current system.
- The negative impacts have already been indicated. The process being adopted is flawed and has not properly taken into consideration the wider issues.

The service is already provided and included within the council tax.

Northamptonshire is a rural county where most properties have gardens and a change in policy will impact many. The introduction of a charge for garden waste is included within the council tax and the current authority, which represents the interests of its population was not voted in on this proposal.

No detailed consideration has been given to the negative impact of charging on physical and mental health, including additional costs that will appear within the health and social services. No consideration has been given to the negative impact on the environment, including the aims of reducing climate change? The assessment statement of reducing emissions from collection vehicles has not been properly thought through. Centralisation of garden waste services is more efficient and has less impact than alternative solutions such as individual cars taking waste to recycling centres (cost, use of fossil fuels, emissions, recycling centre traffic management issues, fly-tipping etc).

No consideration has been given to possible reduction in planting of trees, shrubs and plants where garden waste will be generated and require disposal.

No consideration appears to have been given to how garden composting is likely to work for property owners. Directing property owners to providers of composting bins at reported discounts is not appropriate.

The questionnaire appears to have already decided on an outcome and charging approach without following due process.

The approach adopted appears to have given little consideration to the the "LOCAL" requirements of the former councils and costs of these services that were included in the council tax. The area of authority has greatly increased but the local services may be very different from one area to another. This should be reflected in approach being adopted.

No consideration has been given to waste that is generated outside the curtilage of a property and how this waste is going to be dealt with in the future.

No consideration has been given to the refund of council tax where a service is no longer provided.

No consideration appears to have been given to innovative approaches to garden waste disposal, including schemes that are already in operation in across the country and which may be self funding.

No detailed impact assessment has been provided and no costed option appraisal has been attached. No breakdown of the costs of the existing service have been provided and no cost impact has been considered as a result of the proposals. In all, a very poor approach and one that does not fit with Local or National Government policy or best practice. .

- as mentioned previously i think a subscription charge will result in more fly tipping and people using other bins for green waste
- A major negative impact would be fly tipping if people had to pay extra.
I think they would refuse to pay extra and dump it somewhere else leaving the council to burden the cost of removing it.
- I think people are so stupid they would dump there garden waste in strange places. Home composting needs promotion.
- I understand the costs for the council.
But high standards for garden are expected by neighbours, council etc.
We're expected to keep on top of gardens but it's increasingly hard to rid of waste. However If waste was to sit around I would be willing to bet there would be complaints. It shouldn't be so hard or such hard rules to get extra bins or have increased costs. It's only make things harder with the only solution being increased messes and unruly spaces.
- I think it would add to the flytipping problem and encourage people to dispose garden waste into black bins or dump elsewhere.
- Not everyone will be able to afford or be prepared to pay so will allow gardens to overgrow. The aesthetics of the area will be spoiled. Overgrown gardens will attract vermin and foxes, subsequently leading to domestic food waste being strewn across gardens and streets (foxes in my area are able to climb on bins/knock them over).
- We already have dumped furniture and over flowing bins on our streets around the town centre, if nobody collected garden waste, black bins would overflow more with garden waste , it would just make matters worse, Kettering people are too lazy to take it to the recycling centre, the town centre terrace houses streets already stink with overflowing bins .
- You are putting poorer families under more financial strain.
Services have been reduced for more increasing costs.
You are encouraging fly tipping and dumping of grass/tree cuttings over fences causing anti social issues.
How about removing bins that are not being used or are surplus to requirements to GIVE to other users who need it rather than charging and all the money the [Redacted] save you in collecting fly tipped rubbish you should reconsider charging for garden removal waste
- Increase in fly tipping.
- This will cause issues with local residents I.e. is someone only uses their garden waste bin a few times per year they will opt out given the option. They still have garden waste, this will either end up in a neighbour's bin or left to blow around the street.
- If a resident does not have the means to meet the imposed cost of garden waste collection, then what do they do with it. Would it encourage 'fly tipping' of such waste?
- A lot of elderly people enjoy and take pride in their gardens, in the current economic climate with rising household costs and having to make the choice between heating and food, how can they find the money to pay for green waste collection this is something that should be covered within the council tax
- I think more fly tipping will happen from people. I think that the state of the country and government and the bills This really would send people in to more unnecessary debt

- Add to fly tipping
Manage your budgets better and stop trying to charge for things that are already being paid for
- I believe this would result in increased fly tipping! People are struggling to manage as it is with cost of living crisis and massively increased utility/fuel charges! Even the Government has decreed credit payments against Council Tax charges so any additional charge for removal of garden waste would negate/diminish that - I struggle to comprehend what wisdom NNUC have in even considering such a move, particularly at this time! 😡
- Please check my previous comments. The rising costs could reduce the purchase power. You could instead manage your budget and collect the garden waste for free on a monthly basis instead of fortnightly. This is enable households to self-manage and you can collect aggregate waste. People who are hiring professionals for garden/lawn maintenance often clear up the waste. So this needs to be considered.
- Fly tipping and burning of garden Easter will increase both with a negative effect on the community
- Answered earlier
- People would have bonfires, fly tip
- Reducing the service to the growing season only would force people to make alternative arrangements for off season disposals
Some years the growing season has extended through December or started as early as February
Expecting old people who are already paying for a service to get their garden waste ti a recycling center is an unnecessary burden
- I simply cannot afford to pay any more money out. I do not have any spare to pay for this service so would not be able to use it.
- I currently pay £2350 a year, so feel particularly annoyed at paying more. People don't drive but still contribue towards road maintenance. There would be more burning of garden waste, increased pollution and people would be suffering from the smell of burning waste and would have to close their windows in the summer months.
- Fly tipping; don't charge for the service.
Impact to wildlife (people using fake grass). Don't charge for the service.
Overgrown gardens; don't charge for the service.
- I think to charge residents who currently do not pay would be a controversial move this is especially so in the current climate when some families are struggling to feed their families or heat their homes.
I think there is also a danger that it will lead to more fly tipping.
- As previously stated I think if you implement a chargeable service this is going to end up with the council services cleaning up garden waste from their land anyway as people are already struggling with the cost of living so may not subscribe to this and instead just dump their waste elsewhere. We saw this happen when the local tip was closed.
- a phased in payment with garden fly tipping being monitored or being allowed to us the recycling centres as often as you like with garden rubbish
- I already pay almost 3000 pounds a year for council tax, I will clame benefits it the cost of live rise up again. I can't pay anything more. The cost of life it's already to high. If it continues I will start to have mental health issues which will lead to extra coast do the nhs, and they will loose a very qualified nurse.
- If there will be an additional charge for garden waste, flytiping will go out of control and it will be everywhere so council will have to spend even more money to collect it and clean up. Another way of getting rid of garden waste would be that it will be dumped in the general east bin -

people are not keen on paying any more charges, especially in these difficult times with inflation record high, prices of energy being record high as is cost for fuel and living cost.

- With everything else that is going up, this will hit people hard, especially pensioners.
- I think adding an additional charge on top of council tax will lead to more materials going to landfill as people will start using the black bin for garden waste.
- I foresee mass dumping outside the door steps of the county councillors looking to bring
- The negative impact is that families who can't afford this service will fly tip creating a bigger issue. Your local tips will be overrun with people taking their waste there. Furthermore, you will deepen the cost of living crisis. Whoever thought this was a good idea needs to give their head a wobble.
- I think you'll push people to dump their waste elsewhere
- Concerns me as there are already fly tipping issues of refuse around the local area, charging for this service will encourage and exacerbate this issue.

Council tax has gone up and will continue to, why isn't this covered by our council tax.

- Fly tipping, vermin nesting and infestation, smoke pollution for those that have to burn waste, extra cost in transport petrol etc to go to and from recycling centre as well as damage to vehicle doing the transportation, queues at the already inadequate waste recycling sites as they are only open on a couple of days during the week. The extra cost and the impact it will have on the elderly whose only pleasure is gardening and having an area they love to relax in. People everywhere are suffering from severe mental health issues their gardens and gardening have been proven to help with mental health. With the concern of worrying about an extra cost to something that is helping with mental issues I feel it will add more pressure to people, do you want to be held responsible for people to suffer with the extra anxiety this will bring when they are all ready struggling to meet living costs?....
- I will watch on Anglia News and read in the Evening Telegraph about people dumping garden waste in the local beauty spots. Then we will see a local councillor come on and saying how much of a disgrace this is and how much it costs to clean up every year.
As the council will not reduce our rates we then end up paying more money for no service and the countryside becomes a tip.
It is a very good job they are not running a company or they would soon go bust.
- Could impact by increasing fly tipping where people don't want to pay the charge
Could stop people maintaining gardens, decreasing house value
- Us pensioners already have too much financial pressures, without the local authority adding to them.
- Fly tipping. I would add not by me.
- Why should we pay? We have never paid before. Your customers even divide it as it is, this was never done in the past. You will turn the garden waste into compost then charge us for buying it. You might find people will place gardens and trees to avoid paying extra fees, not good for the environment. This also could end up with more illegal dumping.
- I always believed that garden waste was paid in our council tax, so why should we have to pay extra? I don't have a big garden and only have a small bin, so I don't put my bin out for emptying as often as those with larger gardens. It's unfair that we should have to pay, just because one town in the whole of North Northamptonshire has to! My little garden is my safe haven, to enjoy and relax in. With the rising costs of everything at the moment, finances are tight as it is, without adding more costs.
- There are many negative impacts of the above charging proposals.
The council needs to go back to determining its core function of providing services that its residents require, not merely identify an area where it thinks it can extract further funding.
The proposals are likely to have a negative impact on the:

Environment

- by increasing the volume of traffic and emissions to already busy waste recycling centres. Centralised collection is far more efficient and produces less emission as compared to multiple short journey movements.
- by increasing fly tipping, despite reports that such a change will not impact this practice. Lockdown during the pandemic saw a significant increase in fly tipping as a consequence of the recycling centres being closed or on reduced operating schedules.
- by reducing the willingness of residents to plant trees, shrubs and other plants due to them having to pay additional cost for collection of waste generated.
- by reducing soft landscaping and increasing hard landscaping with its negative impact on run-off and flooding.
- by reducing biodiversity.
- by increasing fly tipping, generally willingness to maintain residents local areas and the willingness of residents to keep their properties well maintained.
- increasing the cost associated with addressing these matters on other services within the council.

Residents Health

- by charging for waste collection, residents are likely to be less inclined to undertake gardening which will have a major impact on many. No recognition has been given to the benefits of gardening both on mental and physical health. Introduction of charging will have an impact on health and the impact will be seen in costs to the NHS and other services.

Residents financial situation

- charging for garden waste collection will obviously have a negative impact on the financial situation of those that require this service. This is at a time when many are struggling with the worst financial crisis they have experienced in 30-40 years. This will also impact mental health.
- If this service were to be charged extra, or withdrawn, people will resort to putting garden waste in black bins, therefore increasing the need for an already overused landfill sites
- See comments above. This would be just as fair if nobody paid but oddly, you don't make that an option.
- Garden waste should be picked up by council at no extra costs to any household. The price of living is considerably high and a lot of people will not be able to afford the extra price just to pick up garden waste. As a result garden waste will be disposed of unethically, most likely in the black bins, which will cost the council more.

I would suggest that garden waste is picked up by council at no extra cost between April-November once a month instead of every other week. This means every household that has a garden will definitely put their green bins out as grass cutting is usually done every other week or in the summer once a week. This would mean garden waste bins would be full enough for households to take out on garden waste collection day.

- I disagree with the concept of paying. This survey assumes you've already made up your minds. It's also been very poorly advertised. Shame on you
- As mentioned before - yet more fly tipping. Also, residents are being squeezed from every direction by a massive increase in the cost of living and most wages aren't keeping anywhere close.
- If you start charging for garden waste collection more will be fly tipped in area which is already happening and which costs more for council to clear. We already pay for household refuse we shouldn't have to pay extra. The council can recycle household garden waste for green spaces or even sell composted garden waste to the public.
- [Previous question] I would be forced to use the service; I don't see any other

- There will likely be an increase in flytipping of garden waste. People will also be more likely to burn waste as some items can't be composted and people don't have the means to chip down large items of garden waste.
- more people would use the bins and there would be less flytipping if the service was available through the council tax for every household. rather than people worrying about food bills or garden waste
- If people have to pay a separate fee, this will encourage fly tipping (at an extra clean up cost to the council), people may then just use the recycling centre which will become even more overwhelmed than it is now and become a nightmare to get to as you can't queue to get in and people are currently turned away. It's also not eco friendly to be waiting in a queue with your engine running.

Or people will just stick it in their black bin which is of more cost to the council. It seems that if we charge users of the service we'll end up paying for the fallout from people who don't want to pay the extra charge.

Our tiny gardens in new build homes are not big enough for a compost. Make gardens bigger and maybe people will be able to be more energy efficient.

Cut the service to only spring/summer months and not in winter when most don't need the service.

If you make people pay then those who can't afford it will not pay for the service and let their gardens become overgrown and unsightly, we don't want Corby to be a dump!

- Fly tipping will increase this will then cost money to clear up, more than the cost of taking the waste away..

Already pay enough council tax. Access to recycling centres is already terrible and would get worse as people switch to dropping their garden waste at these centres rather than pay the charges.

- As per previous comments, increased fly tipping, mixing in other bins causing more cost for the council.

The council should look at kerbside collection as a way of creating an income instead of stating it cost the council, if you construct the tender correctly the company that wins the tender should be composting and selling back to the public at a discount thus helping the environment.

It isn't rocket science get your act together please, the government is looking for all to save the planet so do your bit

- The negative impact would be that low income households who could not afford the charge would be penalised and there would be an increased risk of fly tipping which would result in a clear up costs to the council.

- The previous question was irrelevant as we have no choice but to continue using the service. Joining the council's together wasn't supposed to be more expensive. Corby council also managed to balance the books, I believe, with the system the way it was.

With the increasing cost of living, gas and electric going up do we need or want more costs added. NO

- Shorter period of collection would be detrimental as there is potentially a large amount of garden waste from winter pruning and end of season clearance

- Why is our recycling centres closed for two days a week when other such places in the country are open 7 days a week.

I can envisage queues again at the centres just like the lockdown - not ideal for zero carbon.

Many recycling centres around the country have online booking system which work very well and would keep down queues where people sit there with their engines idling especially when the weather is chilly.

- Current charges are excessive and people know other locations don't pay. This is a real disincentive to collect waste responsibly.
Negative impact would be reduced by a) providing community large bin and emptying it regularly
b) if not free, then lowering charge to £20-25 pa - while progressing to absorbing cost into general budget .
- I am happy the way things are based on whether you have and use the brown bins.
- I do believe bringing this new subscription would have a negative impact, we are paying a lot of money already and where I live we pay maintenance fees and for the amount of money we pay monthly we don't necessarily see the benefits of it. So adding additional charges will not go down too well and you'll probably see a rise in fly tipping and item's in the wrong bins.
- All garden waste should be recycled for fertiliser - then this could be bagged up and then sold to the general public
- I'm sure we would see an increase in illegal fly tipping of garden waste around the area which I believe would inevitably will cost more that the funds generated to clear up.
- It should not be included in the council tax as all the people claiming benefits don't pay anything which is not fair
- I've already made my comment about the negative impact of introducing charges i.e. the false economy of lorries having to pick off those households on its route that have paid for the service, rather than it being universal.
Another negative impact might be the likelihood of fly-tipping, where households can't or won't bother to go to the recycling centre, tipping their waste instead
- There are inevitably going to be those who do not wish to pay for what is at present a free service. If those using the service do not pay, then it is obvious that it will have to be paid for out of Council Tax. This will mean an increase for all.
- STOP THIINK more fly tipping
After all the council grass cuttings will have to go somewhere
THINK
- If you charge people for emptying garden waste there will be a rise in fly tipping. There is no hope to reduce this negative impact. Also people might use other waste bins for their garden waste.
- By implementing this many households will cause more environmental damage to avoid paying a subscription charge, in order to reduce wasted refuse vehicle journeys, the council could implement an online survey to each tax payer prior to the visit that requires answer, whether collection is required or not. This way would reduce wasted journeys, in turn reducing emissions.
- Absolutely negative impact. In an ever increasing society where people are struggling financially, adding extra costs for something avoidable is just the councils way of scrapping more money in.... Despicable
- Many folk especially pensioners and the disabled cannot afford to pay even more especially in this current climate of inflation. Many older fold have only their gardens as a form of exercise and enjoyment.
- Compost is so expensive to buy in garden centres (circa £6 to £12) for 50/60 litres.
Why cant the NNC build its own compost recycling centre and run it commercially.
- I think it would be negative because.
 - 1.People will dump their waste on the verges as they do now with rubbish, mattresses etc.
 - 2.People on low income will be forced to remove green items such as grass or trees and bushes from their property reducing the well being effects of nature.
 - 3.It is another stretch on the budget at the present time despite where you are living.
 - 4.It opens up opportunities for scammers to tap in to vulnerable people by suggesting cheaper less reliable options

5. People without gardens still enjoy the green spaces created by others.
6. Gardens will become less frequently maintained if it costs to fill up a bin.

- N/A
- With the cost of living crisis beginning to bite, I don't think now is the time to charge extra for garden waste disposal. I think a lot of people would stop using their green bins and put it in the black bins, which will be more costly for the council.
I think the proposed extra charge should be dismissed at this time.
- Clearly any such charge will increase the amount of fly tipping which we already see locally and by definition cost the local authority to clear which is, I assume, passed on to the residents. If people decide to dispose of the waste properly this will increase the reliance upon the use of motor vehicles and of course individual carbon footprint.
- If you start charging people to dispose of green waste this will only cause more fly tipping across the community, people using their other bins in the wrong way. People are already struggling to pay bills, everyone pays council tax and this should cover bin disposal! This move would 100% be the wrong choice.
- We pay council tax that keeps going up yet you want more money. You introduced the multiple collections and bins, we never asked for it and now you want to stealth tax us by saying garden collection is additional. Also it was you that merged the councils (again we didn't ask for it) so why are we paying because they are different?
- Let's face it this is a further money making scheme from the council. In times of economic hardship for all families why are you considering raising costs. This will result in further fly tipping, fires in gardens which is generally unpleasant and people being poorer. Really disappointing!!!!
- As before - use of general waste collections, fly tipping, increased car useage/pollution to take green waste to tip.
- No one wants to pay for garden refuse collection if they don't have a garden.
Rates already reflect bigger houses have larger gardens.
Less queues at the tip.
Reduction in carbon foot print. Helps everyone.
Reduction in tip visits we used to go 10 times in summer now we hardly visit at all
Less bonfires from people burning the rubbish and reduction in smoke nuisance
Less nuisance calls to the council complaining about fly tipping and bonfires.
Reduce risk of lung cancer from bonfires.
- I am NOT in favour of charging for the collection of garden waste in North Northamptonshire for the following reasons:
 - North Northamptonshire in particular Corby and Wellingborough have a high number of areas of multiple deprivation. For many households having to pay for the disposal of garden waste will add to already increasing financial pressures and may lead to an increase in defaults of Council Tax and related charges.
 - A significant amount of Council Tax is not collected in the year it is owed. This can lead to an increase in retrieval costs of any arrears to the Local Authority and can quickly outweigh any potential for increased spending on local amenities.
 - Not every one is able to compost can lead to unfair charges/practices. Especially with an increase in compostable packaging that can only be put in the general household waste. By reducing the period of collection for garden waste and making it a free service can prove helpful for both the Authority and residents.
- Why do we pay Council tax, Income tax and get taxed (VAT) ,on everything we buy. As a pensioner my money does not increase enough annually to cover all the increased costs we have. I.e. Council tax etc. so to then have to pay to have our garden waste removed is yet

another burden. On another note, you will have people who do not pay, putting their rubbish into someone else's garden bin. The whole thing is ridiculous.

- Garden waste will just be put in to black bins
- With no regular clearing of garden rubbish this would encourage fly tipping around the country side which in the end would cost more to clear up and hence additional costs to the ratepayers.
- I think people have been squeezed enough we haven't had a pay rise in decades and people will fly tip.
- You will drive people to fly tip or they will put all their waste in the black bin.
- I believe the costs for the garden bin are already covered in the charge for Kettering and have not caused significant concern for many years. However, the easy option is to build in an additional cost for household owners. I believe this is unnecessary and an easy way to raise more in tax without actually putting up the council tax costs.
- Garden waste collection is a service provided by the Council, and all domestic properties in any one council area should be treated in a standardised way (subject to different council tax bands, of course).

Garden waste collection is one of many services provided by NNC. Not everyone uses every service. And different people use different services. But the council tax should cover all services irrespective of who uses what.

For instance, in over 40 years in this house, we have never had a child in the state school system. But we are happy to pay for children in other households to be schooled. On the other hand, we do use the public library whereas many other people do not.

Council tax is different for each of the tax bands according to property value, which in part takes account of different people's financial situation. Conversely, a charge for kerbside garden waste collection would be a flat fee/tax and would thus definitely hit poorer people more than better-off people. Charging for garden waste collection as a separate charge and would be a regressive tax.

SUMMARY:

All kerbside waste/recycling collection should be paid for from within the basic Council Tax.

- This will lead to more fly tipping so will cost the council more in the long run.
- With the current economic state we are all in, the last thing we need is the council adding yet another tax, try sweating your assets, your waste vehicles run from Kettering to Corby daily, average mpg is 4 miles per gallon that is an additional £70k a year compared to when they ran out of Corby.

You waste our money....

- I feel that due to the current economic climate with huge rises in energy prices impacting on every aspect of people's lives the Council should NOT impose subscriptions for this service but, if cost cutting is required, it should firstly try the option of a March to November free garden waste service.
- there will be more fly tipping, more pollution re burning
- Please note previous comments. This is penalizing residents of Corby for mismanagement in other areas. It would be detrimental to the councils recycling targets. It will increase fly tipping and no doubt cause problems at recycling centres.

An included service between the growing months (March- November) would be more than sufficient for our needs.

- This is just an excuse to extort more money from already stretched people. Council Tax is our largest outgoing, even with the increases in Energy.

We have the ability so choose Energy suppliers but here we are stuck with a poor performing council who wants to charge more for less.

Just a general thought - how much did it cost me as a tax payer for all the new vans and liverys when the council was rebranded?

- Increase in landfill
- Fly tipping is already bad enough and would escalate even more, resulting in more costs to the council to clear it .
Some people would have bonfires in their gardens causing very dangerous situations and accidents.
- We already pay enough council tax which should include the bins being emptied. It's just greed. You will get people dumping their rubbish everywhere so the council will have to pay more people to go around picking up the rubbish. Our countryside is bad enough with people throwing litter everywhere and you will make it worse. Look at where the council's money is spent and sort it from the top!!!
- Charging will cause people not to use the service and will increase fly tipping and using the black bin therefore do not charge!
- yes it will have a negative impact as people just can't take any more financial pressure over the bills I don't see why there needs to be another charge as you empty black brown bins one week green another and for 6 months a year the green bins are rarely used it's like everyone is money grabbing people cannot afford to pay out what they don't have people are going to be starving and can't afford to heat their homes which is unfair on the elderly and the sick plus people on a low income and people with kids what part of being fair to people does everyone not understand because fly tipping will get worse then the council will be moaning about the cost to clean it up sorry but you will bring it on yourselves
- How will you know who has paid and who hasn't?
- People will either burn or out in black bin that they already pay for
- I think a lot more fly tipping will take place rather than paying for garden waste to be collected
- I can't see any negative impact, only positive. It would mean the council gets more money in subscriptions whilst paying out a lot less to those on a currently free service.
- Pay enough council tax already
- Fly tipping would "without any doubt" increase
- Financial impact on already suffering NN residents.
Paying a subscription payment for service infrequently used. I have one bin and get at least 4 cuts of grass before putting it out to be collected between March and November. Zero during the winter. I've done two cuts so far this year, it will be June before I put my bin out to be collected. The council could streamline the service and collect less frequently I.e. Once every two months instead of every two weeks.
- People would just dump it, with today's record energy price and Council Tax and inflation rises people are not going to pay for another service which was originally paid for from their council tax.
If you were in touch with the working man you would see this is clearly the wrong time to try and introduce something like this
- Keep the service going for free and bring other areas in line.
- It would encourage fly tipping which costs the council more to remove.
Wildlife would be impacted from the fly tipping which would affect the ecosystem.
More people would not recycle but use the black bin inappropriately. Resulting the council into paying more to then check black bin waste.
- Maybe make it a monthly collection to keep costs to a minimum. Also possibly not required all year round
- I believe that this change will encourage fly tipping, people will put garden waste into black bins. Many households are already suffering financial burdens, this will make this burden worse.

- This will create more fly tipping
- Household finances are increasing tremendously. Any additional cost is very difficult to accept.
- If councils could only stop arbitrary restrictions and stick with a universal model, the roads and byways would tidy up. Rubbish is just that whether the source is domestic or commercial. Burning is environmentally unfriendly too but that is where you would force us to go. You should consider unintended consequences far more than you currently do.
- People who don't want to pay will just dump their garden rubbish wherever they see fit - including over the fence of another garden.
- Increased levels of fly tipping. This would lead, we believe, lead to much higher costs to the tax payer due to the need to clear up this issue.
- People are already taxed to the hilt in this country. Why should people in East Northants. pay more while people in Wellinborough do not pay for this at all?. When will the council begin to consider the best fiscal interests of their electors and providing us with a decent service, offering good value, instead of devising fresh ways to profit from them?.
- It would encourage fly tipping
- This is a crazy idea, many people are going through hard times as it is. We pay too much already for council tax the garden waste collection needs to continue as it is. Said before November to March do not need collections as there is little gardening going on then.
- Being forced to incinerate garden waste will be detrimental to the environment and will cause neighbourhood friction
- The policy has always been to be greener in the use of bins many properties faithfully use the green bin services all round and have several bins if required for a larger garden. The waste is taken to a Green Recycling Centre to be dealt with the Council receives a remittance for this keeping the cost down for the service provided.
- Negative impact on environment, encourage fly tippers etc
- Collection should be every two weeks as it is for our area.
Reducing the service would be inconvenient and may cause fly tipping problems for some households.
- I feel the introduction of charging for this service will just increase the amount of fly tipping in the county.
- Make the charges the same for all the councils so that the councils become unified as soon as possible
- [Redacted] is a small cul de sac which has the green belt adjoining the [Redacted] crossing the top of it. In which there are a great number of trees in it, which are council property in the autumn when the trees are loosing there leaves a great deal of which fall into our street and gardens we the residents spend a great deal of time collecting these leaves and place them in our green bins for collection . This takes place over several months.
If the council stop the green waste collection, could you explain how we dispose of all these leaves or will the council be sending there operatives to collect / sweep up all your leaves.
- Disgraceful - pay enough council tax!!
- For the good of the environment - tidiness / fly tipping, co2 levels - it should continue to be included as a foc service covered by our not inconsiderable council taxes. Especially as the vehicles & staff will still be employed anyway, better value for money keeping it.
- If you don't make it fair for everyone for example not charging some areas and sticking with charging the ones already paying then I will campaign to get ours emptied free like the other areas do!
- People will put it in the black bin instead.

- It would be sensible for the Council to consider ensuring that each area has the same collection months. So, Kettering would be the same as Wellingborough i.e. 7 months and not what they currently have.
The cost of Council Tax has risen extensively. A further cost could put some families further into debt or lead some to use other methods of waste disposal such as dumping garden waste. We already have a problem with rubbish being dumped in our surroundings which the Council has to clear. This tax will exacerbate the problem.
- I believe people would not be able to pay and would be dumping their garden waste wherever it suits them. It is very hard for people to keep up with the rising prices as it is, and this is just an extra payment that many houses would not be able to afford.
- This is not a service I would use but do not agree with it. People are already being financially crippled with the rise of petrol, food and gas/electric, council tax, rent and mortgages. This and yet another charge which adds to the stress and worry
- People will just put it in a bag and dump it somewhere or put it in the black bin
- Couldn't afford extra cost
- People putting it in their black bins, not getting the environmental benefits.
- People are already struggling with household bills. Given the choice, people would not pay the subscription to save money for food or heating so garden waste would not be recycled or composted, it would be put in black bins.
- You will find most pensioners keep the garden tidy and it be another cost many are already struggling
- It's taking money out of people's food budgets/bill budgets, there's going to be a lot of unkempt gardens
- I suspect that the incidence of fly tipping of waste would increase if the service was charged for. Presumably all households produce kitchen waste that is expected to be disposed of via the grey bin, if the charge is introduced and people chose not to use it presumably they will just dispose of it in general waste
- With the cost of living at the moment & it rising weekly, many people simply can not afford another charge. Change the free collection dates to March to November. Introduce a charge if people want collections outside of these months. It'll be like going backwards people will stop separating and go back to putting everything in the general waste bin. Wouldn't this cost more money?
- Increased rubbish dumped within the community.
People putting rubbish into neighbours bins once they are out on the street.
The already long and slow queues at the recycling centre just increasing which will put people off using it and the knock on effect of that would be increased fly tipping.
At a time of over increasing living costs this is a cost that most of us simply cannot afford on top of everything else.
- More fires. Air quality reduced in densely populated areas. For councillors living in more well to do areas they won't be affected.
- I think making people have to pay for it will result in many people without morals or scrupulous tipping their waste somewhere. Whilst our garden waste is collected free of extra charge at the moment, everybody in my area takes pride in their gardens and there is no fly tipping. I am extremely afraid that you introducing extra charges will have an adverse effect on that and on our neighbourhoods.
- You think fly-tipping is bad now?? Wait and see what happens if you start charging for garden waste collection!
You'll end up paying more to sort the problem (of fly tipping).
Collection and composting by the council is the right thing to do environmentally.

There's plenty of other areas that £3M could be saved that'd have less negative impact on the whole community.

- Of course it will have a negative impact, everything is becoming unaffordable!
- As I said before some people who can't afford to pay this extra won't bother doing their gardens so the area becomes a mess or the waste would just be left lying in the streets
- People will dispose of garden waste indiscriminately and this will cause the council more to clear up.
- I think ALL domestic waste collection should be paid in the household council tax. Splitting out waste costs is asking for vermin, flies and other pests/ animals to encroach into gardens.
- More flytipping
More bonfires
- With the rising costs in living, fuel, food I think this would have a negative impact on people's already stretched budgets.
- Fly tipping will increase! Neighbours likely to fill up other residents bins. How are the council going to police this?
- Fly tipping will increase substantially
- Be dumped in street. I am disgusted
- More fly tipping as council rates are already a joke and most cannot afford
- I feel if it wasn't universally applied, those who use it less would utilise the bins if those who do pay, or more likely they would fly tip it.
- Council tax increases, services are cut for the average person who doesn't have much contact with the council. To those who don't use additional care services or grants or benefits provided by the council, it feels as if we get less and less for more and more money every year. Making people pay more money for a service we've had for free up until now is frankly unjustified. Cut the salaries of some higher up council staff and use that to partially cover the cost. Adding more taxes on normal, working class people will only lead to more resentment towards the council, which is already significant in most cases.
- We don't have much garden waste at all small grass in back garden as concrete drive at the front and a third of back garden concrete however I don't think it's fair just because people have a garden working or not they should be penalised for it.
Would be interested in what the alternative would be if garden waste could be taken to allocated places free of charge again not possible for a lot of families. Again more pressure more bills inflation rising wages not meeting the inflation rates affecting people who are less wealthy.
- There will be more fly tipping and more garden waste going to landfill
- In these hard times when all the prices go up for fuel, energy etc I feel like this is just a joke. I'm the only one working with 2 kids and wife and I struggle as it is. This will make people dump the garden waste everywhere.
- I think if people had to pay extra there would be a lot of people just dumping it in on the side of road
- You would penalise people in rural areas, particularly the elderly or those without their own transport
- You will create more fly tipping, those who can't afford it.
You may offer reduced rate for those who get help on their council tax, but those who don't can't afford the extra payments, and don't get help I feel it's unfair on those who work hard.
Maybe provide households with a garden with a composting box if they choose to? Instead of the brown bins.
- Negative impact if bins not collected all year round.
- Increasing road side dumping

- Firstly, the free service isn't free. I pay council tax. Secondly, charging a yearly fee will lead to fly tipping, burning of waste, misuse of black bins to name a few. This would be really bad for the environment and cause a nuisance and the responsibility would lay squarely with the council. It seems like the council could not care less about their environmental responsibilities or the increasing strains on low income households.
- People would opt out and not cut their grass, leaving the town unkempt
- As stated previously this has the potential to increase fly tipping. It al could also mean an increase in people using home incineration / garden bonfires. Whilst we compost at home not everything is suitable for home composting.
- If the council started to charge would any excess money go towards highways for road repairs . And also with regards to only travelling to collect at houses that pay for collection they will still have the same travelling distance as it might just be one collection in one street.
- These proposals will only lead to an increase in fly tipping throughout the area, placing increased costs on the council.
- I think you need to seriously look at the situation this country is in right now with regards to costs of fuel / heating / food costs. It's at an all time high so I think pushing people to pay more isn't fair. We pay a lot in taxes, as it is. When does it get to the point where people literally have no money to eat yet are being charged over garden waste collection. I think priorities need to be relooked at for all involved.
- I think paying extra at the current time would cause more people to fly tip their waste leading to increased costs to the council anyway.
- I think we are paying for more than enough so regardless of all these different bins we do pay for them to be emptied so what's the problem! U would not pay more & there would be more & more fly tipping which would intact more money for you to remove so just empty the bins provided!
- this will lead to fly tipping
- Mega high council tax already without adding a garden waste bin collection charge.
Impact could be that many will put garden waste into black general bins
Many households do not have space for home composting so need the garden waste collection.
Many do not want compost heaps in garden because of rats.
Adding another charge to households at this time when fuel prices are rocketing and people are struggling is insensitive to say the least
Having had ' free' Waste collection (ie it paid for through other taxes) this is just another way of council extracting money. Everyone should have free collection . Appalling that charges were ever introduced in some areas.
- I feel fly tipping will rise hugely, I also feel there will be a HUGE environmental impact from people burning their garden waste. I also feel that the cost of living crisis will worsen at a time when people already cannot afford to feed themselves ! I would also love to know what your plans are for the current garden waste bins that are not going to be sitting dormant? More plastic waste ???
- Choosing between heating, eating or disposing of waste!!
- Fly tipping would increase costing the council more to remove it.
- See my comments made earlier.
Why when we were made to use grey bins by you, do you think you can now start charging us!?
Clearly most folk will just put their waste in the black bin .
Others will fly tip!
Both will cost you more in the long run.
You cannot start charging extra for services we pay for through council tax.
You can't use this as a licence to print yourselves more money.

- As a resident on the Leasure village each house hold is responsible for a part of the shrubbery's planted on the public foot paths this provides a green and pleasant living environment, surly we should not have to pay to dispose of the garden waste that is produced. Many houses already let the shrubs over grow the pavement, this will only get worse if people are expected to pay to get rid of garden waste on top of the waste generated from pathway greenery. Are the council going to take over maintenance of these areas?
- Flytipping more likely. Could families on Universal credit have free bins if charging is separate? Not collecting in winter would impact leaf disposal particularly. I know folk in Wellingborough who struggle with this. Maybe no collection from Christmas to end of January would work.
- So many households are suffering through higher energy costs, paying twice what they did, fuel costs increasing every week, but wages have not increased to cover this. NI has gone up, reducing take home pay. Council tax increases every year. Food prices are increasing every day. Where do you think people are going to get this extra money from to pay even more? Stop pricing people out of life. Collect the garden waste once a month in the summer.
- The questions in this survey are biased towards the areas in North Northamptonshire that do not pay! This questionnaire suggests from its questions that a fee will not change for Oundle. This is a negative.
- I've never voted labour but I will do if you add this cost after putting council tax up as high as possible.
- Subscription would produce and increase in fly tipping which the council would then have to budget for to clean up anyway.
- In rural areas a large number of people with gardens that need to be maintained are pensioners and others on limited or fixed incomes. increasing the charge for this at a time when many are already struggling would not be a progressive step.
- Better money management. Stop making the people of NN suffer for your mistakes. People can't afford to eat, pay for heating, full their cars at the minute and it's completely out of touch to suggest now would be a good time to pressure people with more charges !!!! When we haven't even received our £150 rebate yet.
How about putting council tax into communities and consulting properly with us rather than trying to find ways to pay mates and increase councillors expenses. The Northampton and Kettering town rejuvenation spending is a prime example of a waste of money. That amount of money is just not necessary for the jobs that are being carried out, it could have been much better spent.
- Fly tipping may occur and I would imagine garden waste is more difficult to prosecute. However, on the plus side it may degrade quicker and better.
- I think this is quite unfair - my garden bin literally only goes out about 3 times per year. If a charge is to be brought in then I, along with many other residents, will be forced to either place garden waste in my black bin or burn it.
- I see many residents (and myself) help keep council owned verges mown, neat and tidy, and at the same time cleaned of rubbish thrown from passing cars etc. Having to pay for a bin will discourage this.
- It will break my bank with the current economic crisis. I will have to forgo my gas/electricity bill for a month to pay for waste disposal to the council.
- If I had to pay for the garden waste to be collected I would put it in the black bin.
- Any waste disposal not funded centrally will lead to an increase in fly tipping.
- As I previously stated: increase in fly tipping, unnecessary bonfires - pollution. Increase in queues at tips.
- As I have already said people would burn it increasing pollution! More fly tipping! dispose of it in black bin. Ends up in landfill. None of these are good for the environment. You want to become carbon neutral but already none of the above are good for the environment.

- With families already stretched to the limit with their finances this will add something else which many cannot afford. I think we will see more flytipping as people will just not be able to afford the charge. Also if people take their own waste to the tip then that is got to be bad for the environment as you will have many more car journeys fumes going into the air where as it is only one council vehicle collecting many bins instead.
- Everything in the world is costing us more and now the council are to implement this when we lay more and more for Council services anyway. This to me is the only service we use as a household so why should we be made to pay more just because we have a garden? It will also encourage people not to recycle and they will just cram it in black bin for no extra cost
- It would put a high stress on families struggling with paying the bills
- Save money in a different way - refuse pay increases to WFH council employees; using similar logic since its "unfair" on the ones coming to work & paying for expensive fuel car costs - & see how unions react to that idea ?
- As mentioned before
- As I previously mentioned council tax is paid for services such as waste collection, so why should there be an extra charge for garden waste?
- Paid collection will encourage many to put garden water in the black bin, or dump it elsewhere. If people do dispose of the waste at a recycling centre this will lead to more traffic on the roads, queuing at the centre etc, all of which has a negative impact on the environment. Charging will discriminate against lower paid workers, many of whom work in essential ail services such as social care.
- This should be a service operated as now - covered by the council tax.
The idea of separating the garden waste from normal waste was a good one. It means the council can organise composting and can also turn a profit by selling the compost back to residents. Helping the planet at the same time as making money. Why would you need to make an even greater charge on residents !!
- Any additional bill will have negative impact on quality of life
- There will be a further increase in fly tipping costing the council even more in inefficient tidying up costs
We already pay too much so why should a free service become a paid service....wellingboro obviously made it work! Savings from reducing Kettering and Corby times to mar-Oct could then help cover the cost of east Northants current subscription service being abolished
- We already pay some of the highest taxes in Europe and the inept North Northamptonshire Council want to push more charges on hard working people to cover there own ineptitude
- I always thought it was recycled and the council receives money for it. Is this not true?
I always worry people will dump their garden waste or just put it in black bin.
- You need to think about the average household and the impact that this will have on them having to pay for this service
- The council must look forward to piles of garden waste left in remote locations by householders in the hope that it becomes part of the countryside. Still it gives the environmental people something to do, and think of all those nice juicy fly tipping fines.
- Just more and more charges which are already extortionate.
Alternatively just reduce our bills and give us a choice.
Absolutely appalling
- More fires, more fly-tipping.
- A reduction in service or a charge will cause many people to dump or burn their waste, so increasing other costs for the council to remove dumped waste. Burning will result in increased

pollution and alienation within communities. I feel this is the old adage of 'knowing the price of everything and the cost of nothing'. I hope the council will not introduce a charge.

- See previous response
- As I only have a small garden and live close to our household waste recycling centre, I am likely to take the waste myself to the recycling centre rather than pay an annual subscription charge to have a garden waste bin collection service. I also feel that a service is needed for March-November only rather than all year round.
- Increase fly tipping
- If you start charging to this service, a lot of home owners will dump their garden waste in country roads, laybys, gateways etc which will cost the council even more to collect and dispose of, common sense should tell you this!
- If there were to be a charge for garden waste collection, I think more people would seek to reduce their need for garden waste collection, resulting in less green spaces. This would be a terrible shame, especially in new build areas where gardens are small and so there is greater temptation to avoid the need for garden waste altogether. I appreciate that if there is no charge, some people are contributing to a service they don't use, but I feel this is a poor argument. I already contribute towards many services I don't use, including the waste collection services. We're a very environmentally friendly household, producing less than 30l of black bin waste every 2 weeks. I'd far rather you charged residents for black waste collection to encourage more environmentally friendly habits!
- I think it will not be good for the environment with people likely to fly tip. I also think people don't need to pay more money.
- We pay enough for council tax
- Even more fly tipping.
- There is a lot of fly tipping now and I think it would get worse.
- The negative impact would be on the cleanliness of the area.
Keep collecting green waste as is the case now
- Just a note regarding how many bins and if you have more than 1 bin should you pay more. So when you put someone in a council house, and like many, the entire front and back garden is fenced with hedges and not fences, because the council want the hedges, believe me it's not the residents, you're going to charge them more because they need more bins to get rid of all the hedges you insist they have ? I think you will find people just do what they want without your permission, like remove them!!
- With us currently being in a cost of living crisis not seen since the 50s you would be extremely irresponsible to start charging a subscription service when residents already pay thousands in council tax and for what?
- People are struggling enough at the moment to pay their bills & probably could not afford yet another bill on top of what they already pay
- 7% inflation can't afford more cost as no wage increase so to pay for bin to be emptied is less food on table for family
- By introducing a charge it is inevitable that Fly-Tipping will increase which ultimately the Council will have to deal with and will have more waste to put in Landfill from an increase in Black bin usage. Years ago residents had 1 bin to empty - through Re-cycling we now have 3 - garden waste was recycled into Compost and the Council used to sell it - has this stopped ?
- I think there will be an increase in fly tipping. People would have no respect for the council. The black bin will have green waste in it which isn't helping the environment. The only way to not have this outcome is to not enforce this.
- Every year the council tax bill goes up, it's enough.

- Negative impact on households not paying at the moment as they feel council tax should cover this and are already struggling financially.
Garden waste will be put in black bins.
- There is a risk that people will use their general waste to put garden waste in, so to save a 'subscription' cost. This may lead to an increase in landfill demand which should not be the direction we should be going. Plus there is a landfill tax, so this may be a false economy! A cost neutral service is the direction we should be aiming for. The garden waste service should be a clear separate budget that does not draw off critical services budgets.
- I firmly believe in a service April to November, very little garden waste is produced during winter. Start charging everyone and you will see black bin volumes increase. For once the council needs to be sensible and apply common sense.
- If you bring in extra charges (without reducing the current council tax bill by the appropriate amount for this service - we already pay for this in our current council tax!) then I will choose instead to burn the majority of my garden waste. This is how we used to deal with garden waste in the past and is presumably why green waste collections were introduced to prevent waste being burnt.
- Seems to be a step backwards to go back to burning our garden waste
- There will be more fly tipping across the country. It would also be burdensome on those who cannot afford to pay extra
- Fly tipping smoke from burning
- With rising costs it creates a very negative approach. It can be avoided by keeping things as they are. Given that more people will choose to stay at home due to less disposable income this seems an unfair time to charge for something we have been used to.
- I think it will likely increase the amount of people disposing of the waste incorrectly/inappropriately.
I try to avoid HWRC as much as possible as there are always queues.
- Just think that we're on a fast slide to everything going up astronomically with this government except for pensions and fixed benefits even for people who are working hard. We won't be voting Conservative again.
- People will either dump waste or put it in the black bin.
- I've said all that I need and want to, not that anyone will bother reading any of it as this consultation is very clearly a tick box exercise out of duty to show face.
- I feel that lots of people just wouldn't dispose of garden waste correctly. We have a huge problem with fly tipping in Northamptonshire and whilst we obviously wouldn't see fridges coming out of the garden waste pile there would still be people disposing of it just anywhere or leaving it by the side of the road.
- It would most definitely cause hardship for most people...I'm trusting that someone will see sense and do the right thing....
- People will be dumping the garden waste as many believe and are paying too much already for council tax
- More illegal tipping (fly tipping)!
- I will consider fly tipping as that's what lots of people do. The council will pay to clean it up regardless. This idea will not save money.
- Carry on the way we are.
- Feel we already pay enough in council taxes
- We pay enough already through our Council Tax with various extras that are added for which we do not get value so further burden put on us in the current economic climate is not welcome!!

- Your proposals may increase garden waste being burned at home which is dangerous and environmentally unfriendly.
It could increase fly tipping
It is contrary to government policy to encourage recycling.
- I've made my comments as to why u don't agree
- As it is some people dump the waste on roadside, overbushes and country walks. Imagine what it would be like if people refuse to pay and do the afore mentioned We know they do it now dumping household rubbish in country roads etc.
- I think it would be more affordable to allow people to pay monthly by direct debit - as an option - even if they take on the commitment to have the bin for a year at a time so are expected to pay for 12 months just splitting the cost. As so many people now choose to heat or eat, or buy fuel for cars, trying to find £50 in any one month could be really hard, especially when electricity/gas prices rise again. If people don't opt in because it's too expensive, you'll end up with rats and other nuisances because waste is not removed.
- I think there would be a substantial increase in fly tipping.
- Increase in fly tipping
- It's all pay or no one pays. You cannot pick one service and charge extra unless you offer the same for all services currently not used by everyone.
- How will you stop people simply putting their bin out next to a subscription payer? Emptying just 1 bin could result in the wrong one being emptied. Plus, please read my other comments. This entire consultation is ridiculous. If you propose this I then propose a rebate on other services we do not use. I'd welcome the results on a consultation around this. I have never called the fire brigade, or police to my home. Nor have I had occasion to do so. If we are going to propose an itemisation of services already paid for and included, a rebate should be given on those unused. I'm pretty sure you have my bank details.
- We already pay council tax for services and so far not paid for garden waste removal. Try levelling down for a change and make the tax worth it for a change.
- Charge less if only collected on growing season, I would be more inclined to subscribe to this then.
- See earlier comment.
- See earlier comments.
- I think charging will lead to increased fly tipping in our area which is already a problem
- Will still produce fly tipping of garden waste.
- To introduce MORE charges in the current economic climate will only result in MORE waste being fly-tipped! This then means that the Council will have to remove the waste, which will only add to the council tax charges! The costs that the Council will then spend on clearing up fly-tipped waste will probably be equivalent to what the costs for the brown bin collections will be, so NO gain!! Also, INNOCENT land owners etc. will have additional costs to clear up the fly-tipped waste!
- An introduction of a charge is going to lead to more fly tipping which is already bad in our county so the council will pay for it anyway.
- Fly tipping is out of control in rural areas- this is just going to add to the problem
- This whole thing is ridiculous we pay enough as it is stop wasting tax payers money on inflated wages and start spending it where it needs to be spent. If you are short of revenue push to have parking tickets and traffic offence tickets coming to the local area and then start clamping down on the thousands of idiots on the roads who don't follow the laws of the land.
- Another rip off
- I think the negative impact would be the fly tipping of garden waste.

- One of the reasons given for paying annually is that lorries will make less journeys as they will only go to houses who have paid the charge. Working out which houses have paid will be time consuming for the drivers and people will still put out their bins even if they haven't paid the charge. Also, although a household may have paid the charge, they may be away or not cut their lawn one week so the lorry will still make an unnecessary journey if they are the only house on one particular street who have paid the charge and they haven't put out their bin. Also, I think the majority of households won't pay the charge and therefore household recycling centres won't be able to cope with the extra volume of visitors and traffic queues will block neighbouring roads. People are already struggling financially at the moment and will struggle to find the extra money for this.
- We currently have a neighbour that dumps their garden waste next to a nearby field. More people would do this if there is increase in charge.
- Stop this service and yet again fly tipping will increase. In the current economic climate the Council is looking to add to household costs. Always thought the new structure would have a detrimental effect so no surprises here. Suggest you cut the chief executives salary and scrutinise expenses claims.
- Fly tipping would increase.
- It's likely to increase fly tipping which nobody wants surely!
- as I understand it the council do sell the garden waste to someone for composting but no one has mentioned how much they receive for its sale, so I'd be very interested in how much they receive and if that money is being used to support the service.
- Charging to dispose of garden waste is likely to encourage more fly tipping of garden waste. People should be encouraged to keep their gardens tidy not discouraged. I personally do not produce much landfill waste but still pay the same as those people who's bins are overflowing.
- if you impose a charge along with other rises it may lead to more fly tipping and also how do you expect those on low income to pay any new charges if they are struggling with house hold bills now
- Some people would put garden waste in their grey bin others may fly top it as some people already do in a small wooded area on Redhill Grange where I live and nothing is ever done about it.
- The cost of living is going up but wages do not match. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to live let alone maintain a home. Council tax is already high and it is very difficult to see where the money is being used in many circumstances. Having all bins emptied regularly is one of the few things that is clear to see where the money is used. People simply cannot afford more increases and additional charges.
- If you start to charge areas where you collected for free you will get more fly tipping therefore incurring greater cost.
Therefore just introducing free collection for all will work out more cost effective as at present only households in the old east Northants region pay for collection which is a smaller area as not everyone has a garden bin
- Rip off!!
- I really feel that if the waste collection staff had to only go to specific addresses it would be more time consuming than it is at present.
- We already have a cost of living crisis and on the pretext of harmonising services you want more money out of us.
- If the charge was i.e £50 for the whole year then March to November should be proportionately less i.e "£30
- At the moment, collections are fortnightly, these vehicles are being used for blue, green and black bins, so either you are looking to reduce waste or jobs, at the end of the day the

service is necessary, and I can only see fly tipping increasing, as at this time people cannot afford to live, let alone pay more taxes.

- People won't pay, council tax is already high enough as it is. There will be more fly tipping. Keep the service included under current council tax payments but reduce to March-November
- Council could provide free composting bins
- There will be an increase in fly tipping and pollution caused by burning. The council will always have insufficient resources to deal with this and it is likely that imposing a charge won't be cost effective. The council has a long history of wasting taxpayers money and increasing charges to mitigate their laziness and inefficiency. Enough is enough. The public is already an unpaid recycler yet the council continues to put recycled waste into landfill because it is useless at management level. Its high time the council took waste management seriously and gave value for money
- Having to pay for the service would increase fly tipping of garden waste onto rural roads and lay-bys
- Fly tipping would increase; people would stop looking after their gardens;
- I think I should not pay as I do not use it for my garden but for council land
- I think that there will be more fly tipping-autumn leaves will not get cleared away-more dangerous pathways-it's another charge for something that we have been paying for.
- The service should be the same across the country.
- Keep the service as it is for free. With the collection between March and November as it is in Wellingborough this would make it fairer.
With the cost of living rising as it is people can not afford any more. All you are doing is isolating more people.
- It is disgusting and the next thing you will be charging us to empty our other bins. We already pay a substantial sum in taxes without having to pay extra for this service
- Fly tipping as previously stated.
Gardens becoming overgrown and unsightly by those who could not afford to pay from an already depleted purse due to rising costs on all fronts.
Our country looking like a third world country as all pride is diminished.
Life is tricky enough for all at this time, we should not be paying the price of Council mismanagement.
- There are less police presence more violence and intimidation on streets, wooden street furniture is rotting without maintenance, children's play grounds are in sorry condition(it hasn't been looked after for ages, many rides are broken), littered streets, council tax going up but services aren't improving. Asking to pay extra for garden waste is not fair.
- Possible increase in fly tipping garden waste, especially in summer months
- We pay huge rates bills often for services we dont use. But based on the house not use. Those unused services are anything from education and road sweeping or street lighting. A la carte charges are not practical and the council is so inefficient that overheads would be high. It will also lead to more fly tipping as accessing the recycling centre is not easy due to limited opening
- Would result in large amounts of flytipping of garden waste
- Fly tipping
- Fly tipping will increase also problem within neighbourhood with burning of garden waste. Not everybody has access to vehicle to take to tip. The council doesn't allow van to go to tip more than a couple of time a year. You policy cause alot of these problems
- I think more people would fly tip or at the very least put garden waste in their black bin thus negating the environmentally positive effects of a separate bin.
- See previous message

- We currently subscribe for garden waste but seriously thinking now of home compost. It's not the cost just environmental.
- Strongly disagree with having to pay more money to the council for a service which is free in the majority of the rest of the country..even where the council tax charged us considerably less than here !!!
- The council should be encouraging people to keep green space, charging for waste collection will just encourage people to put down plastic grass when we're in a climate emergency. Everything that can be done to encourage wild planting for birds and insects should be being done. Charging for waste collection would be massively detrimental to the environment.
- Charging people does not encourage net zero. It does not encourage recycling. The nature of your questionnaire suggests that your mind is already made up. It's false consultation
- There would be more fly tipping when this is already a serious problem.
- Charging for bins will affect the amount of people dumping waste at roadsides and other public areas, as well as putting in the black bin which would have environment risks as outlined in your information. Negative impacts could be avoided by providing free bins or an area every few streets to dispose of compost. It wouldn't need to be walkable for everyone within a few mins otherwise people wouldn't use it
- Money. People do not have the extra money to use this service. We are growing our own veg to help with the cost of living crisis as it is so do a lot of gardening. This charge would make these efforts pointless.
Tax the rich, clamp down on tax loopholes and tax havens. That should provide the country with enough funding to do this :)
- Problem - Reduced service with increased costs during a spike of inflation.
Solution- Keep services free at kerb side, but reduce the months it is collected to help reduce expenditure.
- To have to pay extra for a garden waste service which is currently free in the area we live in will be a further financial burden. Council tax is already the highest bill we have to pay without having to pay more. Presumably the current council tax we pay will not be reduced due to the loss of the free service?
- Make it free for all, run the service to create garden product and sell it. This works to mitigate the cost. Otherwise the service withers and you end up having to contain a round for an unsustainable user base
- Waste left around would encourage rats.
People would litter country roads with bin bags of garden waste.
Not everyone can easily access recycling site to take garden waste.
- I think that there would be more fly tipping, even if it its green stuff.
- This will be very detrimental to charge especially household on low income. Please re-consider your stance. We are at a times where cost of living and inflation is so high people are going without heat or food. If you are a council who care about his constituents you will not impose this charge at the moment. If you wish to go ahead with it you need to do delay it and allow people some breathing space financially. Enough is enough.
- People that are on benefits and who receive a low income just can't afford yet another household bill. Parents and children are already using food banks or going hungry with the huge cost of living in this country without receiving yet another bill.
- People may dump garden waste causing hazards which the council will have to pay to clean up. You could stop subsidised parking for all areas and free parking for staff. This would encourage greener means of travel and help to meet carbon neutral targets. I don't get free parking at work so why should I pay for others to do so through my council tax? This would allow you to continue to provide a reduced free garden waste collection service.

- It would be the start of a slippery slope to paying for more services
- I feel more people will flytip and this inturn will cost the council a lot more money in the longterm!
- Extra charges will result in a lot more fly tipping which will end up being collected by the council so negate the extra income and ruin the countryside.
- I am a great believer in the service the council give and myself and others like me feel it should be funded out of council tax full stop
- I feel this is discriminating against single, older people. I have a large garden which produces a lot of waste. As a widow of mature years, I would not be able to take my garden waste to the council tip and therefore would be forced to pay an additional amount for collection which I cannot afford.
- Leave Corby out of it
- By charging those that currently don't pay would in my opinion only lead to an increase in fly-tipping of garden waste. If a council is to provide any such waste collection service the cost should be built into the annual council tax charge and not an additional charge, otherwise where do you draw the line? Some single person households may argue that their black bins could be emptied just once per month and therefore as they use the service less they should pay less council tax.
- I think people will be putting garden waste into the normal bins and fly-tipping to avoid paying this new fee
- We do not use our bins full capacity, and rarely year around. Households like mine would increase their use of blackbins, which is bad for the environment, or resort to flytipping. They may even resort to fly tipping their household waste if they fill up their bins with garden and kitchen waste!
- It will increase the disposal of garden waste in landfill and disproportionately punish households with lower incomes.
- Fly tipping everywhere
- I would be dissapointed if a charge is introduced. I would expect to see an increase in fly tipping and I am sure that some would put garden waste in the general bin.
It would also lead to more people disposing of garden waste at recycling centers resulting in more vehicle mileage which is bad for the environment.
- I think if you started to charge for waste collection you would see an Increase in fly tipping of garden waste
- If people were made to pay i think this may lead to people either using their black bins, thus putting more in landfill, or it could lead to more people dumping garden waste elsewhere
- More people will put garden waste in black bins, there will be more fly tipping.
- I am not prepared to pay for my green household waste collection, you will get it in my black bin!!!!
This is not good, I will compost what I can but you will get the rest!!!!
- the questions are worded to be interpreted that you agree with charges-I do not.Please advise how much you receive from the eventual company this waste goes to,I assume a composting company?How much does this offset the quoted collection costs?
- You will get more green waste I your black bins.
- Could encourage fly tipping! Neighbours may put their garden waste in other people's bins. How will this work with the bin collectors knowing who has paid.
- I think more people would dump they're garden waste fly tip
- Fly-tipping
- I think most people would use other peoples bin or even fly ..we pay enough council tax ..and waste collection fee

- Adding a fee that currently some of us do not pay could create extra stress for those of us that are already struggling with the rising cost of living. Having no fee across the North Northants area will stop that. If it already added on to the monthly council tax bill, and not paid separately, then this could probably be better received.
- I understood you composted it,
Can't you continue with that process and sell it?
- Extra fees for basic service at a time when working households are already doing it with increased bills across everything and no increase in wages/salary. Households are going to reach breaking point and the impact on councils in terms of housing and benefits will reach an all time high
- The council tax is so much higher than the neighbouring councils who do not have to pay extra for the garden wastes. I think this consultation is not going to be taken seriously it is just an exercise to make people believe they have a say.
- I think more people would fly tip and we have enough of that going on at the moment .
- There would be a negative impact because there are households who dump it by the roadside or use the black bin. This attitude defeats the object of recycling that councils should be promoting.
- Change how often the bin gets collected once every 3 months?
Not make everyone pay this change be able to opt in or out.
- I think only people that have gardens should have to pay and only if they need brown bin collection.
- Don't forget that this is not only for garden waste but also organic household waste as well
- The impact would cause more fly tipping.
- It might want me to act like the trespassers
- If the service is removed, I can see an increase in fly tipping. The waste recycling centre does not accommodate the needs of the community and the removal of the collection would make the centre even more inadequate.
To change this the recycling centre should be open all week and at times that meet the community needs.
- People would dump their garden waste
- Fly tipping of garden waste can be seen around country lanes within the county, it is unpleasant and not good for the environment.
Burning garden waste will be an environmental disaster, however, with hedges and trees there is often large boughs that would have to be burnt as they are not compostable at home.
- I feel that if a subscription service was brought in, it would result in even more fly-tipping and garden waste being dumped around the town
- In this time of extremely high inflation perhaps there could be a reduced rate for senior citizens and those on lower incomes.
- Fly tipping
Unsightly Gardens
Discrimination
- Another cost households may not be able to afford
Council tax should cover all waste collection, can lower the council tax for those without gardens
- People are having to make cut backs in order to survive the recent raise in bills, now you want them to start paying more. In many cases it will be like getting blood out of a stone. People are already just managing.

- Those who use the service should pay, it should be equal across the NNC area, as it is one area any one in East Northants should be credited for this year until it is equitable across the whole council area, why should the people in East Northants be penalised for where they live.
- With the general increases in prices across the board this is an additional burden which many will not be able to afford.
- I could be here for hours. Main points are:
 - The increase in council tax yet reduction of services.
 - The absolute certainty of increased fly tipping & all the hazards that accompany it.
 - The lack of recycling as many people with dispose of garden waste in their black bin.
 - Those of us that live near trees (grown on council land) will be penalised because the trees overhang into our gardens resulting in thousands of leaves and branches in our garden (trip and slip risk) the only place to dispose of these is the green bin. The council refuse to trim the trees back so essentially we would be paying for council waste too.
- To charge additional fees for a service that has already been paid for in my council tax and one that has already been reduced (for a higher fee too!!!) is daylight robbery. The funding for this could be moved from other unessential budgets ie replacing an entire estates roofs that were not in immediate need of repair.
- You're an absolute joke!
- Of course it would be negative. Cases of fly tipping will rise massively. People will be discriminated against for having gardens/taking care of their gardens. People with pet rabbits or guinea pigs etc. will get rid of the hay (combined with animal waste) elsewhere. [Redacted] knows where, potentially in the streets/fields/woods etc. We pay enough in tax now to include a bin being emptied. Corby Town council have always been brilliant, there are going to be angry residents in the town if North Northants council add bin collection charge into the mix too. I can guarantee there'll be an increase in garden waste being dumped.
- I love my garden, it is my chill out place. My council tax has again gone up this year, if I have to pay for my hedge and lawn cuttings to be taken I would have to give up my lawn etc and gravel it. Not so good for the environment or the wildlife that visits.
- If the collections are made chargeable I can visualise more fly tipping will take place , therefore an additional cost to the council
- How can you introduce another payment when so many people are struggling to survive it doesn't make sense.
- We pay more than enough for our bin collection. The bin people do a marvelous job. If you start adding extras joe public will stop recycling and start fly tipping therefore costing the council a lot more in the long term. I think this is a short term gain only. If something isn't broke why try and fix it
- people would go hungry or visit food banks more
people would fly tip and dump more often
- It seems you want us to pay for outhur council s bad spending, like the £10 mil Northampton council lost ????? , Football ub,
- I do feel that for some households a new charge would be yet another increase in outgoings in a year which is already proving difficult with the increase in household fuel bills and motor fuel.
- In my opinion introducing a county wide charge would lead to more flytipping as people cannot afford extra costs in the current economic climate. Therefore the council will incur extra costs out of its budget to clear this mess,
- I can see that if the collections are stopped I can visualise that more fly tipping will take place therefore an extra cost to the council
- Charging for the service could increase fly tipping. Open the civic animators site for more days .

- Garden waste may be scattered or put in communal bins.
- The council should reopen local waste centres that have been closed over recent years.
- Charge should be included in Council Tax for everyone, even for single occupancy or Council Tax benefits.
If people can choose to pay or not, whole areas could potentially be regular smoke zones to avoid the charges and avhuge increase in fly tipping, clearance of which the Council has to pay anyway. So everyone may as well be paying and treated the same.
- I do not think a charge should be implemented. By charging I believe more consumers would dispise of garden waste in their black bin
- Fly tipping will greatly increase. Councils can't keep up with it now. The cost would increase dramatically to collect it.
- Council Tax payments are applicable to almost all residents - the amount payable depends on which Band your property is. You are then required to pay the full amount regardless of which services you use/do not use. If residents were required to pay for the kerbside garden waste collection I strongly feel that many would opt out and there would be a substantial rise in the incidents of fly tipping. This would then see a significant rise in the cost to the Council in having to clean this up
- More fly tipping
- I can't think how much garden waste we produce during the winter months. I have never thought about it before.
- This will definitely increase people dumping garden waste in the countryside. With everything going up in price including the council tax then people will not want to pay MORE extra charges. You've got people with not a great deal of disposable income but happen to have older properties with larger gardens they want to look after, why should they be charged more than some lazy [expletive] who probably just lets their garden overgrow without a care in the world, claim all the benefits going including council tax and use their garden bin for taking each other for rides in when they are drunk/stoned.
- As stated I have just paid for a bin. But I think it is wrong due to the amount of council tax we have to pay.
Collections should be free unless a household wants more than one bin.
- This is an invaluable service, we do feel guilty when we don't have chance to fill the garden waste bin which suggests maybe the current costs are too high. Could subscribers to the service get discounts on compost - assuming the garden waste is processed locally?
- Oct to march less garden waste but still some (leaf drop fortnight it even overflows needing some storing till the next collection, even with composting).
- You waste our taxes on repaving the high Street in natural stone for crying out loud, we have a town full of charity shops, sandwich shops and Turkish barbers, money could be better spent raising the profile of the town and encouraging new businesses. This is just another way for local gov to pile pressure on ordinary working people as I guess the dolites will not have to pay a penny as usual
- I think with the rise of the cost of living it will encourage fly tipping
- I see no change to services despite yearly council tax rises. Instead you continually cut back on services to save money. It is no fault of the residents that poor management led to the failure of the previous council and garden waste should remain free across all areas
- Any charge for disposing of waste always leads to greater fly tipping.
Also all food, utilities and energy costs are rising at the moment so yet another cost, this time for rubbish collection, makes charges unaffordable.
- I have already explained - properties with gardens tend to be in a higher band so pay more.
Also, what are we actually paying for now? So that we need to pay more? Lastly, people will not

pay but instead not get rid of their rubbish due to travel costs or use their black bin which will be a huge hygiene issue.

- I personally think that council should focus more on households using and generating more than 1 recycling and general waste as its more problematic and less environmentally friendly rather than looking at garden waste.

People should focus more on reducing the volume of waste so why not charge them for extra bins?

Sugar tax is ok but extra waste tax not? Think about this please.

- Why exactly am I paying council tax already if NNC then looks to charge additionally for services that should be included? Try running the council efficiently and not just thinking you can charge residents more to make up for your poor finances and management
- There will be an increase in fly tipping from who do not want to pay the charge or from those who cannot afford the charge in these times of rapidly rising inflation.
- As we are all struggling with high inflation this is just something else to add to our bills.
- See previous answers/comments
- If an annual charge is introduced I believe there would be more fly tipping as some resident's who disagree with the introduction of a charge would dispose of their garden waste by fly tipping.
- Fly tipping, avoided by retaining the service.
- Fly tipping along country roads already includes garden waste. My husband cleared 4 black bin bags of grass cutting and shrub clippings near [Redacted] this week.
- Increase fly tipping
- In this current economic climate some families are struggling to afford paying bills and food and it looks to me that all you what to do is make money out of mother nature as we have no control over grass growing, I agree with collecting the green waste surten times of the year I do not I repeat i do not agree or accept paying for any waste being collecting .
- Not an encouragement to grow a garden
North Northamptonshire will become shabby
Will effect the environment
Not a green policy, will look to vote anyone who supports this out
- Limiting free or cheap, but mostly convenient means of disposal of rubbish, no matter green waste, general rubbish or big size items always ended with those items dumped on a side of the roads, carpark laybys (who had to be closed due to huge number of rubbish dumped from them), on council properties not covered by CCTV, private properties or even directly onto roads- in my neighborhood even gardens of not occupied houses with signs "for sale/ sold" had been targeted to dump industrial quantities of rubbish. Cleaning tipping waste and legal cost associate with it cost more than councils collect for waste collection- so it is very short signed decision leading to disaster, when all surrounding areas in Northamptonshire have rubbish lying around, as it is dumped faster than it can be cleaned by workers. I had no idea how anyone who clearly never been in a countryside could even think it can be a good idea not resulting in additional waste dumped next to existing illegal dumping sites.
- Charging extra for garden waste would lead to many people dumping it in other places, eg roadside verges, fields.
- As stated earlier I think an extra charge for this service would impact the environment by encouraging people to incorrectly dispose of their garden waste.
Keep the collection service but maybe reduce the frequency of collections.
- Waste that would have been recycled is now burned, hurting the environment or flytipped, costing the council.
- Said it already in previous comments!

- Garden waste could be dumped and there is already enough dumping. Black bin would need emptying weekly not fortnightly
- It's the thin end of the wedge - where do you stop with charging? Do we pay for using park bins? Do we pay for looking at trees? Do we pay for environmental health inspections only if you eat out? Do we pay for Childrens play parks only if we have children? Social care only if we are elderly? Just charge everyone the same for all services
- Given all the other rises we OAP's face without a comparable pension rise another addition to council tax will push us further into debt. That is the impact, just one more burden to lumber the aged and the infirm with. I am disgusted with an underhand way of pulling in more council tax and just days after receiving the annual council tax bill.
- Are you going to remove all those garden bins of those who don't pay a subscription and how do you govern a street of those who pay and those who don't when you are collecting. The charge might start low but is it going to be like everything else and the cost just spirals each year.
Will you be expanding the garden waste section at the recycle center to allow more people who don't subscribe to take their garden waste down.
- Read previous notes
- Charging additional for a service that we pay as part of our council tax is going to create additional fly tipping issues and cost the council more in the long run. Reducing the service to half yearly March to October, will reduce the current costs using the savings will fund those currently having to pay. I will not pay additional costs for this service. And am I right in thinking that the council sell the garden waste that is collected onwards, so that should cover this costs. It is not about profiting from local people
- If garden waste has an extra charge I think more people will fly tip. Especially for those who can't get to the recycling centre.
- Likely to be a further increase in fly Tipping plus people putting garden waste into landfill waste.
- It just feels like new charges for the same service continue to surface. People are finding it difficult enough with increasingly high costs. People fund the council, the £3 million cost is already being paid by residents and now the greedy council want even more! I suggest the council focus their attention on their own spending so hardworking residents don't have to take the shortfall once again for their bad decision making. I'm appalled by this.
- Keep our streets clean and tidy and not look for short cuts. I'm not sure half the people getting their bins emptied is a good idea. I also think a March to November scheme without the extra charge should **DON'T FORGET THE FOOD CADDIES**
- I think some of the questions have been put down in such a way that suggests its a forgone conclusion that you want us to pay more anyway . With the current economic climate and rise in cost of living increases, (gas, electricity, fuel, food and most products) people will struggle even more at a time when day to day living is already a challenge.
- If including a charge is necessary i would suggest charge a pay as you go system so people can wait until its full and choice a date for collection. Rather than pay for all year and only use the service once or twice. To make this more affordable.
I strongly disagree regardless people cannot afford it and can lead to wrongly disposal or fly tipping
- If I can choose to use this service which services can I opt out of? The council sends a road sweeper out to sweep leaves at 8:00 am when it has to drive round parked cars. I don't think I should pay for that.
- I think that the amount of fly tipping will increase dramatically, if the the recycling centres were up to the job & volume of people wanting to use them then then maybe more would use the centres & put less in the garden waste bin.

- Council tax for East Northamptonshire has seen a huge increase over the last two years. Nobody needs to see another increase . So please if people must be charged give them the opportunity to opt out !
- Too high a charge may deter people on low incomes subscribing and leading to more fly tipping and burning.
- I don't think we should have to pay for this service, but we couldn't do without it & if we do have to pay we should have a collection all year round as garden rubbish doesn't stop between mid-November & March.
- Charging for any waste removal will increase the amount of fly tipping, which is already a problem. Any savings made will be offset by the cost of collecting waste dumped at the roadside. It makes no sense to charge for waste collection. If only one household on a street decides to pay you'll still have to send a truck to collect it. The environmental impact will be worse as the trucks will still make the same journeys, but households not paying will have to drive to recycling centres. The recycling centres are already too busy, especially since our local centre was closed. The only sensible solution is to continue collecting the waste for free during the growing season.
- Using methods not benefitting from composting
- Whilst I have indicated an all year round service, I think Mar to Dec would be good. This would then enable residents with a lot of trees to use the service at their peak time, ie. Nov and Dec. I have also said that I would use the service if it was subscription, but this would depend on the price, which your question did not quantify.
- Every time a charge is made for rubbish or waste disposal fly tipping increases in the county and it's blindingly obvious that this will be the case again... leading to more expensive clean up which we will also have to pay for...
- Is there not enough fly tipping without adding this to it?
It's part of my job daily to report fly tipping and antisocial behaviour and you all can't keep up with what's being dumped now and it takes over a week for it to be picked up after a report is submitted.
And as for bringing in a new charge for a service that you already do and actually make money from for selling the compost that's just taking the [expletive]!!
- I suspect that people would dump green waste in the nearby woods and in the strip of land at the bottom of our street, this already happens and would get worse. Many more car journeys and pollution
- It should be zero cost to households
- There would be increased traffic to the "tip" resulting in more car journeys and increased fly tipping.
- Fly tipping! Council tax is already high and the service should be included. If the council managed budgets better this wouldn't be an issue.
- It feels that this is yet another extra cost of living charge.
- Alternative solutions such as providing tools for the community to help dispose of garden waste locally rather than collections could be considered. Must be environmentally friendly ie not landfill as the free alternative.
- As a pensioner we pay enough council tax and other taxes plus with growing domestic energy etc payments are big enough.
We do not need garden bins in the winter so March to November is adequate.
The negative impact would be you charging for garden waste collections.
- If households don't have the requirement for garden waste collection then remove their bin.
If the bin is needed for kitchen waste then it should remain.

If the cost is prohibitive then perhaps people on benefits could be compensated through the system as currently.

- More costs to households in this climate is ridiculous. Families are struggling to feed and heat their homes already, the cost of a weekly shop has increased, petrol has gone sky high, water rates have increased, council tax has increased, CPI and RPI has increased, and energy and gas bills are out of control, how anyone on the council could think this is a good idea is beyond me, and shows how out of touch the people who are supposed to be acting in our best interests are.

There will be far more garden fires from people disposing of garden waste, meaning far more risk of accidents and potential harm / damage.

Whilst a fee of £55 for a year might seem like pennies it's not just this charge that people are dealing with. And with energy bills expected to rise even further in August how can the council be so greedy, if they need funds then get Westminster to give back the £2200 a year payrise they all got and stop taxing the living hell out of ordinary folk.

- I believe increasing the cost or effort required to dispose of waste is likely to lead to an increase in fly tipping.
- I believe there will be an increase in flytipping if charges are introduced.
- Certain to increase fly tipping as a way to avoid the charge
- You will find a large number of people will just dump their garden waste wherever they like and you will have to pay more to pick it up.

Lots of people will just let their gardens go wild and not look after them, therefore bringing their neighbourhoods down.

As we are old aged pensioners and disabled it will be very difficult to go to the dump with it, and you must take into account that lots of OAP do not own cars.

- It will obviously increase fly tipping and the council will still have to move it.
- Given the already increasing costs households must face this seems like a further cost. More households will start to use the black bins instead which is not appropriate. If this decision is made then it should link with a reduced council tax bill to compensate the loss of a key element of what we pay for.
- I feel you would encourage flytipping, more than it is already. By collecting it fortnightly, it encourages people to utilise their bins, and it's not dumped on streets which is what would happen. Many people on low wages, facing all the current rises in everything won't have that extra cash to pay subscriptions. I'd rather see the town kept collected and clean than some paying for subscriptions, and others can't which would cause a division amongst fellow neighbours and creating a messy town. Not a good image anywhere. It would create more problems for the council.
- I think we might see more garden waste in the black bin or may be even fly tipped. It would be more beneficial to local residents if you would break down the costs. Saying it costs 3 million to dispose of the waste doesn't show how much we make from selling compost, the cost of the vehicles and staff etc. If people could see exactly how much it costs then we could carry out a meaningful peer review any maybe point out some cost savings or income generators.
- If the only choice left for my household is a subscription then it's no longer a choice. Maybe the council should be looking to make money from recycling green waste rather than charge households to take it away.

Keep it as it is.

- People are struggling with costs of living, a subscription fee will add to this, could lead to dumping rubbish elsewhere
- Black bins would be used instead.

I would also use Facebook to find out who can take my rubbish away for less than the proposed subscription charge.

- Do your own job... Just pick up my grass clippings and stop being bell ends.
- I believe that not providing garden waste bins will result in people putting their waste in their black bins or fly-tipping.
- People who struggle financially in these hard times will not cut grass and look after their garden, leading to issues further down the line such as rats and other pests
- Charges should be added to usual council tax so smaller amounts each month over 10 months
- Expect a significant increase in fly tipping if subscription is introduced
- We pay enough ., it's onlnevery 3 weeks for a few months
- I feel that extra costs added to household expenses at this time would prove too much for some residents.

Also if residents opt out of a paying service it would negatively impact on tidy tip usage.

Dome people may also fly tip garden waste causing damage to the environment and cost to council when having to remove it.

- I think a lot of people would do as I would which you have already highlighted in this questionnaire is not as good for the environment. Unless you could show that the cost of garden waste disposal has been removed from everyone's council tax bill and then only those that use it pay. If you were to do that I think you would have a higher uptake. If for example you were charging £50 per year for the collections and took £50 off the council tax I would be inclined to pay for it but as your proposal stands I would use other less environmentally friendly but more cost effective methods.
- If payment scheme started then tidy tip usage would increase as would fly tipping.
- Detrimental to ethnic minorities.
- Just please think about fly tipping. It's getting more prolific, taking away a service to save money could have a negative effect by spending the money saved having to constantly clean up fly tipped waste. North Northants is not as wealthy, account for this. As a minimum operate as Wellingborough does, that could be the halfway house people will accept
- I believe flytipping is already aborigine and this would increase where people either fly tip themselves or use a company that is not legit and they fly tip.
- It is unfair for the council to charge extra for collecting the garden waste bin.
- By introducing additional charges it is in my opinion going to increase instances of illegal fly tipping - as a resident living in Corby I appreciate the current system of garden waste disposal - the impact on local families of these proposed changes goes beyond what you are merely speculating
- You are just going to push people in to fly tipping their waste, and its not fair , and if you look around Corby where I live there is enough of that as it is,
- More fly tipping is going to happen. I have seen it on my way to work in Desborough and coming from kettering via Geddington on the country roads . This cannot be allowed to continue.
- Home composting is a possibility but this would not be a viable option for us with the amount of leaves we have falling from out trees in autumn so we would still need our bin. Some compost heaps encourage vermin - how would you support householders in preventing this or dealing with this issue as it will likely increase the issue of vermin in homes
- I think people will dump their rubbish on the side of the road if they have to pay to have it collected
- This should definitely be part of the service for which we already pay a lot of money
- Pensioners and those on benefits would not be able to afford this. The cost of living is already rocketing and this would add to the problem

- I'm disappointed that a service that has been included in the council tax now will be yet another additional cost
- Exemptions could be granted in the case of a charge for people on benefits and disabled residents who have help with their gardens.
- As a resident who pays for this service I feel it's good value although I would rather it reduced and only collected during growing season. Those that do not pay will be reluctant to start paying and may start fly tipping. As a retired person living alone I am happy to continue but money is short, so wonder if an option for the older community might be a consideration?
- Provide a community compost bins. Access to shredding devices. To reduce people putting waste in black bins.
- Change from current free collection will cause increase in flytipping which is more expensive to deal with. Also increase in rodent population in gardens. Too many people will not dispose of their waste responsibly.
- It will definitely have a negative impact. People will start dumping their garden waste somewhere else or the gardens will start looking awful and the streets of Corby will look miserable. Many of us have a garden as a support for our mental health, or elderly people enjoy gardening as it is probably the only available activity for them. They will stop doing this as they will not afford to pay for more things. Pensioners don't get enough for more charges. The council should cut some unnecessary expenses instead. For example, the bonfire and the fireworks display. It causes environmental damage, pollution and kill the wildlife in the boating lake. It distresses animals in general and people with special needs.

Our gardens help the environment in general by providing home to the wildlife around and making the air cleaner. You can start being tough in those who commit offences to the society instead. For example, those people who don't clean after their dogs. They should pay a fine at the first offence. We neighbours would help with that. Those who litter the streets too. They should pay a fine. Those who dump their furniture or electricals in our streets. The council could put cameras and it would help identify them. Those people who drink on the streets. Hope we are heard.

- I think its ridiculous that you would charge more money. Cost of living is getting crazy compared to wages.. People are already living on the breadline. This is unfair when we pay such high council tax rates already and hardly see anything for it.
- More rubbish dumped in streets and countryside
- Fly tipping
- I feel that the growing season only service in Wellingborough paid for out of Council Tax is a sensible compromise that could be applied to the whole of North Northants. If further saving and simplicity is required it could be available during BST. Residences with gardens tend to be in slightly higher tax bands, so there is also an element of fairness.

There are also the environmental arguments made earlier in this submission.

Please do not place too much weight on our willingness to pay a charge. I know that I could and would pay a charge, but there are many who couldn't and would not pay the charge.

- Nothing negative to say.
- If begins this tax year you are effectively charging people a second time for something they already felt they paid for.
Environmental impact of those that burn or fly tip as they do not want to use or cannot afford the service.
No option for smaller one off collections. We use our bin infrequently. Maybe once a year it goes to be emptied. Not worth the high charges.

- There will be more flytipping and a less attractive street scene

- I think this will increase fly tipping, garden waste will be put in black bin, and therefore reducing recycling. We also keep our local area clean including unblocking drains of leave, pruning hedges and path/driveways this would have to stop.
Please do not be short sighted
- I only have a small garden so not feasible to compost my own garden waste. I would be forced to pay if the service charge was implemented as I do not have any means to dispose of myself. As my house does not have a road near it, I would be concerned that people not paying for the service would put their rubbish in my bin when I put it out for collection or they will just dump their waste/fly tip. As I only have a small garden, I only put my bin out when it is nearly full.
- Those that currently enjoy a free service will, no doubt, resent having to pay for the service - particularly as only ONE area in the newly formed Council are levied a subscription fee. Therefore there may be the perception that the majority are having to fall into line with the minority because the council wish to raise more funds. Suggestions to reduce negative impacts would be to make the service free across the board or at the very least keep the fee as small as possible. The current charge of £55 for former East Northants residents was and still is one of the most expensive across both North & West Northamptonshire.
- If you increase the tax for everyone so it 'contributes to the cost of the service', regardless of whether they use the service or not, you are still saying you are going to operate the service either way. Some people have low maintenance gardens and may not need to use their garden waste bin, yet you would increase the amount of tax they are paying. Furthermore, if some people have really high maintenance gardens, increasing their tax and paying a annual subscription; when they would put the bins out regularly for the council, most likely pay someone like a skip hire to take garden waste away, or pay someone to maintain their garden if they are unable to due to being disabled or elderly, would only benefit the council as household owners are already paying too much or may not even have the money at all. Not to mention the months of when the service would be operated, if it's like Wellingborough operating only 8 months of the year and the bins are emptied fortnightly, then it's only twice a month.
- There will be more fly tipping or just more rubbish left lying in the streets. If it is all plant material there is no way of tracing the perpetrators even if the council employs more staff. The cost quoted for East Northants Council is higher than what my daughters pay and the live close to London. The councils see the citizens as a cash cow, and then waste the money on things like councillors pay and pensions, Kettering is looking shabby and is not a place to want to visit. A radical rethink of how the money is spent is urgently required.
- Fly tipping
- Increased flytipping.
Green waste finding it's way into land fill.
In the current climate, is this really the time to increase costs for residents given the large Council Tax increase already imposed?
- I think it would be false economy to introduce a chargeable green waste collection service, for a number of reasons. Firstly, I believe it will encourage illegal waste disposal or fly tipping, which would cost the Council much more in the long run. Secondly, at a time when households are already facing a cost of living crisis, it would be unfair to introduce another charge for households to pay. Thirdly, the Council make money from the collection of green waste. They sell it for garden compost, which all keen gardeners buy. The Council must generate a large income stream from the sale of green garden waste, otherwise they wouldn't already be in the business of collecting it from households in their area. Fourthly, I live in an area where the garden waste bins are collected all year round. I do not use my "green" bin in the winter so do not put it out for collection. I would be happy for a non-chargeable service which was only collected during the early spring/summer months (April to September, for example). I believe it

is ridiculous to say that the Council will save money and the environment by having bin drivers drive only to households they know will have placed garden waste bins out for collection, because that household is paying for a green waste collection service. Will the driver of that freighter know when someone is on holiday or too sick or ill to put a garden waste bin out on collection day? Either the Council intends to cut jobs (ie., reduce the number of bin drivers and crew - because they won't need them if the introduction of a charge results in fewer bins to empty) or the crews will just operate as they do now, with their usual collection routes on the same day, but with less work, but paid the same rates as they are now. How is that a "cost saving"?

- A lot of costs have gone up extortionately recently, therefore cannot justify paying extra for a brown bin collection. As a result will be forced to use black bin for regular garden work and recycling centre for bigger jobs.
- Extra charge will result rubbish being dumped on green area or people won't use the recycling bins. It will create a long term issue and also people will move out from the area.
- I think it's unfair to charge due to cost of living already high for families. I currently have two bins & if you charged for both, I would have to consider getting rid of one. I might even consider getting rid of my grass altogether (I have 2 lawns).

I also think your survey isn't worded the best either. I would have answered some questions better if the options were available. I just hope that if a charge is brought in it doesn't affect the local areas being fly tipped on!

- I would support reducing the collection to the growing period and not support charging. This is because what I do in the winter I can relatively easily get to the recycling facility. However this will throw up difficulties for people who don't drive/ are disabled: could there be an elective free scheme for those people.

I think charging will greatly increase fly tipping as people can't afford it. This will affect everyone.

- Like I said, people will use their black bins. I think a lot of people wonder what they're paying council tax for anyway... why not scrap council tax then and pay individually for everything? It would never work because you can't possibly monitor/police it. So if we pay for the service but our neighbour doesn't... will they have a list of house numbers that they'll only empty? What if my neighbour puts her bin out and it gets emptied for free when we're paying? How do you monitor it?
- Already written my comments
- As above this is NOT part of "tough choices" rather a blatant profiteering and a stealth tax being applied to properties with a garden.
- I think we would definitely have more people dumping waste
- This is a significant decision in relation to our property. The cost of living is already crippling and to add this would be another kick on the teeth all down to the fact we have a public footpath next to our property that is beyond our control it being there.
- Likely to increase fly tipping of garden waste
- Charging everyone the same is not fair, it should be on a pay per use service only
If monthly you can pay for months used only
- I believe this would cause a huge backlash against yourselves and I will no longer be voting for any main parties.
- I have a big garden. I have two bins already for garden waste - plus I make journeys to the local tip when it doesn't fit in the bins. This causes more emissions from driving down to the tip which is the other side of town to where I live.
I feel you will see more fly tipping, which is already a problem around my area, which in turn causes more cost to the council.

- I think you will find a lot of people will stop using the service and you will end up with more waste in the black bins which you will not want if you are intending to recycle the grey bin waste. It will also put the new council in a bad light from the beginning of its term losing more faith from residents.
- If I opt to take my own waste, that would impact the environment as your collection would already be passing my door. If you are harmonising, you ought to offer all residents this service included, in their already inflated council tax, not start charging everyone else. You are encouraging more fly tipping, which I understand you are actually trying to crack down on.
- Keeping it free encourages people to use it, if they had to pay some would use their other bins or dump it elsewhere
- One bin per house like all other bins with no extra cost seems the fairest and in line with other things. March to November as there must be very little collected at other times.
- With all costs increasing the council should be helping us not adding to the problem. If the council bring in a charge do they think that fly-tipping would increase, as I think that is a certainty. As we are both in our 70s and on a pension where would we find this extra money from? I object to paying for same service twice.
- It sounds like this is going to go through regardless of my answers. I will refuse to pay and dump my garden waste somewhere safe, for free. This will lead to significantly increased fly tipping.
- It's a big ask to ask for money. For lots of people gardening is a way of maintaining good health both mental and physical with the pressures of living costs this is a cost many won't be able to afford therefore fly tipping will increase therefore adding to the council's costs anyway.
- Afraid this would lead to more fly tipping.
- I believe the biggest factor to these proposals would be the increase of fly tipping
- We already pay high community charge, I don't see why we should be charged for garden waste, unless you are looking to give councillors a pay rise with the extra money.
- Charging for the service will increase fly tipping and use of black bins for garden waste. Fly tipping is costly to clear especially if it is made the responsibility of the landowner affected.
- There would potentially be an increase in fly tipping, the clearing of which would need to be paid for by the council - how is this going to be funded?
- The negative impact is the extra cost and that doesn't need explaining.
- Most people don't choose to have garden waste. If it becomes a charged service people will start to avoid paying the cost by using less environmentally friendly options such as black bins. The cost of living is already rocketing. Modify the recycling vans to enable garden waste collection at the same time. Thus reduces the emissions by having 1 truck instead of 2 and the long term cost would reduce as the amount of employees and trucks would halve. Or produce an online service to request a garden waste collection. So it's only collected when needed rather than trucks driving down streets that don't require a service this time round
- I think you would be encouraging more fly tipping to take place if you start charging people. Solution don't charge them.
- People dumping waste where they shouldn't.
We already pay enough for council tax as it is whether we use all services or not, e.g someone that lives in a flat may not have a garden but they have children who use the schools, someone that lives in a house with a garden has no children so doesn't use schools or playgrounds but does put their grey bin out for collection. Please reduce council tax if people choose not to have children etc, if you want to charge for garden waste disposal.
- I think you will get more fly tipping, people using other people's bins.
- On collection days when emptying green/black bins record which streets have also placed garden waste bins out then you will know only to go back to those streets to collect garden waste.

Collection once month

Increased help support to home composting

- With bills rising across the board no one wants another fee to pay. We encouraged to divide our rubbish for environmental reasons which many of us do but to now be charged for an element of this prompts people to no longer continue to. We already and always have paid for rubbish of all kinds to be collected. In fact we pay more now than ever so I for one will not agree to hand over any more
- With rising costs in all aspects, especially council tax I am unsure why you feel this has not already been paid. What exactly do we pay council tax for if it isn't to take the bins and repair street lights...?!
- Proposals would have a negative impact to the wider local environment as I currently clean leaf and weed debris from my local footpaths and would stop if I had to pay to have it collected . These proposals go against recycling and environmental targets and contribute to the likely good of illegal dumping of waste
- I think that the charge not being incorporated in the general rates would cause more fly tipping
- There are too many wheelie bins left blocking pathways. People should be forced to keep bins within their own boundaries except at collection time.
- weekly would be better through Spring/Autumn
- I think we will see more fly tipping.
I would also be concerned at the amount that would be burnt as we are living in a culture of lowering Carbon emissions
- Yes people will fly tip and would cost the council more I have noticed it happening already by us and it would only get worse
- I think the proposed changes will have a devastating impact on flytipping. Also people will be less inclined to cut their grass and keep their garden tidy if they're not subscribing to the service, resulting in ugly housing areas.
- Fly tipped garden waste, large queues At recycling centre
- Harmonisation cost to all of £30 per year for all users.
- this would impact any faith in the council, if the consultation showed that there was overwhelming support to retain a free service across the district and the council did not listen.
- If people had to pay a extra charge over the council tax they may fly tip the waste or take it to the tip causing extra waste there
- The main concern I have is that if the council does not collect waste at its source, then the net effect is that those less responsible will simply fly tip it, moving their waste into someone else's property. Only those that can and will pay will contribute, paying disproportionately more for a service they already receive. The clean up of the environmental damage created by the fly tippers will cost much more to resolve. The net cost will be more expense to those that can and will pay. Much better that we all pay a little to enjoy a shared environment.
Beware of unintended consequences!
- The households in the Northamptonshire area already pay enough council tax. You should not be expecting people to pay for a service that you should provide anyway. This is exactly the reason there is fly tipping everywhere, and I'm sure if this goes ahead it will get worse.
- As people are already struggling with bills we feel this is an unnecessary extra. We wouldn't fly tip but feel a lot of people may decide to.
- I feel if you have to pay extra for green waste collection some areas of North Northants will have a real big problem with fly tipping of green waste which will then cost even more to clear up .As I work in some of the estates where people are just getting by a extra payment to the council would just tip them over the edge and they wouldn't care where their green waste went as long as they weren't paying for it.

- Those with the least would end up unable to afford the same services as those with the most, whilst those with the most would probably end up with a council subsidised service. Garden waste collection should be a universal service charged by means to pay rather than a flat fee. What this will likely lead to us more fly tipping, or people putting waste into black bins, etc. this would lead to higher costs in policing and enforcing rules for the council, and so seems like it might not be as cost effective as claimed. How about introducing parking fees across the whole area in council car parks, and then using that to pay for garden waste collection? That brings the harmonisation of services that seems to be a major driving force of this change. Also, with the faux claim around environmental impact. I'm not sure this is valid. The reason that I believe this is a faux claim is because you do not know how many people might use the service. If trucks still have to visit most streets because just one household on each of most streets subscribes, then the environmental impact would be low. Then there is the knock-on impact to farmers, who would lose a central source of compost. This would mean that they would have to find alternative sources, maybe and probably with higher carbonisation to produce and transport. Probably higher costs, too. Given farms play a massive part in decarbonisation, there is a knock-on impact here. However, if you do choose to force through this change and are genuine in claims from Council members about home composting being best, maybe the council should be offering free home compost bins as a one off gesture to those that they're removing this service from
- I think people would resort to fly tipping as not everyone can afford to pay a subscription and trips to the tip is not always possible
- [Redacted] does not believe that this would be a progressive policy and would result in people using the black bin for green waste. Corby residents have told us loud and clear that they will not opt into this service
- Definitely a negative impact. You're trying to clamp down on fly tipping, right. ??
- Dreadful policy, dreadful proposal, totally opposed to an additional charge and will not opt in.
- We pay council tax, you squandered our rates on unnecessary [expletive]. That's not our fault, you collect rubbish from the various [Redacted] sites locally, and pay for taxis for their children to go to school. They don't even pay council tax. You can use that money to pay for our green bins, and maybe not bankrupt the council by being [redacted] and reckless with money on stuff that doesn't benefit the rest of us.
- Negative impacts would be:
 - Increase in flytipping of garden waste
 - Increase in people burning their waste
 - Increase in garden waste going to landfill via the black bin.
- It totally disregards this council's commitment to the environment
- If charge is kept to minimum amount by collecting only during "growing season" months, then agreeable for that option to be adopted
- with soaring prices this is another extra debt that people could ill afford...would lead to more flytipping
- Garden waste will go in black bins.
- Corby council sells the recycled garden waste as compost and silage liquid so they cover if not make a profit on the service. Other areas need to be less greedy and be more Pro active like Corby.
- The only way to avoid garden waste is to not grow anything and have all the trees and hedges cut down and hard landscape everywhere. This would be appalling for the environment.

- The negative impact is to those who are responsible and put garden waste in the garden waste bin provided. More will end up in the black bin if you charge. As usual it hits lower paid people harder and those in more rural areas that are further from the recycling facilities in town. This is a very bad idea. Unless you plan for every taxpayer to only pay for the services each use (unworkable at reasonable cost) then it is unfair to charge for garden waste collections. This is a very easy way for the council to draw in additional funds, avoiding the council tax.
- It would possibly encourage people to fly tip, which the council would then have to pickup anyway.
- All waste is a major problem but most can be recycled. If there were no barriers to HWRC sites maybe we could reduce fly tipping. How much does it currently cost the Council to send out teams to clear up after flytippers? As a planet we are drowning in waste, children are taught at school about reducing waste. perhaps more should be done to educate grown ups?
- This is a back door council tax increase. I have been paying KBC to collect garden waste for years in my council tax. That had been increased by the govt approved amount. Do not try to charge taxpayers twice for a service!
- A big danger of fly tipping if you charge.
- I have to pay to have the overgrown hawthorn bushes from the park to be cut, I will not allow the council gardeners to do this due to fencing and other items being broken and the own across the garden! Then being told when speaking to head of gardens that it was not there council crew. So therefore I need to use a bin for this, the rest I have composed bins!
- Seems like the Council is trying to introduce charges by stealth
- Houses with gardens should pay for garden waste collection, just like household waste collection it is not a choice.
- It would have a very negative impact as more rubbish will either be dumped and the council will have to collect it some how. Or else people will use the black bins more. Not good for the environment. This is why it is fair all round to have it part of the year and for the rest of the months I and I'm sure others would use the recycling centre.
- If you charge for additional bins, you should bear in mind the size of the bins. Although I have 2 bins, they are only small ones and therefore equal to 1 of the larger ones. I have steps up to my property and at the age of [age] can only manage the smaller ones.
- Here's a negative impact for you: ESG. With the current scheme, there's a single bin lorry that drives around and collects the garden waste. If you start charging, a majority of people will not pay. If they do the right thing and take the waste to the local recycling centre themselves, then consider how much more CO2 that's going to generate, plus the increased traffic from the additional journeys.
Either that, of some people might even be tempted to start fly tipping.
I think that you need to reconsider this proposal. We already pay you lot a considerable amount of money in our existing Council Tax bill, and this is just appearing to be yet another way for you to [redacted] more money out of everyone.
Here's another negative for YOU: I for one will not be voting for you at the next elections.
- I worry that if a subscription is introduced that households who dont pay now will not pay & garden waste will end up being dumped on side of road etc.
It needs to be fair to all & at the moment it isnt
- More fly tipping would occur causing the council a great deal more money time and effort for it to be removed from the roadsides and if not collected soonest it will encourage others to fly tip as well so a negative affect on the community as a whole
- Garden refuse will likely be burned or tipped where it shouldn't be.
March to november would be adequate for most households
With cost of living increases as they are it is simply adding another burden to household budget.

- Charging will deter people from trying to be “green” and will either put waste in black bins or fly tip. The council are meant to achieve targets to reduce general waste and this is an absurd proposal that will have the opposite effect. We all pay taxes for services we don’t use and a single council tax charge is the right way to provide all services for the local population .
- The total contents of my green bin are 1 lawn-mowing per two weeks, apart from from 1 annual pruning of shrubs. I think a green bin would be unnecessary apart apart from taking up space which I really don't have!!
- When you try to charge people for something they have had for free for many years they may well not use the service anymore. They will still have to get rid of their garden waste, somehow..... fly tipping perhaps. If the fee is reasonable that may help but the very fact that most households have less disposable income now than a decade ago may be a huge deciding factor.
- The negative impact would be 1. Fly tipping, 2. areas of low income households would be disadvantaged, 3. Less green waste would be sent to biodegradable energy producers.
- Need to maximise recycling
- The cost of living has already gone up by a large amount, I already pay for this service through my council tax, will be given a discount if I choose not to use it next year ?
- We would use this system provided it could accept bagged waste. We do not have space available for waste bins for all types of household and garden waste. Due to this we currently deliver waste to a recycling centre
- This questionnaire is presented in a way that you clearly have decided that this is a service you intend to charge for. I relate back to my earlier comment that if you feel its a chargeable service, then the quality of the service should match what is being paid for. Collections should be better managed and there should be a way for residents to feedback if the service is not up to scratch. Ultimately, if 2 of the 4 merged councils did this service free of charge then they were clearly better at providing value for the residents they represented.
- I think there will be many households for whom any additional charge will be unaffordable and may be likely to result in them not maintaining their garden, leading to problems with visual nuisance and attracting flytipping. When there is a massive problem with rising living costs enforcement against people who cannot afford to regularly maintain their garden and dispose of the waste is unfair. I believe this service should continue to be provided as part of refuse service from the council but I would subscribe if it came into force.
- Many households struggle with bills as it is and this will further impact on these households and I feel that by introducing this system I am being held to ransom as have no other option but to pay.
The council tax has gone up but there is little improvement in the services offered
- Fly tipping
Pet [expletive] in the bins that dont belong to me (pets that is)
You make money from sale of composted waste - surely a partial offset?
- With already high Council Tax rates and high cost of living, this is the wrong time to be seeking to add more expenses to households.
- The impact would be garden waste being disposed of in other methods.
To tax the whole of the population is a much better option in the long run.
- Who thinks up these great ideas? Historically the Council never learn.
The state of the roads in Corby are a disgrace yet the collection of Council Tax continues to rise each year. Do you not think we all pay enough? Can you say we get value for money..?
Part of the Council Tax pays for the Police.. what Police? I saw a Polceman at a carboot sale this morning.. no not shopping. What a complete waste of resources and I certainly do not think that would be in their remit of their job description.

Then we all pay money to wards people not paying their Council Tax. Why should we pay a contribution towards that?

Then get your £10million pounds back...

- A negative would be people who don't want to or can't pay because of soaring bills including soaring council tax, who don't have a car or means to get to a tip, will then start fly tipping.
- people are struggling at the moment.

Council tax always goes up never comes down .

thousands of new houses are being built in Corby so that means the council have more income coming in so where is all the going.

- An extra charge is unacceptable, Council Tax has already had its annual increase. Inflation is running at +7%. NNC should not levy an extra charge in this financial climate. Charging would cause some people to opt out. The culture of keeping a tidy garden would be at risk for some people, the negative effects being felt for both the individual and community. The proposed NNC charge could even be the catalyst for an unwelcome increase in fly tipping. A regular Green Bin collection as it is now, has the massive positive quality of making tasks such as "grass cutting " a routine that fits the collection slot. Just listen to the lawn mowers a couple of days before collection day. Interrupting this service for some people, because they cannot afford the extra charge, can only therefore be a backward step.
- Yes I do think charging for garden waste would have a negative impact, as residents just can't afford it, the council tax should cover the cost of garden waste, we pay enough council tax but don't see much for it
- With the cost of living being so expensive at the moment and people already having to find more money just to exist, in my opinion this is totally the wrong time to align services such as this, with a view to imposing additional charges.

I believe that people will choose not to pay this additional charge if imposed and they will dump their garden rubbish elsewhere instead.

- Of course it would have a negative impact! People will dump it. You know this! Just keep the service as it is please. You can't keep taking away from us whilst increasing costs.
- There is enough rotten rubbish dumped across the counties back roads without encouraging more people to add to it by the imposition of additional charges, at a time when all other costs are rising at the same time
- there should be no charge for collection of garden waste as doing so will increase fly tipping and people may no longer maintain their gardens if they can't afford to have the waste collected.
- There's no mention about food waste that goes in to garden waste. This means we cannot answer the questions correctly. Plus the bandings should have already taken this in to account. This should have already have been sorted out before the merger of council and significant changes to service should be announced before we vote for councillors and then put to a proper vote to make the decisions fair as we are being punished by councillors in Northampton making numerous poor decisions .
- Legalised theft, simply taking the local residents for as much money as possible, no wonder Northamptonshire is blighted by fly tipping.
Rip off Britain at its finest, led by councils like ours
- N/A
- Judging by the questions it seems as though the council have decided to charge for the service anyway.
- The proposals would have significant negative effects because many people would refuse to pay and then would put their garden waste in other people's bin ... or would fly-tip.
I would have no choice but to pay, because I have a garden. And I object to the fact that I would be paying and then have my bin clogged up with other people's garden waste.

- With rising costs for household bills and groceries I think that this is another unnecessary charge and some people can not afford to stretch budgets even further for this service. I think this will encourage more people to fly tip.
- In the Autumn most of my garden waste are leaves from mature Beech trees on the edge of my property beside [Redacted]. Perhaps the Council would prefer that I had all these trees cut down ?
- CORBY has always had excellent kerb side collections and because the local council has managed its finances in ways to benefit its users, why should those people now be made to pay for the gross financial mismanagement by the County Council. Lending money to Silverstone and the Sixfields site with no financial recovery built in to the contract. Excessively poor governance.
- Cost of living rises to 7%. Council tax has gone up yet the services have gone down. Fuel bills have gone up drastically. Some people are already on the poverty line. This would a further negative impact.
- I see small deposits of fly tipping garden waste on the rural roads. These would surely increase. I do not accept NCC argument that it would not have an affect on fly tipping. This is wishful thinking on NCC's part.
I object that the assumption of this questionnaire is that charges WILL be introduced.
- To make low income families pay, could potentially see garden waste being duped over the county. As low income families are already struggling with the high inflation and cost of living increasing so significantly recently and the use of food banks has increased
- N/a
- Removing this service would i think lead to more dumping and also just pushing leaves in autumn onto the road with would create higher risk of skidding.
If a subscription service was introduced then what's to stop people sticking waste in your bin possibly overfilling it creating difficulties for the waste operatives.
- It will have an effect on the environment with people having to burn more garden waste and putting more in the black bin would increase recycling waste
- Many people will find it difficult to pay extra for the garden waste collection as the council tax increases each year and is already very high.
- This is an additional charge over and above the council tax I already pay, and therefore an additional cost to me.
- I think this is an unfair charge as we already pay for waste services with council tax which has already increased. Too much strain will be put on refuse sites and you will probably pay more for bulk waste in a council tip.
- I feel it is important that garden waste is properly disposed off. Due to current economic climate not everyone can afford to pay for this so surely it should be free for all. If illegally dumped it will cost to clean it up.
- If charged, households with more money will be able to continue to use the service, households who cannot afford to or do not want to pay for a service will use cheaper options such as driving to the tip using more emissions, some households will be at a disadvantage if they cannot afford to pay and also do not have the resources to remove their waste themselves
This puts poorer people at a disadvantage and reduces their ability to fill their gardens with greenery, even grass if you consider regular mowing in the summer - this will also impact their quality of life as well as the environment and wildlife
I think services should be free, but similarly in the way that if you were to pay you would register for the service, households who use the free service should register so the collectors can still avoid routes where they are not needed and therefore reduce emissions

More information on composting and possibly providing compost bins to households may reduce the amount of waste required to pick up

- People would not be able to afford to pay, some have gardens too small for a compost bin, so any waste would end up being dumped on the side of roads. Taxing people more is not the solution, maybe reducing garden to once a month with the option to pay for extra if needed may be a solution.
- People will dump their garden waste anywhere just like fly tipping which would end up not only being messy and untidy but would end up costing more to tidy up!
- I'm only wondering how this will impact on my existing financial crisis.
I don't know how much it's going to be and how I can afford to pay that extra as a single parent to 4 children and yet need to keep the garden clear for the children to play there.
I'm just worried for the future.
- We already pay our council tax for bin collection & we feel that garden waste should still be taken without an extra subscription payment. It works well at the moment so we don't feel the need to change it.
- I don't believe it's fair to charge. People are already feeling the effects of inflation. Raise the minimum wage instead of putting more strain on the everyday employee
- It will only increase the amount if fly tipping
- I'm assuming that an extra charge is only required if another green bin is required?
- The collection should remain all year round and not part year as most people with gardens will generate garden waste even in the depths of Winter due to times of pruning and clipping when plants are dormant. If I am paying for it I want it all year please.
- Fly tipping would increase. People cannot afford any more increases in their household bills. Do you want families to starve by making them pay more for bins to emptied.
- We already have lots of fly tipping and rubbish dumped on the road outside Mawsley. If this service was removed (as people may well struggle to pay for it) then there may be more things dumped outside the village. One lady already litter picks every single week and has collected over 100 bags already this year.
- Yet again the old Corby/Kettering councils being punished since merging with north northants
- Do you really need to ask? Fly tipping, increased local recycling use, increased anxiety and worry for residents, particularly elderly residents, increased rodent activity in local properties. Evaluate your priorities and stop wasting money on non essentials like the abundance of flower planting around Kettering etc and appropriately serve the community that pays you
- If you are going to charge, for garden waste, you will be asking people to put it in their black bin, or dump it somewhere.
- I can just about manage my garden and dispose of my waste into bin. I cannot afford any extra charges and I cannot use recycling centres. Do you have any thought for the elderly and associated mental health issues for us if you withdraw/require extra charges for garden waste collections
- People are already struggling with increased energy prices, petrol, food, clothing hikes. Wages are definitely not going up accordingly.
I think there will be more fly tipping.
- See earlier comments
- If this unfair levy is imposed, there should be a significant reduction in the cost for people living on a limited income such as a pension.
Imposing a levy to dispose of garden waste may result in higher rates of fly tipping, untidy gardens that attract vermin or neighbour complaints, etc. which would need a higher number of enforcement officers or alternatively enforcement, which is a service everyone pays for would be unlikely to happen.

- If you enforce additional charges for using the garden waste bin, everyone will just use there black bins and it will just simply go landfill rather than composting, therefore being detrimental to the environment, never mind people loosing jobs and local council income from the sale of the compost.... its a no brainer!!!!
- If council start charging for this service I believe people will start putting garden waste in black bins or they will start disposing of it else where which will then start making the estate look untidy
- As the Council tax should cover this already the service should be free. Question how many bins. As I live in a council property which is for [Redacted] people I have a [Redacted] what was planted by the then Wellingborough council then expect us to maintain them. I am [age] and last year when I cut it I had equivalent to 26 garden waste bins full. How much would that of cost? The cuttings were disposed of by legal means . If you you decide to put a charge on then if I am able to cut it I will leave it where it drops. As I've stated the council planted for the [Redacted] without maintaining it
- Increased fly-tipping would occur.
Leave the service alone it appears to work!!
- Charging people for disposal of garden waste is going to increase people dumping garden waste in lay-bys etc. this would then impact financially on the council to clear the rubbish.
- Fly tipping
- It would be taking money out of the pockets of families when things are hard enough as they are.
- I have recently moved here from Enfield. Soon after the charges were imposed there was a dramatic increase in fly tipping, which cost the council even more to clear up.
- this is just another way of whittling down public services and letting the elderly and disabled suffer especially
- Avoid negative impact by not charging
- Impact on the poorest at a time when things are getting increasingly difficult if a charge is imposed. Don't charge for it is the simple answer.
- It would increase fly tipping which is already an issue in the area
- As our lay-bys and gateways are already crammed with flytipping waste I can only see this multiply substantially with more garden waste being dumped
- The whole idea is very bad, why not try providing the services we already pay for, adequate street lighting, road repairs visible policing gets instead of finding new ways to fleece us
- Putting a charge in place will encourage fly tipping and that is bad enough already and will cost the council more
Charging for a service that we already pay for is an absolute disgrace
Charging residents due to council inadequate finance control Appalling
- Garden waste collection should be part of our council tax. The services you provide at present are appalling. Hundreds of pounds are spent on flowers displays. Which are lovely, by the way. However is that more important than safe pothole free roads, uneven paths and fly tipping. I own my property, but it is devalued by the fact that the street looks a mess. What happened to housing officers, checking that tenants are taking care of the properties. That's where you could enforce a fine, not penalising the people who look after their properties by charging for garden waste.
- Garden waste will be dumped at the roadside and we all have to pay for it to be removed.
Why give residents in flats a discount than penalise the majority of residents who live in houses
- I think many can't afford this extra charge and will not have access to their own home composting. I'm very worried that this will mean more garden waste in black bins. Reducing the number of collections might help reduce costs. I know we only use our bin for grass trimmings and wouldn't need it collecting more than once a month.

- As I said previously people will just put it in black bin so will go to landfill or it will be dumped elsewhere. You've also got a lot of people particularly older residents who enjoy the garden it's exercise and people maintain gardens all year so what will happen then. I like many people in Corby cannot afford any additional outgoings at current time given the cost of living increased payments to rent by several pounds council tax by 3% water up enormous rise on utilities and national insurance increase. Many older people may already pay someone to do their garden now they may have to pay to dispose of it too. Many gardens could be left unkempt showing a possible vulnerability of resident and a target for criminals
- It's likely to encourage fly tipping as people will begrudge paying more, and some people simply cannot afford it.
- There would be dumping on the roadside and it is bad enough already as the recycling centres are rubbish only being open certain days at certain times the centres should be open 7 days a week from 8am to dusk.
- Rubbish left in bags along the streets, dumped as most rubbish now. Air pollution with residents burning rubbish.
Place will become a slum, parks inaccessible, we already give dog mess now you will be adding garden waste.
- Well obviously with the rising costs of everything adding another expenditure into the household bills is not a pleasant thought. We'd personally probably still keep service (depending on cost), but how many other households will be pushed to the limit and just dump their waste anywhere? As previously stated get your recycling centres open all week and then at least those that could not afford bin collection could at least have the option of going to the recycling centre and hopefully not queuing! Enabled people to do the right thing instead of impeding them!
- It's disgraceful this is even being considered at this time when all families are facing energy bill hikes, VAT increase and NI increase. Whatever next?
- As previous comment, this will lead to an increase in dumped garden waste in fields woods, lanes etc. this is what happened when the charge for large items came in.
- If only one or two residents subscribed but others put out their bins how do you determine who has paid.
- With energy and fuel costs already spiralling out of control, with more to come in the Autumn. Now cost of living is increasing daily we would have to look at even more ways to save enough money to stay warm. Which most likely will mean cutting our food expenses!
- Don't know
- People can,t afford to pay for all this,its wrong,why should we pay when [Redacted] throw whatever rubbish they like where they want,yet we are penalised for doing things correctly using correct bins etc no!!
- The elderly and impoverished cannot afford this and there are only negative outcomes for them and the local area.
- Further charges should not be implemented, especially in current times when people have less money. This could result in more fly tipping, ultimately costing the council more
- The council tax bandings are already unfair with some houses being charged higher or lower rates for the same sized properties in different areas of the village. Cost of living is already far too high and unaffordable and you think adding another bill for something some people only use very occasionally is a possibility? Many people now have artificial grass or no grass in the garden meaning the use of a garden bin is not something they really use and an extra universal charge is not appropriate and not affordable.
- I think this is a false economy that long term will cause more problems than it solves, this proposal shows how short sighted and out of touch this council is. Lack of free waste collection

will cause illegal or inappropriate disposal of such waste, causing local areas additional problems which the council will have to clean up anyway.

- To make residents pay would only lead to more fly tipping
At least you can sell your compost on
I noticed you told us how much it cost to collect
But you failed to say how much you receive in sales
- I can't believe you are considering this in these days, the bills are all going up. People can't afford it. And the rubbish that will be dumped all around the streets and country sides. Disgusting behaviour again from North Northants
- There should be exemptions for pensioners and those on benefits.
I think by making compulsory charges fly tipping will increase. Council tax has gone up and refuse collection should be free, especially now with increases in energy costs, costs of living etc
- I do think lots of households won't be able to afford the additional cost of having to pay for the garden waste bin. This will then have a knock on effect of fly tipping and more visits to the local tips. Meaning the carbon neutral approach is a farce as more household cars will travel to the tip sites. The tips are frequently extremely busy and often block the roads in Rushden.
I don't think the bins need to be collected all year round but if I am paying for the service I want to be able to use it all year round. Again being carbon neutral is affected here as a collection would be made more often
- Increased illegal dumping of rubbish and many more garden bonfires
- Could lead to more fly tipping in rural areas
- Of course it would have a negative impact. If you are asking anyone to pay separately for a service you would need to consider all the other services provided. E.g. pensioners and adults without children that don't need to pay for children services.
- I think that this has the potential to lead to even more fly tipping as some households will not be able to pay and some households will simply not want to pay. I'm led to believe fly tipping costs the councils significant amounts to clear each year so I'd like to understand how this larger problem might be tackled.
I think that if a property has outdoor areas which are not privately managed by a leasehold management company then the provisions for removing garden waste should be covered by the council tax payments for that household with an opt-in service for properties with larger plots who may have additional needs or for one off clearance service. That way individuals can choose if they feel they need to pay for an additional service but everyone's garden waste is managed - in a similar way to how we make a one off payment to the council to remove items such as fridges.
- More dumping of rubbish
- With the rise in energy costs, fuel, cost of living soaring, recent increase to council tax, not everyone getting a Rebate on it, unfair house gradings people are already stretched to the limit, gardens and properties will be left to fall into disrepair, leaving estates looking even worse than they do now, gardens will just be used as a dumping ground. What will the council do about that when that starts to happen, we end to reduce some of the unnecessary spending in place, look at proper council tax banding and charge the people not just based on the age of the property
- DONT CHARGE.
- Fly tipping of garden waste. People putting it into black bins or recycling.
Still charging me the same for council tax each year and receiving lesser service.
- Keep it as is with no additional cost to the tax payer. There will be a huge increase in fly tipping, uncontrolled fires which would lead to more complaints and additionally stretching the fire service. Offering the service from March to November is the best solution

- Fly tipping, use of black bin with negative long term environmental impact (methane production in landfill)
The solution is central composting where chipping / crushing and high temperatures can be achieved.
Not sure if biomass is a possibility? Do we have a plant in Northamptonshire?
- You charge enough for our council tax we personally get very little in return all garden waste should be collected free as fly tipping is already rife and would increase also traffic to recycling centers would increase the council talk a good game on ecological things but actions speak louder than words
- If charges are implemented illegal dumping would probably increase causing the council extra costs.
- Will lead to fly tipping in the countryside
- Fly tipping would increase
- By charging for garden waste collections people will put the waste in the black bins.
- Believe the way Wellingborough collect waste is brilliant, why change what's good
- I feel this is cashing in on another service that is currently provided AFTER raising the council tax annual bill already this year. On top of the cost of living.
This has been part of the service for my whole adult life and this is the prime example of another Tory failing in making the bottom of the pile pay. Shame on you.
- Agree in principle with subscription idea, however for those with only a small garden/patio I think they would not want to pay. So they may end up opting out, then putting garden waste in their black bin as and when they have it, if there is no other means of collection. Also, if only 2 people in our street subscribe, the lorry will still have to come along anyway, so would not necessarily cut down on emissions etc, the only difference is that we'd be the only ones paying for it.
- This proposal has already got a negative impact on the environment as it will increase the council's costs for the cleaning up of all the fly tipping it has created and will not result in any savings
- I think you would end up with a lot more fly tipping of garden waste which would end up costing more
- I take any garden waste that will not fit in my green bin to the tidy tip, however I fear that some residents who were not happy to pay for collection might just dump their garden waste irresponsibly. This would then impact on the environment as well as require council action.
- It would have a hugely negative impact on people and environment in this area. A free collection service is vital in this impoverished area of mostly terraced houses as most have no alternative. There will be wide scale garden rubbish in black bins and flytipping if people who cannot afford to pay have their access to the current service removed - they are already struggling
- Why not add this charge, set for say 5 years, to our council tax bills if we want to pay for green waste collection. more people would opt in if it is not seen as an extra tax, bearing the two largest centres of population Corby and Kettering have not had to pay extra for green waste collection.
- A good solution is the Mar-Nov at no additional cost.
Other options are likely to see increases in flytipping (massive extra costs for clearance) or increase in volume and weight for landfill (extra cost)
If garden waste is added to black bin refuse then additional lorries or trips to landfill will be required so it is in fact cost neutral with regards to vehicles. The only difference being labour.
- The service must continue with everyone contributing to keep costs down. It is in everyone's interest to keep gardens tidy and avoid flytipping
- We are on benefits and struggle to be able to afford costs for everything now. This would be another extra cost that we could do without. We live in a council house that requires 3 or more

bins to maintain the garden because there are bushes, trees and grass to do. I would rather live in a council house that had smaller gardens so I wouldn't pay so much or none at all. It's not fair to have to pay extra costs because of how big the gardens are. I would prefer the service to be free and run in the time gardens are growing and stop in the winter when they are dormant.

- Green waste bins have always been a free service in Irchester, I feel that if we were now charged in line with the old East Northants service, people including my house would just use the black bin instead rather than pay for a service which has not been previously charged. We would also see a lot more unsocial-able bonfires as people will not want to pay for the collection service.
- The reason we are now divided into two Northants council areas is due to criminally inept financial management in the not too distant past.
We are now blessed with TWO sets of "executives" plus the inevitable Heads of this and that who are rewarded with "eye watering salaries. TWO headquarters/head offices, two lots of re-branding etc etc etc and we are faffing around discussing the collection of hedge and grass cuttings cuttings?
- Increase in road usage to recycle centres
Increase in fly tipping
- Make it the same for everyone and make it cheaper, the price is a joke and people will just be throwing their garden waste elsewhere to avoid paying, no wonder most of Northampton is a state
- Fly-tipping which is currently a problem would increase alarmingly as would bonfires.
- This proposal discriminates against higher Council Tax Band properties. If it leads to greater attempted use of the local Recycling Centre where there are often long queues and limited facilities there could well be an escalation of the current fly tipping problem.
- Please abandon your idea of charging and think of the environment in the broadest terms possible.
- Older people already struggle on their pensions. The garden is their joy and now they would be charged on this also on top of what they already pay. Seems a little unfair
- I believe if you start charging for garden waste collections, all you're doing is promoting fly tipping again like when the tips started charging for vans. If it's commercial then charge but not if it's personal goods in your own vehicle.
- People already pay through council tax, shouldn't have to pay again.
- As I live in an area where residents are already paying for the service I am not able to offer any comments.
- I wrote my reasons in other comment boxes in the questionnaire, but I think gardens would get neglected and waste would be found flytipped not everybody has access to a car to take to the tip or room to compost in their own gardens
- Households will be fuming with this and will not see why they should have to make special trips to the tip when the council has always collected it. Garden rubbish will end up being dumped in parks or on streets. Keep as it is now but just reduce to collecting March to October
- With gas electric food all increasing another additional cost people are really going to struggle. I work full time and I am feeling the pinch so people on lower wages it will cripple them
- It's a bad idea & should be left as is
- The cost of misplaced grass in black refuse bags.
Flytipping,
Extra cars at recycling centres not everyone has access to cars at all.
If a charge is needed then less frequent collections should be offered at a discount for smaller gardens.

- I think charging for a service that many thousands of households have enjoyed for no extra charge (although not free at all because of our ever increasing council tax) would cause a huge resentment.
Inevitably in these times of households having to cope with an ever increasing costs, they will use the black bins or even a few fly tipping. In my view that would be disastrous and against the recycling tradition which is now very well established in the area.
If it is really impossible to continue this service across the whole year then just stop it in December, January and maybe February.
- I feel it would definitely have a negative impact at a time of crisis for a lot of families financially. I would have thought that by making the garden waste collection from Mar to Nov for all the whole of NNC there would be sufficient saving made from the residents that currently get 12 month garden waste collection to enable the Mar to Nov collection for all FREE.
- I want extra charges to be avoided I am already struggling as a single parent. I don't want to be worrying about paying for this as well.
- As a 'wobbly bloke' (OK, officially disabled but with a sense of humour) I would struggle if this service was not available ...
- More refuse dumping on the highway and countryside
- I think that as we pay council tax, this should cover all services provided to the public
- Sadly there'd be more dumping than already takes place. Leading to more unsightly mess and more expenses to clean
- more fly tipping
- It could be that people would dump their garden waste in places that they are not supposed to do so
- I've already said that NNC should be promoting recycling garden waste so that you can contribute to non peat based compost, I would buy that back from you!! It's hard work using a home compost heap, although I do have 2, but I'm getting older and worry I can't do this in future, in common with other older people, thus if I can't afford the charge and can't make home compost, wildlife and home veg growing suffers.
- It will lead to an increase in fly-tipping, which will cost far more than the council pays on collection.
- There could be more waste dumped by roadside as people won't pay for something that was included before more journeys to local tip that already struggles to cope at peak times a backwards step in waste management
- I think people will dump their garden waste as and where they can.
- Kettering is a fairly working class town. Most residents would dump their waste or even worse start having fires in the garden, and this would result in people complaining about washing being hung out.
- Yes as I think people will use others bins and be loads off fly tipping by people
- People would add it to general waste bin. They may use additional plastic sacks - bad! Or dump it illegally
- Additional financial burden when we will be in a period of high inflation and uncertain business future.
No consideration given to pensioners with regard to extra cost on their income, potential transport difficulties and potential disabling them to enjoy a pastime.
- Charging for this service when the cost of living, council tax, NI, fuel costs, food and just everything else has increased without many people getting pay rises will cause people to not have garden waste collected and incidences of fly tipping when they run out of tip trips and have to pay for extra ones of those too. Fly tipping already causes an issue and costs the council to clear up, do we really need to be spending out more on that?

- As stated earlier, I have been very happy using the brown bin service and paying for it. I would not be so pleased to pay a reduced, "harmonised" annual subscription were the collection period to be restricted to nine months per year, for example but I can appreciate the reasoning behind this.
- More fly tipping of garden rubbish of which there's already a significant amount of around the country roads
- As stated before an increase in fly tipping
- A number of people have told me they will start burning their garden waste. This will negatively impact the atmosphere. I am a disabled pensioner and cannot afford additional payments. As with everything else, I will cut out what isn't absolutely necessary hence the reason why I will burn garden waste rather than pay an additional charge.
- -Home composting is inefficient.
-Lots of vehicles traveling to local 'tips' is inefficient.
-Flytipping will increase
- I only have a very small garden and would probably not use the service and take stuff to the tip myself as the charge isn't worth it. Plus why should I pay as a household when a high percentage in Wellingborough won't pay and they will just fly tip it especially around where I live. I think if the council introduce this then they should agree to clear up fly tipped garden waste even if it is fly tipped on/around private property because this will happen and you know it will just look around Wellingborough now at all the fly tipped rubbish
- I think there would be more fly tipping and burning of garden waste in residential areas. Keep providing service as part of council services covered by council tax
- People are struggling to pay their bills already, Council Tax has increased along with every other bill and people will not be able to afford extra to take away their garden rubbish. This would encourage people to FLY TIP which would cost the council more in the long run to clear it up!!
When the council stopped taking household white goods free of charge, what happened, people were so lazy and weren't prepared to pay, so once again they FLY TIPPED and then it cost the council, and at the end of the day, us Tax Payers, a lot more money!
Please have some common sense before making a final decision.
- Fly tipping could increase
- I think you should pay for the quantity of waste because usually my gardens are very small and the quantity to pay is too much for a small garden.
- I feel that if a charge is put on then there will be more fly tipping.
When the unitary council was formed we were told it would be better value for money - not charging for services which are free for some places. It should be free for all especially as other bills are getting no higher
- Introducing a charge will have a negative impact on low and middle income families.
- There shouldn't be any extra payment unless this is included in our council tax payment
- If people have to pay, most just won't bother and it will end up in landfill. People are struggling financially as it is. How can a working family be expected to pay an additional charge for this given many people have to choose between heating and food in winter. People with tiny gardens shouldn't have to pay the same as people with large gardens. I have my garden waste bin emptied about twice a year so it is really not worth paying £20+ per bin emptying. Can you not reduce it to monthly collections with an option for people to request an additional collection if required, that they will have a charge for in order to simultaneously cut operation costs and create some revenue? You say in the information how much it costs to collect the waste but make no mention of how much revenue is made by selling the contents to the compost companies.

- 1 The charge will lead to more garden waste being fly tipped, costing the council money to clear it up. 2 It will lead to more garden waste going into residual waste bins and then into landfill. 3 It will lead to more garden waste being taken to recycling centres in cars and vans. More car and van journeys on our roads. 4 It will lead to more garden waste being burnt on bonfires. 5 The waste collection lorry will still drive the same route, but collect less waste. 6 It will result in thousands of surplus garden waste bins which will need to be collected and disposed of. Potential negative impacts could be reduced or avoided by not making an extra charge for this service.
- There will be more garden waste fly tipped
- If you love back to when the council introduced a charge for household items to be taken away fly tipping rocketed so the same will end up happening but will be garden waste scattered everywhere
- awful idea to consider charging to use garden waste... especially so much money. lowering the cost would be helpful to £20 per year but defiantly not more than this. where does our council tax go if you keep on charging us people for everything
- All of the people om low incomes cnot afford this extra charge
- The service provides benefits for many households who currently avail of the facility. This availability should continue with minimal impact and cost. Providing the facility through an additional cost on your council tax will continue to provide the benefits for the majority of residents.
- To introduce a charge for garden waste collection in areas that were previously free will end up with people cancelling the service and will end up with it either ending up dumped at the side of the road or people making trips to the dump! If a charge of say £20 is made for a March to November collection it is more likely to be taken up.
- It seems like the questions are loaded towards charging and not looking at considering make it free service for all of Northamptonshire
- I believe a large proportion of households wouldn't wish to pay and would resort to fly tipping or burning their waste. Fly tipping would then increase council's costs to clear up the mess. Burning waste would go against Government proposed carbon reduction and cause smoke nuisance..something that the council would also have to deal with therefore increasing spending unnecessarily on something that could be avoided.
- Garden waste would be burnt on bonfires to the detriment of health and the enviroment. Fly tipping would increase and cost many times the amount it currently does to clean it up. No one pays their council tax to live in a smoke filled dumping ground. Those who do not burn or dump their garden waste will add it to the black bin thereby increasing the cost of that service and needing more landfill sites.
- It concerns me that certain areas which are not affluent would struggle to pay additional charges and dumping of rubbish would be a big problem. If your going to put a charge on this should be taken from the council tax paid
- If you start to charge there will be more fly tipping
- if the Council decides to charge there would likely be an increase in fly tipping as some people would not be able to afford the charge and others might not choose to do so.
- Waste being left everywhere, not just country, but town street
- I believe that if the council introduce a charged for service for the collection of household waste, there will be an increase in fly tipping, as households are already struggling at the moment with the current cost of living crisis. I think the council could reduce or avoid this negative impact by continuing to provide a garden waste collection service as part of the main waste collection service and not a separate charge.

- Double taxation will cause huge upset. If you do charge it must be for the whole year. We help with [Redacted] clearing litter as the council have proved incapable of doing it. Flytipping is bound to increase. Also I suspect greed has already ensured that our opinions don't matter as the councilors are too busy making money for themselves & don't care about us at all!!!!!!
- It will be dumped all round the estate or lay-bys and you know that just take a look round you have just put up the council tax .
- Let's have the refuse tips open 7days a week to reduce fly tipping as I think charging for collection will see fly tipping increase.
- With the cost of living increasing all the time, many people are struggling to pay for necessities and council tax has increased since authority became unitary so garden waste collection should be free.

There could be an increase in fly tipping which would have a negative impact on the community as well as costing council more in the long run.

- The service should be encouraged with all year round service free to all
- Please see previous comments
- Bringing in a garden waste subscription charge would only result in even more fly tipping and rubbish dumping. Essential rubbish collection should continue to be free. In fact authorities should be concentrating their efforts on encouraging responsible disposal of all rubbish. Not thinking of extra charges.
- The consultation only gives options of high amounts for a subscription payment. Options of less than £40 should have been included. We were told that the formation of NNC would result in cost savings through economies of scale. Any charge applied to all NNC residents should therefore be no more than half that currently paid by residents in the former ENC area - as it would be paid by a much larger number of residents.

There is a section headed 'Using the service'. It asks whether you would continue to use the service if you had to pay a subscription. As the main alternative would be to illegally fly tip, this appears to be a loaded question to ensure that residents say yes. NNC can then use this to claim that residents will pay for a subscription service and then implement it. It's equivalent to asking a question such as "Would you pay your Council Tax if it was to be increased by 8%". A separate charge should not be introduced for something that was previously included in a resident's Council Tax payment. It's charging twice for the same thing. A garden waste charge is effectively a back door Council Tax rise. Also a resident in a band B property would have to pay the same as somebody in a band E one. As well as there being no 25% discount for anybody living on their own. There is therefore a greater impact on some residents than others. At a time of a cost of living crisis (with a further very large increase in energy costs predicted for October) this type of garden waste charge is totally inappropriate.

- Making residents pay an additional cost in order to have our garden waste collected is disgraceful. Northants council has wasted so much money over time & now obviously is in dire need of extra cash & has decided to make everyone pay extra. Why should the residents of Corby for example have to pay for this service when it has always been free. Before the areas of the county were amalgamated Corby was run very efficiently by the council - but you have now stopped that & we all have to suffer.
The council should stop wasting money - times are hard for everyone & the last thing people need is additional cost. Think of the fly tipping that this is going to attract. This will cost more than emptying the garden bins! What about redundancies for the refuse collectors who do a fantastic job in Corby?
- By bringing a subscription fee there will be far more fly tipping, we pay far too much council tax as it is. How about you stop paying the bin men/ women TRIPLE PAY on a bank holiday!! This could be used to subsidize this service.

- Placing a charge on a service which has been part of our council tax for many years is just another bill to be paid when households are struggling. Council tax is raised yearly yet I never see services improve or where this money goes.
- Obviously it will. You will be collecting green waste from public roads, car parks etc where it will be left by people who don't care how this country looks like. As you do with old furnitures, mattresses, bricks. I already pay for you to collect it, now you want me to pay additionally for my green waste and I will pay for you collecting even more of green waste from laybys. The point is, offer discount to those who don't have garden if you are looking for fair solution.
- I think that charging for the service will have unintended consequences which far outweigh any supposed benefits, and the cost to the council will completely backfire. I can foresee bags of garden waste thrown onto verges and stacked in gardens, generating unsightly and hazardous outcomes.
- There would be a greater risk of fly tipping.
Burning garden waste would be less environmentally friendly than the current situation.
The loss of compost material would lose the council income from its sale
- You more than likely have a policy already to put in place ?
- If it was burned it would contribute to making climate change worse.
If it was fly tipped it would not be environmentally friendly.
Loss of compost value through not being recycled
- As previously said, by charging I believe you would encourage fly tipping. Surely this costs more to clear away.
Not everyone has room to compost, equally not everyone has the means to take garden waste to a recycling centre.
- Prioritise budgets and resources to provide an adequate baseline service BEFORE trying to implement nonsensical things like this.
- To combat an increase in fly-tipping you should remove the limit on the number of household visits to waste disposal centres.
- Longer queues at the recycling centres. Which the council will still have to dispose of the garden waste from there so where are the cost savings?
- Leave it so that our existing payment for rubbish collection is all that is charged. Any increase or duplication is likely to lead to increased fly tipping and/or burning of garden waste and/or disposal of garden waste in black bins. We know this due to the experience of councils in other areas of the UK such as [Redacted]. Thank you for providing the services you do and please do not go down a route that may be a lot more expensive for all of us in the long-term all for the sake of a short term additional revenue boost of an inconsequential amount.
- More people might burn, fly tip or fill a paying neighbour's bin. All will cause I'll feeling to a neighbourhood. So leave it as it is, because we already pay for 3 bins to be emptied.
- I think a compromise should be reached whereby the whole Council area adopt the system of having green bins emptied March / April - Oct / Nov without charge. Any collections out of these dates should attract a fee
- Fly tipping is already bad enough this will just increase it.
- the council is a joke grab grab grab
- I think you need to make the service viable and make it make revenue by recycling, reusing and making compost. It would seem your answer to anything environmentally friendly is to tax it. This is not on.
- Sounds like the decision has been made and this is really about the amount you can get away with charging.
- I feel that you spread the cost across north north and council should be the same. It at a lower rate to encourage those that don't pay now to pay £15-20 ?

My son in Wellingborough pays nothing and so pay £55 in Rushden

- Everything is increasing in cost, gas electric, water and now you want to charge more for this service that we already pay for. When is it going to stop? When everybody starves or freezes to death so the service is no longer required
- I think it will encourage more fly tipping
- there would be more fly tipping
- I would likely share with a neighbour and buy an incinerator. Hardly eco friendly but we already pay a lot of refuse collection.
- Illegal dumping of waste and more waste unnecessarily going to landfill- Allow more visits to the household recycling per 60 days so those who do not want to pay the subscription can responsibly get rid of their garden waste themselves.
- Those households with gardens most likely pay more in council tax, therefore this should cover the cost of removing garden waste. Adding a subscription is totally unfair and would most likely lead to reduced maintenance of properties, lack of responsible relaying or correct bin usage and fly tipping. We pay premium council tax and that should always include garden waste.
- Corby and Kettering have this service included in the annual council tax. If you add an additional charge for garden waste; then frankly this is an additional increase to the projected increase of 3% in Apr 22.

This is not what the people need at a really challenging time.

Remember you are your environment! Maintain the option for garden waste disposal within annual council tax. The price mopping up the mess isn't worth it.

- Fly tipping will increase
- You want us to recycle but if garden waste was an extra cost, people will just dispose of it as easily as possible. You don't want fly tippers yet it appears that your will
- Absolute shambles.
- An increase in fly tipping
- Households are already suffering hardship. We already pay council tax, it should be included within that. Not everyone uses the services that are included within the council tax eg: schools, highways etc... so waste should be the same.

where do you propose that veg waste is put if collection isn't every month?

Are you not concerned about people just putting grass cuttings in the black bin? Increase in landfill as people are likely to put it in black bin liners.

What are the environmental impacts of this?

what about a monthly direct debit... not even an option on the questions.

There should have been more thought with the questions as they are very leading.

- prices are high I wouldn't mind paying for garden waste to be around £30-40 that's more reasonable not £55
- I can't afford all these extra costs as a pensioner how are we supposed to live and feed ourselves and pay all these high prices gas electricity water rates council tax telephone what we get as a rise in our pension does not cover the rise in one bill let alone 5 or more
- If they won't more than one bin then I accept to have to pay for a second bin but not just for one.
- Introducing an additional charge would mean I would be forced to have a bonfire on a more regular basis instead.

I did take the biggest amounts of garden waste I had to the tip when I first moved into the house as the garden was hugely overgrown but since then my 2 bins have meant I can maintain my garden with only occasional trips to the tip.

I use my 'garden waste' bin for kitchen compostables all year round and to start charging for that collection outside the 'growing season' would mean I, and the vast majority of other households

would put recyclable/compostable waste into the black bin which is not good for sustainability or the planet .

I believe this is not a course of action any environmentally responsible organisation should take

- Payment £55 per year but waste bin collection only March to November. Why??? Collect all year round or take Payment for those months when the bin is collected.
- I think it will encourage fly tipping. Some people just can't afford the extra cost so where are they expected to get rid of their garden waste especially if they don't have transport?
- Increased organic waste in residual waste
Increased GHG emissions
Increased CO2 eq
Increased climate change
Loss of valuable materials which used to create chemical free agricultural fertiliser
More fertiliser and compost bought in by farmers, and transport associated with this, leading to increased cost for farmers, and increased CO2 eq related to transport.
More fly tipping
- Your questions are very biased.
Either include the cost in the council tax next year- and keep it free for this year, and give people a fair chance to get their gardens tidy for the Queen`s celebrations, actively encourage the people of NN to keep their gardens tidy as it makes the whole area look much nicer.
- This will result in more fly tipping and create a bigger problem.
- With household budgets already being squeezed in every direction, I think this additional proposal is hugely inappropriate right now! Council tax has already been increased substantially, for the coming year, and I assume the bill for garden waste disposal has been factored into that increased budget?! If you force subscription on us, many just won't pay and fly tipping will increase substantially. Who will pay for the clear up then?!
- I vote for just leave it as it is, maybe curb Kettering/Corby collections down to March-Nov same as rest of us?
- Any charges should relate to garden size/amount of waste produced
- 1) Most people have small gardens these days, particularly in modern builds. Therefore finding somewhere for a compost bin to go, could be an issue. There would for sure be a surge of people throwing debris\garden waste along the highway resulting in council clear up in any event. Provision of brown wheelie bins as already supplied, is the way forward,. You already have waste vehicles so there would be no investment required from you.
2) Environmental impact needs to be considered. If everybody had to go down the tip every 2 weeks, all those emissions and particulates build up, resulting in further bad health for most. The waste lorry drivers could be given a schedule/list of people who use the waste service. That would alleviate the need to drive down every road and save fuel.
3) With the cost of fuel, people will be less likely to want to make regular trips to the tip where you can queue for ages at some stations to dispose of the waste. Give it to the farmers for their fields, that in turn should help to reduce the cost of food!!!
4) North Northamptonshire council should lead by example and actively recycle and compost en-mass . The council can use 'accelerators' to quickly generate compost, most people do not have the knowledge, the space, the time, nor inclination for this. Our old council East Northants were very efficient encouraging recycle where they can. It would be nice for this newly formed (!) council to follow suit and act responsibly. Cost cutting exercises have major costs themselves!
- People will just dump the waste else where and make it worse for the council to clear it up and cost them more
- There would be a lot more fly tipping by people who still bothered to keep their garden nice.

- I think the fly tipping in the area would go up as people would put waste in black bin. Plus rats as would increase as people would have excess waste laying around
- Firstly I think November is too soon to stop, a lot of trees do not shed leaves until December. If opting in, some may not pay but instead dump their garden waste on verges, local parks, woods or neighbour's bins. There is already a problem with waste dumping of non garden rubbish. Some people may bag the garden waste and put it in the black bin.
- The negative impact would be charging more money and costs to already high taxes and lack of money to pay.
- See above

Those of us with gardens are in higher council bands already.

You make it sound as if those not paying £55 are getting something for nothing. They are not. The whole survey is tilted to that thinking to assist you in imposing another "tax" which you will then increase yearly no doubt.

Try living within your budget as the rest of us are having to do instead of devising ever more diverse ways of raising money.

If you want all to be equal remove the £55 where charged.

- I worry that by levying a charge fly tipping might increase.
- I think you will see an increase in inappropriate disposal with all the associated knock on costs.
- People may not be able to afford to pay a subscription for garden waste collection and therefore may just not have their garden waste collected and leave their garden a mess or may just put garden waste in their regular black bin.
- Don't double charge those already paying for the service.
- I believe that starting to charge for green waste will mean that lots of people will start to fly tip, which will then cost our Council more to collect and dispose of it.

Or if dumped on private land, a cost to the owner which is unfair as it is something they will then have to pay for to resolve when beyond their control.

With the costs of general living rising, people will not be able to afford to pay for an extra service even if they wanted to so there will be an increase in general waste.

As I understand it, I believe it costs the council more to dispose of general waste than it does recycling, as profit cannot be made from general waste, but it can from recycling and by using green waste for composting purposes.

If the Council start to charge for garden waste, it will mean staff will have to spend time chasing for payments, which will cost the Council more to pay staff to try and collect this. If this money is never recovered, it will end up being written off, which means Councils time and money has been wasted over a long period of time.

As a Council and country, we are trying to encourage people to recycle where possible, and by making this service chargeable is a huge step back in this.

If should not cost more to try and better the country! Recycling anything possible should not be financially detrimental to anybody, it should cost more to not recycle and the Government and local councils should be leading on this.

If garden waste is charged for, less will be able to be composted by the Council which will mean the money currently made from this will dramatically reduce and then have a negative financial affect. I assume this will then have to be made up from elsewhere, but where will that be from? Whilst the recycling centres are open for garden waste to be taken to, this is only beneficial for people that have transport available to them to take it there. Many people do not have this or family/friends that are able to drive either.

There are already large queues to get in and take items to the recycling centre, and many people will not want to sit and wait, which brings us back to fly tipping instead.

- It would lead to inappropriate waste in other bins and potentially dumping of garden waste in public spaces which could end up costing more
- To increase or have a high subscription to this service, I feel, would result in fly tipping of grass as certain people will not pay a charge.
- Money money [expletive] money that is all you ever want. Cut the [expletive] salaries of you overpaid money grabbers. Then you wouldn't have to keep pestering joe public for it all the while !!!!!!!
- Some people won't actually pay, they will put waste in black bin. People will get round paying for bin.

Q. If you have any other comments you would like to make that you have not already told us, then please tell us here:

There were 1,986 responses to this question.

- Tell us why are we getting charged another tax when we already pay for refuse removals!!!!
- I don't have a particular objection to paying the subscription but feel it should be fair across the authority. We currently pay the highest amount.
- We pay an extortionate council tax for a poor service as it is. To charge us the council tax payer extra to recycle is laughable.
You have already gone bust for bad financial management once so I think the less money you take from us hard working people the better.
- I feel that the council should operate a fair system across all areas and i would be in favour of all areas getting 1 bin collected free between March & November. This may save some money of you aren't collecting all year round in 2 areas.
- Don't do it
- The garden collection service is unreliable as it is. If a paid for service is introduced and collections are missed will residents get a refund?
- I think it would be fairer to stop charges across North Northamptonshire completely for this service .
A better offer would be kerbside collection March to November once a month . Anyone needing more could then purchase a subscription for an extra bin, use a private company or go to the tip themselves.
- This consultation is a pointless exercise. You've already decided that the charge is going to be brought in.
We already pay for waste collection in our council tax, why should be expected to pay again
- I am very content with the current arrangements for garden waste and would be happy to continue with it. Thank you.
- Can we pay monthly please with the council tax
- Many people have smaller gardens and don't necessarily need fortnightly collections. Perhaps a four weekly collection could also be offered for a lower subscription? Or maybe a pay per collection booking system?
- I hope the bin collection continues and is available the whole year just with a break over Christmas and New Year. Thank you.
- Council must have a rethink on this.
- I won't be paying to use a garden bin. We are expected to be environmentally friendly, yet imposing a charge, is not going to help. As well as all the other bills going up, and with some people having to choose between keeping warm or eating, I can't see many people are going to pay. This is then going to increase the black bin rubbish, as why take it to the tip? It will increase fly tipping when there is too much to get rid of, yet we may be expected to pay for the privilege of being kind to the environment? I think not.

- The garden waste costs 1% of your total budget. That's minimal.
If you are insistent on putting in a charge and I am sceptical of this consultation as I believe the outcome is already decided. The charge should be the absolute lowest it can be. It shouldn't ever create a surplus, and you should publicise the money you receive in an easy to read format. Furthermore, you should introduce the ability to pay for a stack of 5 or so collections over the year to allow people who would only use it on a few occasions would be incentivised to use it as well.
- Will my pension be increased to take in the costs
- I don't think i have adequately expressed my anger at this proposal. The Council should be looking to aid residents in 'doing the right thing' as regards the environment. This is a step in the opposite direction.
- This should be put to a vote as this Council is not representative of its residents
- We hear so much about the council's budget but no one listens to the impact on household budgets where every additional charge gets shifted to. We have a reduce eating capacity due rising cost and at this point we are drawn into a debate about waste bins! 😞😞😞
I dread to think what council charges will be for my children in years to come.
- The survey was worded in favour of subscription. Very biased
- Having a small garden I don't have the room for composting. Also renting the payment of the service should be monitored as to the time you live at the property.
- Stupid idea....if I have to pay garden waste tax then reduce my council tax....
- Keep it 'free' - we are clearly already paying for it.
But maybe reduce the CT for those without gardens.
- Should be free as part of expensive council tax
- Shame on you for even thinking about this given how much council tax has gone up.
- You just can't keep putting more and more pressure and worry on people.
- I love my garden, and would now consider having bonfires to get rid of garden waste, instead if paying for collection, but that's not good for the planet is it !
- Keep up the collections, not each area will have the same needs this needs to be looked at. It's not a one box fits all.
- Last year when garden waste continued to be collected within the overall charge, Wollaston had a Council Tax rise of 8.2% well above the 'permitted' increase level. This was excused as harmonisation but clearly we were subsidising others.
To increase the charge over and above the permitted maximum would be a sick joke.
- You want more money for less services
I presume that the waste is sold so you want us to pay for you to get the money for it ? No thank you
- If the cost is introduced can we see transparency of where the extra revenue produces a cost saving elsewhere. Can we also see other costs consistency as I believe Thrapston provides free dog waste bags and clearly this is only relevant to dog owners.
- Is the council selling the compost for profit ?????
- I feel you would alienate people should you put an extra cost onto their already spiralling cost of living.
People will undoubtedly either put waste into their black bins, or they would find other ways to dispose of the waste for free.
The questions come across as if a decision has already been made to charge extra and you are covering yourselves by putting a questionnaire out to make it look like you consulted first.
- Don't change our bin collections please

- At the moment having garden waste collected throughout the year is a well used and much appreciated service. It would be a shame to reduce it especially if residents have to pay an additional charge for it to continue.
- The council services are a joke. I live on priors hall park, we pay a management fee to live here meaning you do nothing for us other than collect our bins and for that pleasure I already pay thousands of pounds a year. Now you want to charge for the one service that I actually receive from you.
It's detestable. The whole system is shot and needs overhauling, you are literally charging me for services you don't provide me with. In any other business that would be classed as fraud. Instead of charging the people more money for less year after year take a look at your own house and sort that out!!!
- We also could do with food waste collection
- I think it should be free but you don't give that option - considering how much we pay for council tax it should remain as we are (collections from March to November)
- Northampton council mismanaged money & now well run Corby Council is expected to pick up costs, shambolic!
- Not every one uses there garden waste bin it's ridiculous to charge extra
- Some residents in certain areas pay for grass and hedge cutting in community area. The grass gets cut but the hedges dont belong to anyone but the residents are being told the council wont cut the hedge but yet it dosnt belong to anyone. How does that work, thieving gits taking money but not doing the job they said they would do.
- The council needs to improve other areas that are already being paid for rather than a money making exercise on garden waste collection.
Why charge to collect garden waste when this will compost down unlike general household rubbish that goes to landfill?
- Drop it or reap the fallout and consequences as there are likely to be many upset and annoyed householders!
- I think it's an excellent service at the moment and am happy with it not being all year there is no need. Council tax has risen considerably and I don't see what we are getting extra for our money it just feels like another thing being taken away and the council is money grabbing
- I strongly disagree with a charge being introduced for garden waste
- Will the local landfill tip still be available to take garden waste to?
- Council tax rates are already higher for larger properties but they still receive the same service as the lower bands. The lower bands are usually flats who have no garden so in effect that difference goes towards the green waste collections that the houses have.
- I am fundamentally against this change and I don't understand why the cost is not just incorporated into local council taxes. I appreciate not everyone may use the brown bin service but equally I am sure there are other services which my council tax funds which I may not use. Are we moving to a society that takes a narrow minded view on only paying for our own needs rather than the greater good for all?
- There will be a massive reduction in people recycling and disposing of garden waste responsibly. Neighbourhoods will get messier as people will not cut hedges, grass, tidy up etc not knowing how they can dispose of the waste. With increasing costs all over, you should not be considering putting even more pressure on low income households who may feel obliged to pay this to protect the environment, especially if they have no car to take to recycling centre.
- I think maybe the collections should be every 2 weeks during the growing seasons, but then in the off season maybe collect once every 6 weeks or something, as there always seems to be a full bin by about December.

- I would be willing to pay a higher yearly charge if they were emptied weekly rather than fortnightly
- Can we all pay through the general tax.
- i smell greed over environment
- You could reduce the council cost of green waste by only offering collections during growing session and not in winter months.
- Please continue with brown bins.
We all have to pay for things via taxes that we don't use, swings and roundabouts.
- We pay already in our taxes
If this service was to stop
We would require a reduction in our yearly fee
Thank you :)
- Unbelievable
- Where I live, there are [redacted] flats which currently have 2/3 brown bins. These bins are mainly used by the garden maintenance man. Many of the ground floor flats have small paved gardens, while the first floor flats have small balconies.
- Reiterate once again all the comments made throughout this survey. I'm very disappointed.
- I can't see how the charge will mean the waste is responsibly collected and disposed of. There are paid for schemes for large items but that seems to increasingly be flytipped. Garden waste will go the same way and lead to dangerous unsightly dumping that innocent farmers and landowners will have to pay to remove or leave turning North Northamptonshire into a complete eyesore
- Buck the trend, don't make us pay more for less. If a charge is brought in I will be disposing of garden waste in my black bin. I barely fill it and should get my money's worth.
- We pay enough in council tax and garden waste should automatically be included in this high payment
- Do not agree to the proposal
- Looks like paying higher council tax for lower level of service. Not good enough.
- Why target gardeners for extra cash?
- The base argument is fundamentally flawed. Nobody is looking at the bigger picture and thinking of consequences in a joined up way. The survey is even written as a fait accompli which is insulting to the homeowners! Take the question regarding how often would you take payment, why was there not an other button when the previous question could be answered as I don't want to be charged anything?
Spend your time thinking of solutions to improve services, not to constantly downgrade them. Electric vehicles, collection points at junctions to speed up collections and travel shorter distances etc
- I currently don't use the service as I can't afford it but would use it if it was a free service
- You compost and sell garden waste- also start taking food waste like most other areas and improve your 'green' impact and finances
- Any new charge for garden waste collection should be subtracted from the overall council tax for last year. The % increase for this year should not include the new garden waste collection unless you have opted in to paying for your bin
- During the outline of the questionnaire, it was mentioned that home composting of garden waste is the most environmentally friendly. Could the council look at providing residents with a composting bin or offer them at a discounted rate? Also more awareness of home composting and how to do it would be useful.

- Organisations such as the [Redacted], and families like mine already spend every day clearing up rubbish on Oakley Vale, Corby.
I am neurologically and physically disabled and I can still manage to use my grabber and pick up rubbish on my school-run routes to keep the area looking respectable.
Surely it's give and take, we will continue to do your job all year round and you continue to periodically collect garden waste.
- Collection during the growing season makes sense for all of North Northamptonshire. It works for Wellingborough so don't understand why we should start paying for this when it must already be included in our excessive council tax bills.
- This is a terrible thing to do when finances are so tight and will be getting tighter due to fuel/gas/electricity prices. This consultation survey is geared to get the answers you want to go ahead with the paid service...you couldn't care less about what the residents think!
- Everyone would decided to use green waste service should pay regardless of ability to pay or financial circumstances as other options are available to dispose of the green waste. Collection is an optional service not a necessity
- It seems the council is hell-bent on a charge for this service. Why do we bother?
- Saving money is clearly the aim here. Why not keep the service free (so as not to discourage recycling), and offer a free monthly collection, halving costs, then charge those that want fortnightly collections.
- Please don't charge for it, just reduce the collection frequency or limit to half the year.
- Other areas get theirs collected free of charge and should be made uniform either pay or free to all in the area.
- We are on ours knees with the shear cost of living. Both myself and wife both work full time and we are already having to chose between fuel, heating and food. No chance I can pay another cost for a service we already pay for in first place.
We already pay enough to the council and get very little out of it. Why should I constantly pay my hard earned money in council tax for it to be spent on people who never pay into the system themselves. It seems I can't even enjoy my garden anymore.
I have zero faith in those high and mighty in the council offices anymore.
- Tell me how you would better spend the £3 Million pounds, guarantee which services would see an improvement. Child services? Special Needs? Care for the Elderly?
- Please ensure this service continues
- Thank you for asking the community for their opinions
- Just a extra money grab.like the extotionate council tax. Welly was a well run council and now we all gonna suffer because of others.
- Will there be a rate reduction in the areas where hypothetically brown bins will be paid for when previously it was included in our annual council tax?
- I have so little garden waste bush trim maybe once a year and the odd weed so I will not pay, it should be free as already pay a fortune for council tax and an annual management fee in our village.
- I suspect you'll go ahead anyway regardless of the survey results
- Surely if a subscription a lesser figure than has been quoted may be better!!
- You provide it for all or not. Remember why this service was put in place to begin with.
- If we're on a drive to improve environmentally friendly waste disposal, why do we not have to opportunity to dispose of food waste?
- Surely the large council tax bill we already pay covers the collection of all types of waste? We're already being taxed through the nose for every damn thing, give us a break.

- Harmonise the service by making it free for all residents. You already charge higher Council Tax for properties that are more likely to have larger gardens by the banding system
- Option to provide a larger bin for garden waste to dispose. This could reduce the number and frequency of collections
- The questions were heavily biased towards introducing a charge. Many residents will struggle to provide alternative views with this form. It feels like the decision has already been made.
- Democratically this should be put to a vote by all residents of the authority if this is considered
- This is a very bad idea lessening services which we already pay for - those that do not subscribe to garden waste collection will not see an equal reduction to their council tax bills.
- If you must charge a subscription, add it to the council tax, ie 10 payments taken with the council tax each month
- Growing season fortnightly collections as currently
- What do you do with our extortionate Council tax money.....because you retained don't fix the roads.
- I feel that the questions are very biased and doesn't allow us to provide the opinion that the garden waste collection should be built into council tax charges. Yes I would pay to use the service but only if I had to, I don't see why we should pay for it when it used to be provided via council tax.
- With the many additional costs for households, extra money would be difficult for a lot of people. This scheme really needs to be put on hold for a year, or implemented at a very low cost initially to see what the take up is.
- This is a good starting point for the county. We are now joined and things need to be the same for each area.
Maybe the areas paying less council tax could be increased to cover this cost for the rest of the county?
- Please introduce food waste recycling
- I suggest it's free for the whole of north Northants but only runs for April -September when people actually use the service.
- I have a large garden and one bin is not enough. I regularly have to go to the recycling centre too but it doesn't always fit in my car and have resorted to paying someone to shred my garden waste on-site. Please could you consider a pay as you go service whereby I can arrange for a truck to come to remove my larger items of garden waste ie tree trunks, branches etc, just like you do for larger household appliances. It would be greatly appreciated!
- I previously have never needed to put my garden waste bin out every time, although I have a garden the amount of waste is minimal. So to pay for a service I would not very often use would not be favourable,
- Kettering is a shining example to be followed. The refuse men are smart, friendly and extremely helpful. The parks and public areas are well maintained and clean. The rest of the county should take note.
- Please don't punish people for keeping their gardens tidy. A small charge yes, but not a charge that will increase year on year.
- The last question was very leading. If we agree to pay, we pay. If we agree to opt out the scheme goes live anyway.
Our council tax pays for refuse collection.
Additionally, it's garden and food waste that goes in to the grey bin. Does that mean food waste won't be collected or is that going in the black bin?
- USE OUR COUNCIL TAX WISELY.
THERE IS ENOUGH WITHOUT TRYING TO SQUEEZE MORE FROM US. YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED!!

- Already pay for this in council tax
- Don't you think people are paying out enough already
- I have trees in my street when the leaves fall in the autumn I sweep mine and the neighbors from the paths and gutters because we never see a road sweeper up here ever
- People pay the Council Tax to have their waste taken away - this includes garden waste.
- Need to streamline across organisation as soon as possible. Causes ill feeling when different areas have different services.
- Lower council tax
- Please rewrite the questionnaire in a less biased way and then try again
- Along with this Tory government it now seems our Tory council is keen to price the poor and vulnerable out of being able to survive without suffering greatly!
- The banding for council tax currently covers the cost of waste collection- you implemented this to improve recycling and reduce waste. If I have to use the local refuse centre for my garden waste - this cost would be covered by the council. The increase in traffic, use of fuel and cost to the environment per person would equate to a higher cost to the environment and higher risk of fly tipping in local green areas will impact on the health of the community not being able to access these spaces due to fly tipping
- I firmly believe that we are already paying for this service via council tax and it should remain so.
- Nobody should be paying for this service over and above council tax when it has already gone up so much. It will likely lead to fly tipping and some people simply may stop cutting their grass.
- You should rebate all users the charge and then charge for those that need a service. Or have community bins for grass etc.
- We should encourage recycling of waste and not fly tipping which is what the proposed policy will drive.
- We have had to collect this long so already paying for it in our council tax so why should we pay twice
- By charging you are again penalising the public that are already facing 50% plus fuel increases.
No one believes the council when they say that this collection is free. It has never been advertised as that.....only now, when you want to charge!
This is not a service that is supplied free, the costs will be built into the tax we already pay.
- what about those if us receiving universal credit /Benefits, disabled / pip / low incomes? its not fair to charge for this service , as its been free all along . black bin will contain garden waste that could be recycled.
- I feel it's unfair to charge some households and others get it free
- Use my tax to collect the waste or reduce my tax
- Doesn't make any difference to me I pay for the service. I use the service. I need the service
- Carry on as normal and stop fly tipping,
Get someone on the council who can manage budgets better,
Get loads of quotes of contractors before going ahead with work,
Check all roadworks when finished,
- If you want to make some more money really easily, start charging residents who have had massive extensions more council tax. Most of my neighbours have a much bigger house than me, but pay less council tax because they have lived there for years and never moved out - so their tax band has stayed the same. How is that fair?
- Value for money needs to be evident in all council charges, not funding extra management, exorbitant salaries, pensions, self employed transfers and inefficient working (from home) practices.

- People are struggling already....surely finding a free solution is in everyones interests.
- We are all encouraged to be more responsible regarding waste disposal. Keeping/making the disposal of garden waste free (within the existing Council Tax), even if on a seasonal basis, would encourage the continued environmentally responsible disposal of all waste products.
- I am fully in favour of keeping the garden waste collection even if a charge were introduced and maybe it could be run for a minimum of 10 months, with December and January being the “rest” period.
- Put correct address and path.. have problem with delivery and always goes wrong address!!
- I think if you make a charge for the bin, a second bin should be provided free of charge if wanted.
- Please reconsider this as there are many more costs to the community, this is one more costs the community cannot afford with the ride in cost of living.
- Extra costs at this stage are unacceptable
- The local authority take enough money from residents and there are lots of ways that savings could be made ,
- The wording of these questions suggests you’re looking for specific answers, so it will not be surprising when this becomes a cost as the council clearly want it to be. I hope the council tax then goes down if there is a saving of £3 billion as the spending of the money is barely seen where I live in a new estate anyway.
- We already pay Council Tax and believe this should cover garden waste. We fear that the removal of the free service could lead to even more fly-tipping.
- Of the service was only provided March to November then the charge should be lower than if for all year round. How will the refuse collectors know which properties have paid. Will the brown bins be collected back by the council from those properties that do not subscribe.
- This looks like an excuse to charge residents more at a time when their incomes are already being stretched, it shouldn't be a race to the bottom. when people are choosing between heating and eating do you genuinely think they will pay for a garden bin to be emptied?
- The government give us £150 to help us due to increase in cost of living ,and you robbing [Redacted] cant wait to [redacted] us over ,if you implement these charges there will be some new faces on the council after the next local elections
- I pay monthly for third party collection all year around.
No way i would move to councils scheme unless I saved money for at least the same service.
- I don't think the questions are fair; as you are not advising if Wellingborough pay a smaller council tax charge to those in Kettering. You only state that they pay additional - without all the facts you are skewing the participants response; as there is not sufficient information to make an informed response
- Instead of increasing costs in areas to obtain the parity you seek. Decrease the cost in the areas that currently pay more. It feels that corby is suffering the most having been forced to join north Northamptonshire council with cuts in services and increased costs other areas are seeing improvements because of the change but corby is not at all
- Pensioners pay enough Council Tax as it is !!! Pay more get less is new North Northamptonshire Council motto 😞
- I think this will be hard to man in certain areas
- I've never seen so much rubbish/ litter, flytipping, potholes, general untidiness of kerbsides/roadsides/ hedges, evident drug use etc... there's not much 'pride' as you drive/walk around yet they want to increase our council taxes... bit of a joke really... I would be ashamed of being top of the organisation if it was me. When I used to visit England from living overseas it was always so clean, fresh, tidy and you could tell there was pride amongst neighbourhoods...

not sure how something so broken can be fixed, but perhaps active council staff members working around villages would be a start?

- The cost of living is going up and by far more than the pensioners yearly rise.
- I believe that the council tax we pay should continue to fund this service.
- I have noticed and seen this winter. When they come to empty green bin there hasn't been one out on street the whole winter. I thought what a waste of fuel and all the wages driving around and not collecting anything. Surely you would save more buy taking it away in winter than charging people. You would have loads not pay and also opt out of paying like me I would rather take it to recycling centre
- If the staff are not collecting the bins what will they be doing? What other services will you replace it with and how much will my council tax go down by
- There should be a cluster village composting site
- NNC should be absolutely ashamed they are even considering this. You are thieves if you insist on going down this route.
- I don't understand why you trying to push this through , the system we have is working fine I don't understand why I should.pay extra for it
- Keep it free but only collect once a month but fortnightly at start of season to get grass down to manageable level after winter growth and end of season when potted plants go in . Have residents take the bins to end of street if they live in cul-de-sac roads save the binmen going down said street
- With rising energy prices, food bills it really isnt a good time to add even more financial pressure.
- Do not move to a different payment system. Keep it simple.
- See above.
- I really don't think it's fair that your thinking of charging. Has you well a lot of family's are on benefits and there can beary pay bills and buy food .
- If there is a subscription charge made for garden waste the cost should be deducted from everybody's council charge. Surely the council make money on disposing of the waste?
- I put the garden waste bin out maybe 3 or at most 4 times a year, not even half full each time andalusia all grass cuttings
I will put that in the black bin and you can have the green one back
Note. Half the grass cuttings are from council land in front of house that I've cut for YOU FREE OF CHARGE for over 20 years.
Please send your grass cutting team to do this from now on, I already pay my council tax for this so I want the service others get
- When the changes were made as to the county council boundaries and who we pay our council taxes to, which this is part of that service, we should have remained under Wellingborough Council, who were excellent at managing their finances and not losing huge sums of money to football clubs!
- Just feels like the council are grabbing money yet again - this is really disappointing and will just force people who are already struggling with the cost of living to leave gardens to get out of hand, or dumping waste in other locations. We have a stream near our house, if people were to dump their garden waste there that would quickly turn into a bigger problem. It feels very opportunistic and embarrassing really.
- Our household can simply not afford any more outgoings and it is absolutely disgusting at this extremely hard time to force us to pay out even more!
- It seems that the council tax bill goes up every year but services are getting reduced
- We as a working family (not claiming benefits) paying a mortgage on our house and supporting our children cannot afford anything else

- Extend the garden waste collection to include non meat food waster and animal bedding. I believe [Redacted] use the same company for the ultimate waste destination and can include vegetable waste peelings and animal bedding eg Guinea pigs (not dog waste)
- I hope charges can be avoided. 55 seems like a massive charge, gradual increase might be more tolerable.
- This is obviously a money making scheme, and you have already decided that it's what you are intending to do. So why are you even asking?
- Keep it free but, reduce it to growing months only
- Compost all garden waste across the county and only do collections March to November and don't charge anyone! That solution is carbon neutral and makes the council money
- If the councils finances were run correctly and professionally in the first place we would not be in the situation of scraping and grabbing every penny you can from the already financially strained residents. The cost of living is going up and there is no end in sight for how much higher it will go, this charge could break peoples finances and as such could lead to previously mentioned negative outcomes.
- The wording of the questions suggests to me that the council has already made up its mind to charge everybody for the service. Will those areas who do not currently pay get a discount on their council tax ??
- Rather than green waste or extra garden bins what about providing composting bins obviously at a cost
Better hints and tips for composting.
Shared garden bin scheme?
- Are you planning on reducing council taxes bill?
Will you increase number of trips allowed to the recycling centre?
- I appreciate finances are tight but this is a red herring
- Do not do this
- Being a non driving pensioner would not like to lose this service.
- I recently put some sand & clay in my black bin from my garden as my grey bin was nearly full (was also going on holiday when grey bin was due to be emptied & didn't want my elderly mother to take out full dustbin) I therefore took out my black bin for it to be refused to be emptied as it was apparently too heavy to move (even though I could move it no problem) & it apparently being contaminated. Don't know how sand & clay can contaminate household waste?! If people refuse to pay for a grey bin, they will therefore place it in black bin or dump it if they can't easily get to a local tip which can easily take up time for people.
- Please stop taking all our money
- If only collected in growing season mar to Nov then that would save on not being collected all year. Why offer a service for free and then take it away, nonsensical.
- I always thought the Council sorted the waste, made compost & sold it back to resident's . This must have changed.
- I do not understand what relevance it is to collecting waste what my religion,gender age or ethnicity is so have left it
- As above. You have already decided to do this. My opinions don't matter!!
- If we are to pay for those service it should be a weekly collection not fortnightly as it is currently
- Seems like residents of Northants continue to be penalised for previous council failings. I doubt this consultation will have any impact... Lip service..
- Will you reduce the council tax bill for those not using the service if introduced????
- It should be considered that the yearly figure quoted should be lower if the service ends up running during growing season only.

Also, if this is to be implemented it should be no earlier than 2023 to give residents time to plan, as we are already being bombarded by increased gas and electricity prices.

- I am not prepared to pay for my garden waste to be collected when this service is free at present. I
- Please see comments above.
- I live in Earls Barton. I think there should be a limit to one brown bin per residence. This is because regularly the collection vehicle is too full to collect the full route and the. Their are brown bins waiting hopefully for collection sometimes out for days.
However, if paying would allow for more collection vehicles then I think it's ok to charge additional costs for additional bins - but it should be a fixed price per bin and not a reduced rate for extras.
- If only some people pay to have their bin collected people who don't will just go round using other people's bins. It won't be fair if someone else puts rubbish in my bin when I have to pay for it
- The council is going to the dogs, why?
- Everyone benefits if open spaces are not used as dumping grounds for waste. It is likely that many people will not pay the charges There will be an increase in vermin and fly tipping and piles of garden waste in the streets and parks.
Keep the collection free . This is an environmental service that benefits everyone.
- I think I have made my point quite clear. Our council tax is higher than some [Redacted]! I don't feel we get good value for money and all I see is cuts to all services.
- If the Council changed the annual service of collecting garden waste may I suggest that they provide households with compost bins as if house owners have to take the garden waste to the recycling centre they are restricted to the amount of visits they can make.
- If an extra subscription is required people will dump their garden waste and cost the council more and be much worse for the environment
- Getting a bit hacked off that Irthlingborough has one of the highest council tax charges AND has to pay for garden waste collection for no obvious additional benefits. Our roads are shocking, we've endured closed entry/exit points to the town for a continuous 5 years now through one road scheme/housing development or another. Our town centre is shrinking as shops close and extortionate landlord rent prevents them from being re let and there was no obvious pressure put upon the Post Office to keep the local post office open with a very willing and able alternative post mistress. It is way past the point where this particular part of the county was considered a bit more, helped to thrive a bit more and treated the same as the rest of the county.
- We have had a garden waste collection service for a long time now and we have always paid our council tax and the rise in council tax year in, year out. If you are looking at cutting costs does that mean that with the reduction in services we can expect a reduction in taxes? If you are looking at charging then those that choose not to subscribe should have a reduction in tax surely?
- The way the survey is structured makes it look like a box ticking exercise, and that you have already made the decision you will enforce on us.
- Stop being greedy, this is what council tax is for
- I think the garden waste service is needed - not everyone has space to compost what they dig up/cut down within their gardens (myself included). I'd like to know what my £200 a month council tax charge is going to when bins get collected every other week and I don't always put the green bin out (particularly over the winter months). Plus I already pay a yearly charge to the management company that looks after our estate which is a private business and not something the council has anything to do with. So where is our council tax money going?
- What are we paying council tax for

Soon you will have a tick box to pay for the services you think you might need

An opt in or out option.

People cannot afford to pay any more

- I live in a local authority property, I have a large sized garden, not through my choosing. By adding an additional charge, you are penalizing me for something I have no control over. Equally, my neighbour, whose bins are never emptied, all contaminated with incorrect waste in each bin, who has a 'jungle' for a garden will be left to continue as he is. How can this be fair??
- This is already part of the council tax payment and not something you have been doing for free. Agree households should pay for extra bins if they have larger gardens and only pick up March to Nov
- Can't believe this is actually being considered 🙄🙄🙄🙄🙄
- Here's a thought - how about seeding all the grass verges, and all the other roadside areas of grass, with wild flower seeds. These would then suppress the grass, requiring it to be cut much less often, saving money.
It would also contribute greatly to biodiversity, especially for the bees.
- I think a graded system would be better than a flat charge..eg for people like me who only put the bin out once or twice a year £15 but I get like 3 vouchers or tags or something to put on my bin that are taken when it's collected. If I want more I have to pay more?
But for avid gardeners they could pay more? A one of flat fee for unlimited collections? Up to £40ish?
- But I know that I put the bin out less frequently in the winter and would understand if the cost of collection throughout winter was not value for money ie drive to a village for say 20 bins and find only 3 put out in mid winter. Would the £3m costs be significantly reduced if summer only?
- The council should compost all collected waste and then sell this to the public to cover the cost of collection. If advertised correctly I am sure most costs could be recovered.
- Providing a year round service is important. I do a lot of pruning cutting back in the winter when I have more spare time so often use it more frequently then.
- An annual subscription charge of £20 is far more palatable.
- A monthly charge added to the council tax payment would be better than 6 monthly or yearly.
- I am concerned about the burning/dumping of garden rubbish having an effect on the local environment, and extra costs with the council having to bear the cost of tidying it up!
- Do not add an extra charge
- Council should collect perhaps just once a month and those who has large garden or large amount of garden waste will be able to pay for the council for a special garden waste collection service as a one off, or simply go to the tip if possible.
- Completely opposed to charge - should be removing not adding barriers to recycling
- Either the Council think it's residents are apathetic or this is just another stealth tax.
- I would suggest North Northants Council contact the previous administration at Corby Borough Council to see how they have managed to collect my garden waste for the last 25 years without the need to introduce additional charges. The new council seems to be repeating the failures for the now defunct County Council.
- Irthlingborough pay one of the highest council taxes pro rata but receive the least services and have limited amenities. Disgusting!
- With all household bills increasing I have a young family and mortgage and cannot afford additional costs. I feel from an ecological aspect garden waste and all other waste should be from the doorstep and free of charge.

- You never take any notice of the residents on the ground and actually living in the area and their concerns and feelings. This is already a done deal. Your survey is just pen pushing exercise and then you will carry on with whatever you decided anyway
- Why a proposed subscription of minimum £40, why not £20 for March to November, £30 for a complete year.
- Don't charge until you've completed thought it through about the impact on poorer households and those being placed in a property where they have no say if it has a garden or not.
- Year round collections are currently in place in the Kettering Borough which has not been operating with a deficit - if you are to remove this service, please advise the corresponding council tax rebate you will be making. If you do not rebate, this is tantamount to sharp practice and acting with intent to deceive.
- Don't charge us anymore you will affect peoples already dwindling mental health.
- This will only encourage dumping and more black bin rubbish. False economy but i honestly believe the decision is made
- Perhaps work on encouraging homeowners to compost. Give them a composting bin and start them off and then revisit the idea of charging for bins once you have given them an alternative. A discount on a composting bin is not enough. Supply them for free. Or how about having a monthly garden waste collection from March-Oct everyone has a different amount of garden / different sizes of gardens so the amount of garden waste differs from one house to the next-how can you make it fair for everyone? whats right for one family isn't right for another
- We didn't choose for the boroughs to combine so why should we keep having to fork out more and more money?
- Community compost areas at farms, farm shops or private recycling centre.
- Leave things as they are
- I believe I already pay a significant amount of my income to the council, with the increase in fuel cost, income tax, national insurance and food cost I do not feel it is right to expect people to pay yet another cost.
- You are suggesting to pay even more for a service that is already included within my council tax.... which goes up every year anyway. When will this ever end?
Additional charges for the green recycling bin next? This idea is scandalous.
I have a small garden, I have normal amount of garden waste, I only need one bin, and I only ask for it to be collected fortnightly between March & November. I don't think that is too much to ask for the money I already pay in my council tax.
- For people unable to pay, perhaps a communion collection point I.e. a skip, could be provided. This may prevent fly tipping
- Believe this to be a ludicrous idea - yet somehow feels like it is a full gone conclusion and this survey is just lip-service to say you asked!
- A starting figure of £40 is too much. Counties in [Redacted] charge £33-35 a year for collecting garden waste.
- If the council does decide to go down the route of charging a subscription for the garden waste collection, I do think there should be an initial fee for the bin itself. For example, the annual subscription is £55 and this could be paid in one go or spread monthly, but there should be an additional cost when you first sign up to the service of £20 (an example figure) for provision of the bin itself.
- Council tax increases... more and more things being cut...??? Used to be both bins, every week, then 1 or the other, now paid to take away, on top of the council tax? Please stop taking from the working, little man!
- We pay enough on council tax
- Either we all pay or it's included in the council tax bill.

I'm annoyed to discover that, although I've been paying for the service for years, most other local councils have been providing the service as part of the general council tax payment.

- I don't mind paying for the bins to be collected. However if you're encouraging composting i strongly feel there should be some insentive to do this. Free or reduced cost Compost bins and food waist bins should be provided for free. After all we do pay our council tax!
- Considering the increase in the cost of living, higher taxes etc this is not the time to be putting extra costs on people who are already struggling
- There needs to be consistency across the county and it is not fair for residents of east Northants at the moment.

As a suggestion, the scheme could be available to all (no subscription) but to save money, only have it operate March-November. People could use the HWRC outside these times. To save trucks going down every road, there could be an online form to complete / report to council so it is clear where bins need emptying. This will mean that trucks won't need to go down each street. This would save time, money and emissions... yet still providing a valuable service. This suggestion seems to solve the problem, increase efficiency, enhance equality, reduce further congestion at HWRC and reduce overall costs.

- I think you should make the garden bins smaller or provide composters for free. If you want them to be more environmental friendly then help and show people how do do it. Show them composting, show them how to use a water butt, grow vegetables etc. Educate them and be the most green council 😊
- The service we get in our area is already poor and collections are regularly missed. The `council could claim that if we pay a fee then a refund could be made for missed collections. They should be doing that with the council tax anyway if the service isn't satisfactory.
- Thank you
- As a qualified Master Composter under the old NCC council I would like to see the the composting, recycling and food waste education programme redesigned and rolled out. Education is the key to solving most problems.
- I say no to this charge.
- With increased living costs, increased child care cost, no increase in my wage, we do not need any more pressure. Everyone is going to be depressed and anxious and therefore put more on the health care service which already cannot cope.
- A seasonal garden waste collection would lower council costs as the off season would create smaller expenses for waste disposal.

I have put my garden waste bin out for collection once in the past few months so seasonal would work for me.

- Poverty is real
- We have a brown bin at our village hall which is very handy due to the ivy growing on the site. Would the village hall be charged at the same rate as residents or would the charge be higher for community groups? We would like to keep our brown bin at the village hall as I often tidy the garden area deadheading the flowers and cutting back shrubs after they have flowered and it is handy having a brown bin on site.
- The questions look like the council have already decided to move to a subscription plan and are very bias. Where's the question of "would you like to see you council tax decrease by £55" it's all in addition.
- No increase in price . It's not fair. It is going backwards in regard to recycling , it'll end up in the black bin and not composted properly.

We already pay enough and we have had the council suddenly stop cutting our grass in the front so that now is done weekly in the summer which half fills a bin each time.

I won't be happy to be paying any extra for a service we have already been paying for within our council tax for years. It shouldn't cost us any more in these times are hard enough.

- I already pay for this service In my council tax so I would not pay again
- The council tax bill raises every year, even though the cost of living is extortionate at the moment- especially this year. Instead of helping your people, all you seem to care about is putting more money in your pockets.
How much money ACTUALLY goes on the services you claim are paid for with the council tax?
How much of it sponsors terrorist organisations? Maybe it's time for the public to raise issues and investigate public servants - because they are not serving the public!
- People are unfortunately lazy, if the service becomes paid for, people won't pay and won't take it to the recycling centres, instead they'll just put it in their black bin and it'll end up costing more in the long run.
- This is a disgraceful idea. What the hell is council tax being spent on that we now may have to pay for refuse collection! I would want a refund on portions of council tax if I am getting rid of my own waste!
- I believe charges for second bins is fair. However, with our local council tax not far off that paid in the south east of England I believe we should be entitled to free garden waste collection.
- Make it free for everyone and cut the wages if your overpaid staff and bosses on huge salaries . Collect the 10 million you lost to the football stadium or the £1.4 million compensation fir the disgusting way you jailed a publican over a food safety lie by his girlfriend so corrupt
- I object to the consultation questions being posed in a clearly biased way. You can frame survey questions to get the desired outcome as you have clearly done. Disingenuous and entirely expected.
- Stop trying to fleece local families. If you want to level the playing field. Build the charge into east Northants council tax like the rest of us.
- It's time to treat us as one council now and stop using the old districts, on the A6 at firndon signs still say welcome to East Northamptonshire, and at Rushden, these need removing, we are one identity now,
- I live in a village with a good community spirit.We live next to the [Redacted]. The rubbish that is blown around is dreadful and we regularly have a village litter pick.Whilst I fully understand the tip has an impact on the rubbish it is also caused by flytipping. I have witnessed this on at least two occasions and have been intimidated by people when I have questioned them on their actions.
If the man in a brand new car that I questioned decides to dump his excess black bins on the verge then he will also dump his grass clippings, hedge trimmings and weeds! Surely the council can compost garden waste and use it themselves or sell it? I would be happy to buy NNC compost.
- See the above
- What more do you want, as a consumer I pay council tax it just comes down to pure greed and exploitation
- We pay so much in council tax fees why add extra when people choose to do right by the planet and recycle
- Already pay council tax, this covers such service, so if new charges added, council tax should be reduced by same amount, I will not pay extra, and will deduct any cost from council tax i pay and happy to go to court. If you remove a service then cost should be reduced not charged extra. Totally disgusting to add charge for something already paid for.
- This is such a bad idea I can't even believe you are considering it.
- No charges should be applied , we currently have one collection a week alternated between brown and black bins , therefore I'm already paying for this as a weekly facility in my rates any

change to this is another money grabbing task on the local community by a council who mismanaged its finances and are now penalising it's residence . If this is an opt out facility I would be looking to have an option to select which facilities I'm willing to opt in or out of going forward based on which ones will personally benefit me rather than we are one community and we all pay for each other , which seems a much more collaborative approach

- I couldn't afford the fee on top of everything else rising!! I pay council tax for the purposes that all of this is covered, this is another thing to worry about!
- What reductions are you going to make to the current council tax bill. If you need to make cost cuts perhaps this council can start to take a look at the wages they are paying themselves.
- You will not listen!
- Why was our Borough Council able to cope economically and efficiently with issues that cause the new council so many problems?
- It should not be charged for its a service that should be included in the fortune we already pay for notbing, especially in these hard times and times of climate change
- In my view, you would be totally unjustified in increasing council tax by 3.5% AND introducing a charge for garden waste collection.

However, it is clear to me that the decision to introduce such a charge has already been made and will undoubtedly be implemented ASAP. If that doesn't happen, I'll start believing in miracles.

- It annoys me that this suggestion is a reality and the 'figured' charges wishing to be introduced to individual households a year for a service already received must amount to quite a sum!
- Council tax is to pay for services provided by the council. Why should we pay extra to have garden waste collected.
- Kettering needs a new swimming pool, our pool is old and rubbish compared to other local towns, we shouldn't be expected to travel a field to swim at a decent pool. Kettering is long over due a new pool, with a training pool and shallow water pool for young children, a changing village for families too.
- I think there is a clear option missing here, if the majority of North Northants have been paying nothing whilst in east Northants we have been paying £55 a year why can't there be a more reasonable subsidised option? For example this could be at £25 a year, this would seem fairer to residents of east Northants who have had to pay a lot for this service, and not such a high increase to the rest of the residents of North Northants?
- The cost should be incorporated into the annual council tax
- I think charging people for garden waste is going to encourage more fly tipping. We pay enough council tax which doesn't seem to cover anything beneficial to the general public as it is, without charging more money.

The waste collection people are also awful as it is.

- If a council wide subscription scheme is introduced then I believe everyone signing up in year one should get a colour sticker with the council logo on to attach to the front of the bin. This would assist the refuse teams identify those households that have signed up for the paid scheme in the former Wellingborough, Kettering and Corby areas given I imagine most houses have a garden waste bin. These should be supplied to East Northamptonshire homes too because some may use the private service and could switch to the council service using their existing all brown bin (and avoid the fee they have to pay to return that bin, as well as saving the council money in providing replacement bins).

If a paid scheme is introduced also consider a free garden waste bin return scheme for those areas where free collections are withdrawn, again to save bins being dumped and they can be reused.

- Stop being greedy and manage money better!

- Costs are spiralling and the high council tax rates are already hard to justify. This is just another stealth tax.
- Don't make Corby lose out to pay for South Northamptonshire's bad governance and accounting.
- Why change to try and charge people now who have never had this before. Especially when utilities and fuel are already rising so much that people won't be able to afford even £50 extra a year
- We pay enough council tax our garden waste should be removed via council for no extra money
- I'm completely against bringing in any subscription for garden waste collection, and can't see any positive outcome from doing so.
- Don't use this as yet another way to stretch the pockets of an already struggling group of people.
- Whoever thinks of these ideas really need to be in touch with the local people and neighbourhood areas that they are working for.
- If charged more people will either put it in the black bin or fly tip.
- You should make all garden waste free for everyone. We all pay too much now for our council tax.
- I would prefer to carry on with how it is now in Kettering
- I am increasingly fed up with the charges caused by inefficiency, the disastrous legal case & compensation caused by incompetence & malice in East Northants and vanity projects from the Northamptonshire Police and Fire commissioner. Think very carefully before proceeding on this potentially disastrous course of action.
- People are already suffering with rising bills and increasing council tax this is poor forcing this as a decision has already been made clearly
- Just collect the garden waste, every 2 weeks, all year round and share the costs amongst all the households. Either that or let me choose which services I consume and I'll only pay for them
- The council already has a shop that sells goods that are taken or recycled and you should do more to promote the green recycling sales.
Compost mulch etc
- As previously stated, give a reduction in council tax for those that do not require the collection service.
- 3/4 sovereign councils make no charges so the majority is for no charges and March to November service
- Don't charge
- Garden waste every 2 weeks is needed in the summer
- Will you provide compost bins? Will there be an incentive to do this at home, less poll tax??
Not everyone is in a position to pay for garden waste to be removed and with costs going up are they being penalised???
- The only fair way to pay for services is to charge everyone for everything.
- Only one area of the new council charged for garden waste before the amalgamation so the majority of the area didn't.
That area should fall in with the rest of us.
- Please see above.
- People who live in flats having no garden should be exempt
- We already pay council tax. We are hard pressed to see we get the same treatment and services as the larger towns. I think it is totally wrong to bring in extra services charge. Money is going to be very tight for many people. The purse can only stretch so far.
- Leave as it is

- The way some of these questions have been formulated don't give people the option of preferring not to answer. By answering you are forced to put a number next to an option you would not choose and by default giving an answer forces support of a scheme that you disagree with.
- Surely people are paying enough. Every bill you can think of is increasing. People only have so much they can spend . We don't have bottomless pockets.
- The world is looking for zero emissions if we all burn our waste it's a bit pointless. I feel if the council was to use their money more wisely .
- I really think a subscription charge for all waste should then be applicable. Garden, recycling and the black bin. All subscription or no subscription.
- We already pay for waste collection for recyclables/ green waste and landfill through our Council Tax. When the district councils for North Northamptonshire came together to form North Northamptonshire Council only one council, namely East Northants, charged for green waste collections therefore surely they should harmonise with the rest of us and no additional charges should be levied? It will increase fly tipping which is harmful to wildlife and cause extra costs to our farmers to clear it. Just my opinion...
Also, the compost they make from the waste is actually used AND sold by NNC so is an income! There are plenty of council services I pay for though my council tax that I don't access or have a need for. Are these services going to be reduced from our council tax and become subscription services for those that use them? I don't think so. I have no issues paying for services that I don't currently use as there maybe a day that I do and I would like these services to still be available. So many more points I could rant about but what about the increased flytipping we have seen from other councils that have introduced this charge!
- Why am I still paying £55 a year whilst this is in consultation, when other areas continue to not pay for this service? Surely all payments should be suspended until a fair policy is in place!
- Do you want more fly tipping to happen
- If there are council run allotments, can they utilise garden waste for composting?
- People enjoy their gardens and disposing of garden waste should be something that the council provides for all. Especially when households, such as ours, cut grass in our village which does not belong to our property, effectively doing a job the council should be doing. The least you can do is take away the cuttings as part of our council tax
- This should only be paid for by households that use this service and not by every household.
- Council tax is high enough without adding this on
- This will impact, as usual, on the vulnerable and the poorly paid. Disgusted.
- We already pay exorbitant council tax charges...up to recently to a council that was disbanded due to mismanagement! Suggest you look closer to home for additional funding!
- I think collections would be a good idea April to October so collecting for 7 months and saving money the remaining 5 months, as if we pay a subscription surely we would expect collections throughout the year.
- Maybe 😞 there needs to be a an extra large think about how council spends there money 1st before making us pay more lots of massive offices just are not needed any more
- Absolutely abysmal council run by self serving, greedy counsellors. You all should be sacked for misappropriation of public money, but seeing as MPs have yet to be held to account, I guess you'll also get off Scott free.
- Other than that the service has been good and you guys have been good with communication.
Thanks!
- Service is only needed between March and october

- You need to get a grip and realise that the people want a functional council that doesn't mis-rule through unaccountable, heartless rip off tactics.
- The unitary Council was supposed to save millions...it does not appear to be doing so
- I think we pay more than enough tax, surely this should be included within services provided?
- Council tax is extremely high already and is becoming unaffordable for many people as it is without finding ways of increasing it further. I am extremely concerned with the direction in which we are going - extra for policing, social care and now garden waste! What next for our public services? We no longer have public toilets, salting roads and pavements in winter has been dramatically reduced resulting in dangerous conditions in our streets particularly for our elderly, our libraries are being run by volunteers, bus routes have been cut (although privatised it is still a public service), inadequate social care at extortionate prices. I have some sympathy for our councils due to the cuts that have been inflicted on them over the past 12 years but there are questions still to be answered regarding the circumstances surrounding Northamptonshire's bankruptcy which resulted in its restructure and is now being used to validate this proposed change to garden waste. Together with all the other increases people are having to endure this year (NI, fuel, gas, inflation etc...) I think it is totally wrong to impose further increases at this time. Also, as a point of interest, regarding the question as to whether there should be an additional charge for those with more waste requiring extra bins, I don't remember being offered a discount when changing to smaller bins last year. Lastly, I left the sections relating to the different charges/payment options for the "harmonised subscription" blank as I strongly disagree with the concept. It would be less manipulative to have a "not applicable as will not be subscribing" option on those sections.
- The Council should not make proper waste handling the preserve of those who can pay.
- Stop building housing without the correct infrastructure. It's about time this council actually provided residents with something, you take money off of residents and they get very little back
- I SAY NO TO THIS CHARGE!
- Make more room at the HWRC's in the county for people taking garden waste directly there instead of paying for an annual subscription for kerbside collection.
- 100% if this becomes chargeable. I will just put it in my black bin.
- It seems to me that we are all going to get charged more & more no matter what! So as long as the council are aware & happy to do this to us all 'again!' I hope you are all prepared for more fly tipping on our doorsteps as this is what will be happening due to more charges that none of us get a pay rise to pay for!
- I agree bin collections are only required in the growing months which would reduce costs to the council. I think the service in Wellingborough is a happy medium. If you insist on charging people then there should be a reduced subscription for limited months use. In all honesty Northampton's rise was probably because they got themselves in so much debt, this doesn't make it right that we should pay more for a service we are already paying for.
- Just because we have a car so can take the waste to the tip and can currently afford to pay for collection this survey is about everyone & needs to be right for all & the same for all. Have concerns that like private schools, health services this will also become a service only available to those who can afford it or some will get charged more so that others can get it free.
- Residents are paying more every year through the Council tax for a deteriorating service. If this was run like a private business you would have no customers
- Could the council use the garden waste in a different way to get income from it. If the service became chargeable why can't it be set at about £20 which is more manageable for people and still helps with the costs of running the service to the council. Why does it have to be all or nothing.

- North Northants has a high proportion of older citizens who need support with waste collection. Limiting this would be a huge blow. They also have limited income so perhaps there could be a link up or even discounts with bus pass owners who are garden owners and waste collection. Could composting boxes be made available to encourage home composting.
- You should prosecute and fine fly tippers and use the funds towards the cost of law abiding citizens waste disposal.
- Don't start charging people, when people can barely afford to live as it is.
- If the current collection service was reliable people might pay but why pay more for a service we already pay for? If you charge for this can I get a refund on other items in council tax I osybfir but dont use - I.e. kids services, adult social care, a refund on the useless police system we have etc - it then becomes a vicious circle. I for one wont be paying and you wont know what's in my black waste bin if its bagged
- Any excuse to increase charges to the tax payer.
- As above! Scandalous way to get even more money from the tax payer
- If it has been worked out for people on benefits that they get the amount they need to live on and no more, where would they find the money to pay for the fee.
One would assume the benefits would not go up to accommodate the extra bill for it?
If not what are they supposed to do when they can't afford it?
Practically, because there isn't the spare money when trying to use the amount you do get money for disability expenses.
And even though keeping up maintenance on a house is hard when you are disabled this would just make it even harder.
It does very much feel like when people come up with these ideas that they do not ensure that services remain inclusive for all.
Disabled people would be as such priced out of being able to maintain their home the same as they could when they were still able bodied and able to work and have enough money to pay the fee
- "The cost of adding this service"
The cost is not an additional cost for North Northants. The £3m cost is already factored in to the existing budget. The actual new cost is the cost of adding East Northants Garden Waste Collection. Which is...
Employee Related Costs £4,610
Supplies & Services £74,000
Third Party Payments £234,600
Support Services £64,410
East Northants actually ran a £263,380 Profit from Garden Waste Collection. So the actual cost is £377,620, but North Northants would also lose an income stream of £263,380 which I think is the key point not mentioned in the council's consultation.
If East Northants ran a profit, then the council wants to increase that profit by charging everyone, but they have no intension of reducing the council tax by a proportionate amount for everyone.
Unifying the Garden Waste services would present the opportunity to consolidate the service and negotiate a better rate for a larger service and reduced overheads for the existing free services which was the whole point of the two new unitary authorities, to reduce overheads and costs. Would consolidating and renegotiation offset the existing £3m plus £641,000? Unlikely but it would reduce it somewhat.
Without putting actual costings to the various options it's hardly a fair and honest consultation, allowing people to fully understand what they are choosing. No one that currently gets a free collection is going to willingly choose to pay for it, and those that currently pay for it, quite rightly feel ripped off and want a free service like everyone else.

Intuitively, March to November for free for everyone would be the most logical solution, with the option of a paid subscription outside of these months for people that want all year around or additional bins. This would present a saving for Both Corby & Kettering regions on their existing budget costs, Wellingborough would be Neutral and East Northants would gain a free but reduced service. Cost that up and actually present people a choice they can make from an informed position rather than all this spin because it really seems that the council have no interest in this consultation that they don't legally have to do and is non binding. They are just using it so that when they make everyone pay for a reduced service they have a bogus consultation to point to.

- Will our council tax go down if they aren't collecting the grey bins?? If we want a one off pick up is that possible ??
- The questions in this survey are not impartial and are very loaded if you want a true picture you need to ask open and honest questions
- I believe that the current charge of £55 per year in my area should reduce if
 - a) the subscription applies to all areas
 - b) the number of months where collections are made is reduced to March to November
- A free service during the growing season works fine. The savings you make in those areas that currently have a year round service will surely cover the loss by making East Northants a free service.

There is no need for an extra charge

- The collection from some houses in my area including mine is Wednesday. However there is another collection from the same streets on Tuesday. I do not understand why that happens.
- I already pay for this service through my council tax. The cost of living is already rising at an alarming rate and I am a pensioner. How am I expected to find this extra money?
- WILL THE DOG [expletive] BINS BE REMOVED???????? AS I DO NOT HAVE A DOG.
- See previous answer
- If you start to charge for this waste collection, I fully expect council tax to reduce.
- Yes I am disgusted what was the latest increase for upping the wages and pensions which are a disgrace.
- Totally one sided form, asks opinion if to charge, then goes on how would you pay, how often ect, obviously the decision has already been made.
- I strongly oppose the subscription charge and believe the majority of residents will also oppose it.

I have no doubt that the faux consultation results will conveniently not be made public, and that this is fait accompli, decided by the same unresponsive, faceless councillors who mismanaged NCC for years.

Additionally, the timing of this money making scam could not be worse, with households already seeing unprecedented rises in energy and fuel costs, along with other costs of living.

- I am an official parish council litter warden and organise regular litter picks in the surrounding countryside. Our environment is already blighted by the expensive, unsightly, and anti-social nature of fly-tipping, much of which is garden waste. It is perfectly obvious that introducing a charge for collecting garden waste will result in a massive increase in this crime and, not only will councils be forced to outlay vast sums of money, both to clean up but also to promote anti-littering strategies but I also fear that the small army of volunteer litter pickers will become disillusioned and give up. This, in turn, will require councils to fund and undertake litter picks themselves. Organized local litter-picks are an increasing and valuable aid to councils: they should be encouraged and not over-burdened by even more fly-tipping to deal with.
- It doesn't take a genius to work out that if you charge a lot of people (just because they cannot afford to pay) will put everything in the black bin.

- Do better in future
- Not happy about any changes for all reasons stated
- See previous
- I am quite frankly appalled that a local authority to whom all residents pay council tax, believe they can charge again for a service they are already being paid for
- My council tax in the last 4 years has already increased by £45 per month. The first increase of £20 happened in the first two years followed by another £25 in the third year. I feel frustrated when I see the prospect of even further charges to cover the costs of the mismanagement practised by the council.
- To the average person on the street, the disposal of green biodegradable waste appears to be the least expensive, least burdensome of all types of waste collection.
If the council is serious about achieving a carbon neutral status by 2030 this is not the way to go about it. Any potential deterrent to recycling should be wholly avoided
Do not make people pay for collecting green waste
- I would not be able to afford a subscription due to being on disability benefits
- I do not agree with paying for this service what is the point of our paying council tax
- I feel pensioners and low income families should still get this service free. I say this because I have no doubt that despite this survey you will ignore the public view and charge us anyway. Let the wealthy with big gardens pay and stop penalising the already poor families.
- There should be relief for the aged or infirm!
- An extra charge for this waste collection is another nail in the coffin for the consumer.
Residents who fall into the lowest financial category receive help in paying Council Tax.
The residents who are really going to suffer are those who fall just short of receiving help with their bills, they earn or receive funds just over the limit yet have to pay the full amount of the bills.
Gardens are a great comfort, a great help in maintaining mental well-being but this extra cost will prevent some people being able to turn to their garden for solace.
There should be no extra charge, the County should, across the board have garden waste collected as part of the Council Tax as it always has been.
The County has been split into two Unitary Councils because of the ineptitude of those running the old style Councils, not because of anything done by the public, and as such the residents should not have to find extra money to cover something that has come about by nothing they have done.
- Bin collection should be all year round due to the weather getting warmer
- I pay £55 per year but only use it in the growing season. I would like a reduced rate for november to march. I feel that people who garden November to March probably have large gardens and would have space for compost heaps.
- Thanks for consulting
- You have said money is tight for the council. It is also tight for pensioners like me. As a WASPI woman, I have been badly affected by the change to my pension. Do you plan any discount/exemption for pensioners or single occupant homes?
- If you are to take this service away from areas that already have this included I would hope for a deduction in council tax!
- I think the costs proposed are banded too high and should be £30 as that's more manageable. When I did have subscription my bin wasn't always collected and another time I wasn't reminded to pay and this should be important.
- Why did you sell off the recycling centre in Oundle. In my view typical short term planning and past mismanagement

- The amount should be added to the monthly payments of council tax so it's more affordable for everyone
- I cannot afford any more charges going up. As it is I have turned off my heating and tried to cut my food bill, amongst other things.. At this rate we will have our house repossessed, as I am struggling to pay my mortgage/ bills
- The world is tough out here and more bills means less income bringing this in will cause people to become reckless because they can't afford your council tax bills let alone the constant extras buisness keep adding. Wages need to come into line all about affordability.
I'm a definite NO you need to budget like the rest of us do.
- Pay for 6 months, and use the service for 6 months?
- I think this is just another exercise to increase the councils coffers. I think people pay enough tax as it is without another charge that would likely not give value for money.
- Why are you asking me all this woke nonsense regarding gender and sexuality on a survey about collecting garden waste.
What nonsense. Please concentrate on the job in hand
- I lived in [redacted] for 11 years. I did so knowing that, if I didn't mow my lawn, keep my flower beds tidy and trim my hedge to prevent obstructions, then I could expect a visit from a council enforcer and a significant fine. It was my civic duty as well, to be considerate of my neighbours. My garden bin collections in [Redacted] were free of charge, enabling me to fulfill my civic duty. I have since lived in Wellingborough for 5 years. Here, many local front gardens are full of weeds, reducing the value of my house and causing litter-collecting eyesores. Here, also, unkempt hedges spill over pavements, making it impossible to walk past others without going onto the road. And, this is with free garden bin collections, up to now! Imposing bin collection charges, I fear, will just make Scruffy Britain even scruffier. So, please, think outside the box! Just because other councils charge for bin collections, doesn't mean that Northamptonshire's councils must follow suit. There is a better way. Go to [redacted]. See how garden waste is dealt with there. Make all garden bin collections here free for Northamptonshire's residents and pay for the waste collection service by making only the 'polluters of our environment pay'!
- We all pay the council for some services that we don't personally use (schools, kids play grounds, etc..) But they are for the common good, and benefit us all in the long run.
- Don't be greedy we pay enough now
- Any additional charges to keep something like waste clearance should be billed to the government. They are the ones that make the big money that receives massive pay rises and bonuses. But somehow it's always family's that have to pay. It's disgusting
- It's is absolutely a flawed idea. It need to be discussed again with the wider community.
- Bags of rotting grass in plastic bags will end up dumped all over , making it worse for the environment and more costly to clear up
- I'd like to see the council provide a free garden waste service over the growing season
- I think it's disgusting, I only really use the service after the council have been and cut the grass outside and made a mess of my driveway, so I would be paying for them. Disgraceful
- Also, seasonal pick ups are fine but I would have fortnightly pick ups in seasons and monthly out of season.
- March to November is sufficient, one bin per household, will not pay as my council tax is high for the both of us and with other rising costs it is getting harder to afford day to day living and we are retiring soon and out garden is our new job!
- The cost of living is going up dramatically as is the council tax that all households pay. I appreciate that costs are going up within the council but could the budget be used to more effectively with the council tax paid to provide this service free for all but for the growing months

or reduce the frequency of collections? Not many people will be able to afford a subscription or a separate charge

- The charges for a seasonal service are too high. £10 for 2 bins of grass cuttings is extortionate and will be a charge many households cannot currently meet. The majority of households do not use winter collections. These could be an additional charge to reduce the summer fees.
- Seems this could be a fairer accompli.
The argument that residents that don't use it but are paying for it is a poor excuse this can be used for many other council services.
I'm not paying for the useless NCC that went bust and the farcical unitary regime
- I think garden waste should be provided for everyone who wants it without charge alongside collections of general waste and recycling waste. It should be the same for all areas of Northamptonshire
- I fear by the way the consultation has been written it is already a foregone conclusion that charges will be put in place. Maybe promote recycling more considering the council earns money for this.
- Get your acts together and stop wasting money!
- See above
- If you start charging then we should get a reduction on the council tax
- Elderly, or people without transport will be affected more by charges. Also can the green waste be used as biofuel in biomass generators for local communities to benefit from recycling? This creates a positive environment for disposal rather than a very negative message being sent with charging being proposed which will reduce peoples' attitude to recycling.
- Try encouraging people to protect the environment. Make collection of large items cheaper, avoiding huge costs of clearing fly tipping. Encourage people to have a clean tidy bee friendly space. All this will do is the exact opposite. Surely with councils having environmental targets to achieve, green garden waste is and should be collected within the existing fees paid in my council tax
- My daughter lives in [Redacted] and they charge £27 a year and only collect 11 months of the year and fortnightly
- can people opt in during the year?
- Please be a green authority. You have a chance to set your strategy now.
- I realise that it is currently unfair too have some councils pay and others not pay but I think some of this has been brought on by Northampton's appalling control in their finances which other councils are now having to bear the brunt of. I would pay the charge if I had to but would then expect to see other areas of the community environment benefiting as a result eg tree maintenance, pothole repair, street litter cleaning etc. If the funds for garden waste service is now being taken from other services, I would expect to see the other services now being covered and not have that finance go into councillors pockets or elsewhere.
- Maybe one bin free and then charge for any extra. Household costs are going up sharply at present and tax allowances are not so many people, I'm sure, cannot bear a further increase in costs.
- Do your job properly and stop wasting our money .
- People should be fined for burning their garden waste.
- Maybe a four - six weekly collection over winter months would be helpful.
- If a subscription were introduced, would the bins from the households that have not subscribed be collected and recycled/reused/redistributed to the households that have subscribed?
- Yet another waste of taxpayers money on pointless surveys
- Very poor idea

- Garden rubbish is a small issue. Of much greater concern to me is single use plastics, which the government needs to lead a resolution. There have been arrangements running on the continent for 20+ years, which should be adopted in the UK.
I appreciate this is out of scope of NNC, but feel prioritisation isn't happening.
- Is the council tax bill being reduced to reflect the removal of the free service? It would be better to refund those that don't use the service rather than charge more, people are already struggling. I guess it's another way of getting more money out of the public.
- It seems that the council has already made a decision that charges will be implemented to the inhabitants of the county, and is now trying to justify its decision on this matter.
- The survey itself is constructed like you have already decided to move ahead with the proposal.
- I believe we pay enough taxes to keep this service, changing to the March & November option might be acceptable to most. If the service stops I would expect my council tax to reduce accordingly.
- There should be no charge for depositing "small" amounts (for example one van or trailer load once a week) of what may be adjudged as "trade waste" at the recycling centres in order to discourage and negate some of the effects of fly tipping, and the consequent additional cost to the council and volunteer groups who then have to clean it up.
- No
- By the second set of questions, I feel that you already want to charge for the service and you are just trying to get the more wealthy of society to be on your side because you already know it will only be a part of society that bothers to answer the questions and complete the survey, (this bit is going to sound very wrong) the bottom end or [expletive] in the world will not bother with the survey and if they have no bin because they will not pay for it on their benefits or because of their bad attitude, they will not care where they drop the rubbish, so we will end up with massive fly tipping problem and you will most definitely get the blame.
The cost of collection you say is three million, how many households in North Northants, you need to make it clear how much it would cost per household, it's only going to be a minimal cost, per household possibly £5 per household per year, try not to tax us by stealth it makes you look silly, we lose trust and don't forget who votes for you !
- I understand why the council is considering this, however there has been no mention of alternatives. Why not consider as part of any scheme a potential starter kit for composting. Or look at a solution that targets the biggest green bin filler like grass cuttings.
- It looks to me that you have already decided to make an additional charge for garden collection, whatever the results of this survey. The only thing you haven't yet decided is how much you will charge, or maybe you have.
- We pay enough council tax without paying extra for this service.
- As a retired household of 2 people there are many council services we pay for but don't use. In a well run socialist society it's reasonable for everyone to contribute towards services even if they don't use all of them. E.g. my household will produce far less household waste than a household of 4-6 persons.
Council tax is based on property value and should include all available services as required, rather than pay as you go, unless we apply the same reasoning across all council services.
- Think about what you are asking - the affect on the public will be negative either way. It will be a choice between paying for heating or paying for waste disposal. Gardens will be left to overgrow, of those that do clear the waste, fly tipping will increase. The public will not want to come to Kettering - to Wicksteed or to the centre as the waste will be everywhere. Public health will also be affected by this.
- 100% do it if it will make everyone's taxes cheaper!

- We have recently moved from [Redacted] to [Redacted] and was shocked that the garden waste was only collected throughout certain times of the year. We would pay if needed but feel that an all year round collection should be provided.
- We are already being squeezed from every angle. House bills, fuel, food, everything is going up. Asking us for more money now is not the right time. Noone with the need for this service is going to agree to a fee in the current climate.
- You have not mentioned how you would use the money you have saved from stopping this service?
- No charges please!!
- It is clear the NNC has already decided to charge for the Service as has been advertised in the Newsletter so this Consultation is a nonsense.
- The harmonisation of the councils involves unifying several areas, only one of those areas currently pays extra to have their garden waste removed. Why should we all be required to comply to that system, surely majority wins.
- Everything is rising in cost we can't keep affording to pay more at the moment
- I don't have a large garden, but it is bordered by hedgerows (and therefor more environmentally friendly than brick walls or fences) but this does mean that maintaining the hedge requires two bins as one is not enough to contain all the clippings in addition to other general green waste. If your charging for extra bins then this is penalising me for not replacing a lovely hedge with a boring fence.....
- This survey is not impartial. You are led to select between two options that are not favourable to the resident.
There needs to be a realistic view of all garden sizes, frequency, PAYG option potentially rather than a subscription.
For decades the green bin collection has been included in our rates. If we are now to pay for this, then we should see a reduction in Council tax to offset the costs.
- Green waste collection has always been apart of the council tax, but right in the middle of a cost of living crisis just seems like a money grabbing trick, asking to pay for separate green waste collection. What next pay extra to collect recycling, pay extra for food waste where will it stop. We have paid some of the higher increases in council tax for years, because of NCC mismanagement that led to it becoming two unitaries. YOU [expletive] and we pay for it.
- This is just an underhand cost increase. There are many services provided by the local authority. Will it be taken to the extreme whereby we pick and choose between services and pay accordingly?
- Why should we be penalised for the councils changeover, when the system has worked perfectly, and cost effectively, for years. Why give us something then try to charge us for it once it is up and running effectively. We pay our rates, this should include all bins.
- I live in East Northants and am not pleased that I have to pay for this service this year and other areas of North Northants don't. I hope this matter is resolved quickly.
- This is a basic service that should be universally available free of charge.
- Northampton is a very free county and to maintain this a free garden waste collection service in the growing season supports keeping our county looking nice. With so many other bills increasing ahead of wages this would be another cost pressure for my household which would move me to burning waste. I also believe it would increase flytipping more than the already very high levels around the county.
- I find it difficult to get rid of extra rubbish. We had a new door recently and the council refused to collect it as it wasn't on the list of items allowed. Please stop this "jobsworth" attitude to every day problems
- No further comments.

- Personally I feel that extra charges for brown bins will be detrimental to our small town which will begin to look unkempt and possibly lead to even more fly-tipping
- I think it's disgraceful that you want to charge people extra to have a bin collected... that's already collected within the current council tax payments. This council is awful sending false legal letters, threatening letters about missed payments which are not actually missed and just being completely incompetent. Stop it now, you're embarrassing your county.
- I dare say you have already decided to introduce this measure but the bigger picture of extra land fill and fly tipping should be considered . Those with gardens probably pay higher council tax than say those in a flat with no garden. A lot of elderly people enjoy gardens and gardening and may not have the money to pay for the service or the ability to take the rubbish to the tip . The tip is already busy enough since it was reduced to 5 days a week not sure how Kettering tip would cope with people trying to save a few pounds by tipping their own.
- Need to be about 50 a year max
- My husband is partially sighted and lide is hard enough without adding to our burdens. Money is having to be stretched even further if you bring this in.
- Nothing else to add
- We already pay for this service in council tax along with other services which the council are doing there best not to provide .
- Bin collections are part of our council tax therefore I feel charging for green collection will result in fly tipping and is unfair to low income families. Especially with gas, electricity and basic household need are all going up.
- This is the opposite of "levelling up" and is detrimental to all
- Think we already get less for council tax, it goes up but services are not good, now want more money
- Regardless of the comments and the survey, this will still occur and a charge will be introduced! Black bin collection cost will increase. More vehicles will be required, along with the support teams. Lorries will fill quicker, as green waste will be put in black bins and will cost more to collect
- What do council do with our green waste
Sell it?
- The service should remain as is
- We already pay for the service. It is included in the council tax.
But you overspent on adult social care.
Possibly as your social workers steal the elderly from their loving homes and move them 125 miles away.
Totally disgraceful your whole system is.
- We shouldn't have to pay any extra at all it should just stay as included
- Is the garden waste sold by yourselves?
If you do charge everyone I presume it will a lower rate than now as you will be charging more people.
- This is simply an exercise to generate further revenue to be wasted on inflated management salaries and Councillors' fees and expenses.
- Continue as we are
- Regarding whether garden waste should be collected all year round or just in the growing season. If I am paying a subscription I would expect my bin to be emptied at all times during the year. I appreciate that I would not use the service much during the winter months but there are occasions when I do put my garden bin out to be emptied

- Not everyone has a garden big enough for a compost bin, or the money to afford one. Those with certain disabilities could also struggle with composting.
- Everything is a compromise.
You have three options available, one of which is the middle ground. Take the middle ground.
- I think £5/month for an all year round collection service is good value.
- If we returned our garden waste bins could we have an option to have compost bins at a reduced cost.
- As I am now [age] years old all the additional bills are hitting hard. I cannot get to the tip to take garden waste. I hardly fill the one bin I have once a month...so although I do pay for bin it seems a lot of money for maybe 4 times a year to be emptied..I realise this is a difficult situation, but my state pension (only income) is getting mire and more difficult to stretch. Maybe pay as you use???
- Waste collection is part of council tax. I already pay this! This is an attempt to take additional money what other services are you going to start billing separately?
If you keep setting each service as separate then do so BUT remove council tax.
We need gardens they help the environment, gardens provide a habitat for nature, birds, bees and hedgehogs etc. Gardens are a source of mental well-being and have been invaluable to millions of people during the pandemic.
Gardens should be encouraged and promoted not made into an income generator to pay for the council.
- The cost of living is going up and pensions are not, there is only so much people can cope with.
- If the subscription was to high I would cancel and so would millions more then you would get fly tipping as it is people don't think putting garden wast in ditches is fly tipping when they see council mowers cutting the grass and leaving it to break down so please be reasonable with the fee's in these hard times
- With the massive amount of new homes being built, especially Wellingborough that is almost doubling in size, you should be able to recoup sufficient finance to covrr the waste collection. If not, why was planning permisdion granted and all that open land spoilt?
- One other option might be for household to opt out of the current service, instead of opting in via a subscription. For the vast majority of households, whether a garden exists of not, green waste is produced, therefore the preferred option is to maintain the current state, whilst minimising and improving the management of waste.
- With the cost to the public going up and income going down the service should be included FREE
- I think the collection of may-September is a compromise for both sides
- If I am charged to empty garden waste bin then I will expect fortnightly collection same as general waste bins
- Brining another cost in will be very negative from a lot of peoples perspective
- This should already be covered under our exorbitant council tax fees.
- We have 4-5 months without collection. Often the bin if full of leaves all winter. Usually leaves collected from outside our house council trees. It smells
- This is a Joke!
- It is an absolute disgrace that this is even being mentioned. It's just another money making scheme for a council that went bankrupt. Shame on you. Also your multiple choice questions didn't have a choice of no in most of the questions making it impossible to fill out.
- Disgraceful
- Jus make it fair for all
Our neighbors put in black bin or put into waste land where we live this is not acceptable surely?

- I have always been a firm believer in the common good. But this is the antithesis and reminds me of why this county is a real problem.
- Make the council efficient and less bureaucratic by reducing the Big Salaries .
Stop spending our money on things such as away days for councillors, expenditure on your own working conditions.
Turn your own heating down and wear more appropriate clothing at work.
- If our garden waste gets composted by you and sold on, then surely that pays for the charges to take away my grass cutting etc.
- I believe all year round collection is important because although the growing season is calculated the seasons have been changing and much of my garden waste is leaves from a highway authority tree which still fall after the garden waste season is finished.
- It feels as if since the councils united as one, Corby as a town is not happy.
Online residents are often criticising the North Northamptonshire Council. We cannot get through to departments when we call. The phone systems are atrocious.
Trying to get a repair is like drawing blood from a stone.
We need a strong Council for our town and not a united one where the residents of Corby are treated like we are at the bottom of the chain.
- I think that it is a major backward step to stop the free service. It will cost you more money in the long run ie heavier general waste bins. Also paying workers to clear up fly tipped garden waste.
- When I moved into my home 25 years ago our homes had a brick built shed for our bins. Now that we are expected to have three bins each our close looks like an annex to the council tip. I pay for my garden to be cleared once a year and the contractors take the waste away. I shall be disappointed if I have to pay money for a service that I don't want.
- Don't make additional charges for garden waste recycling. Work with waste recycling plants to use garden and household waste as an income and energy generation tool!
- You Rob us enough!!!!
- I found the whole tone of this questionnaire objectionable. It was clearly produced after you had already decided to start charging for waste collections.
- I don't have the option not to pay my council tax but you have the option to charge me more money year on year and provide less services
- Like above
- elderly and disabled will struggle to take garden waste to the local collection centre.
- I'm a widow and a pensioner and do not drive. Impossible for me to take to the tip so would have to go in my black bin. The extra charge would be difficult to find.
I think you would end up with a lot more fly tipping if this is introduced.
- Also the tip won't cope on nice summer days with the extra queues all taking their hedgecutting and grass cuttings at the same time when they wouldn't normally be going to the tip with them as would of out in their green bin
- Seems to me that this is another way for the general public to pay even more money. If NNC cannot balance their books I think they need to look at where the real drain on their resources are going, because I can assure you this is not the answer!
- The garden waste is used to make compost that the council ultimately benefits from. In other counties residents have the option to buy this compost, this would be a good idea here too.
- By the time a new system is introduced users in East Northants will have been paying £55 per year for at least 2 years whereas the remainder of NNC have had a free service.
I think East Northants customers should be entitled to a rebate for this period as we have been effectively subsidising the rest of NNC through the council tax in addition to paying an additional fee.

- I sincerely hope that you do not proceed with this proposal, I imagine I will be one in a long long of local residents not happy with this idea
- Just so you know I am a Conservative but have little respect for the mess that was created over the last decade.
- Will I receive a refund for the subscription I've had to pay for this service whilst 3/4s of the district have received it for free? North Northants Council has actively discriminated against residents in East Northants by failing to take action on this issue in a timely manner. I'm sure it was a difficult decision for West Northants to introduce a charge across the whole of their area but at least they took that decision and not just let it drag on unnecessarily like North Northants have.
- Council tax is at such a high rate that many households simply will not be able to afford to pay any more for disposal, especially as energy costs, food, fuel etc are increasing dramatically.
- With the cost of everything going up including the council tax people can't afford it and waste disposal comes under that
- Please think long and very hard about the consequences of your actions and how it will affect the people of this county.
- We are already paying for this service through our council tax and shouldn't have to pay more. The cost for council tax is already very high.
- Our bin collections work well at the moment and I would prefer a similar system to what we have now, with perhaps the only change being brown bin collections all year.
- Some of the main things I would expect to be covered by existing council tax are waste collection and maintenance of roads. Seeing as the roads are barely maintained then removing a waste collection service would make me question even more how the council tax is being used.
- This should have been in place months ago. To have the county broken into those paying and those not is unfair and unnecessary. Also, there is more to North Northants than the needs of Corby residents. Their voice is very loud and very obvious across the social media channels.
- The cost should be the same for North and West Northamptonshire. Currently some areas pay less than we do.
- When you have people who are already struggling financially with everyday expenses, and having to choose between heating or eating DON'T hit them with extra and unavoidable expenses. And save the council the added expense of having to clean up the dumped garden waste that there would be in the area
- All your doing is encouraging fly tipping by trying to charge for the same service that is already being paid for
- When the council cut the grass in the streets of Corby it is left and not collected and recycled, whereas I believe the waste from bins is recycled and turned into compost (I may be wrong) Residents are doing their bit for the environment yet the council isn't, the grass gets blown everywhere and makes a mess
- This consultation feels like a fait accompli and just a tick box exercise that has to be done before raising 'taxes' outside of usual taxation processes.
The council is already carrying huge debt from previous organisations where nobody has been held accountable or responsible. It is unjust to continually turn to the residents to pick up this poor administration by way of this alternative taxation.
- I would not pay an annual subscription, and do not produce any garden waste over the winter months, my gardens not massive but I do produce garden waste. I often find I don't walkways need to put my brown bin out and other times it can get quite full. If you are introducing a charge I may consider a £5.00 one off booking service (much like the bulky waste collection) as and when I need the bin emptying.

- We pay chief executive large amount to run the council if he cant organise bin collections better get someone else.
- It's another form of taxation and not good when the cost of living is rising rapidly to add more tax.
- This is just another way of councils making us pay for the theft and bad management of public money which is not our fault as we have no control over it
- N/A
- We are all feeling a squeeze with bills going up at the moment and I think that it would be a kick for those who are already to then be expected to find money for another service that has been "free" (paid in taxes) for so long.
Also how is this going to be managed? Would those who pay all be issued with new bins (at a great cost no doubt) which would be the only ones to be collected or would the waste collectors be working from a list as they go about their collection making sure that everyonewho puts out a bin has paid?
- You would save alot with the bins not being emptied between nov- March.
- If this service is taken away then will the black and brown bin service be collected on a weekly basis rather than fortnightly.
- If we already contribute why do we need a separate charge? This will worry the elderly as well especially in the current financial climate for the retired who have worked many years to then spend it in the garden only to be given an extra expense to hve the waste taken away.
- Please ensure parity across all householders.
Please ensure refund of fees paid by former ENC householders in 2021-22 and 2022-23 financial years.
- I have a larger garden and take excess garden rubbish to the recycling centre. I am retired and can so far afford to pay if required and can still drive. However as I age it would be good to have collections every week. Maybe everyone can choose to pay for an extra bin, but get one free? This would be fairer to those with no garden or very small gardens. If on benefits or pension credit, they could get a free bin if you decide to charge everyone for the service.
- Paying for brown bins in East Northamptonshire while the rest of the county are free is discrimination.. And it's about time it was sorted.. I pay plenty of council tax money and if it wasn't wasted on paying out compensation to ppl.. We could all ha e out brown bins free... Get a grip!
- A reduction/discount to households without a garden. I question how much the admin for a subscription scheme would cost.i sincerely hope that yiu decide not to charge
- Pricing has to be fair and sensible and some guarantees in place it will not significantly rise and become a cash cow. Funding from subscription to the service should be ring fenced solely to pay towards the service
- My daughter lives in [redacted] and pays 250 euros a year for council charges that include daily refuse collection and garden waste collection. Why is our council tax rising as it does and we have a bi weekly collection of our rubbish and are now being asked to pay extra for garden waste removal? How can other countries manage to deal with their waste without it costing their residents a fortune?
- If you are looking to save costs maybe you should begin with rationalising the council's current building estate
- Disgraceful that this service is a paid for service for my postcode yet other areas get this free. Shame on you.
- Have a website where fly tipping can easily be reported and respond quicker.
- It appears to be an extremely narrow minded proposal that clearly hasn't been thought though any further than how much money can we generate.

It is obvious that the running costs & additional costs clearing dumped waste will equal any additional revenue.

Are you planning to charge residents who have more than 1 black bin or more than 1 blue bin extra???

Is the council going to reduce its spending on flower beds, displays etc???

Quite happy for current system Garden Waste to operate March - November every 2 weeks.

There should be much more focus on encouraging residents to recycle / reuse more.

The opening hours of Household Recycling centre should also be reviewed - not necessarily more hours per week, but more convenient hours e.g. open later (who really needs to get there during morning rush hour???) Close at 20:00 or 21:00 in the summer) - e.g Closed Tues & Thurs.

- You're a disgrace
- I am in what was east northants and am currently stuck using the green waste club that used to be the only option the one the council themselves recommended before the council offered their own . The council option is a little cheaper but the one I'm using charged an extra fee if you stop using it so we are stuck with it . This was the only option the council gave us to use when we moved here and it's really frustrating that it isn't even just one service in the old east northants district it is two. Both charging different rates depending on when you moved here . Please make one service for all
- The harmonisation should be to the best service currently offered in Kettering and Corby, not to the worst of the previous district and boroughs. We were promised efficiencies and no loss of service.
- Already paying to much council tax and getting nothing for it. Look at that state of roads and streets.
- You talk about wanting to make the system fair ?
Then why are you reducing the funding for Pen Green and putting that money towards other centres? Because this centre is really good ,rather than level up everywhere in the county we will just drag this one down.
You guys are an opposite robin hood, stealing from the poor and giving to the rich .
- Please tell me why I should pay more for this service, when I already pay more than I should?
We live on Priors Hall Park and pay the going rate for Council Tax AND a service charge for the upkeep of green spaces AND Weldon Parish Council!!!
Why don't we already get a reduction in our Council Tax, to ask for more, on top of the annual rises is a [expletive] insult - particularly as we get less for it.
- Where would the £3 million saving be spent because you dure as [expletive] wont be reducing our bills in compensation?
- I think all councils need to keep this service free for environmental responsibility less pollution
- I agree that you should be looking to harmonise the garden waste collection service across all areas of the new unitary authority, but fundamentally disagree that harmonisation should result in an additional charge being applied. If the previous authority was able to provide the service without additional charge then surely the new, supposedly more efficient, unitary authority can equal or better the service of the previous authority?
- Why this wasn't sorted before the amalgamation beggers belief.
- Continuing to collect without a subscription service will prevent fly tipping and encourage people to maintain their gardens
- Everyone needs to pay the same for this service to continue , I am not able to use recycling centres due to disability's so I need this service.
- As stated, I think it is obscene to charge residents an additional fee on top of their Council tax for collecting garden waste.

- What is the point of this survey when a decision sounds like it has already been made. Just another tax !
- Already a subscriber, but it is not fair that residents in other parts of the council area do not pay while others do. We should all pay or all have a free service.
- Get rid of the corrupt decision making processes that have been used in the past. Clear out the planning department and start again with an uncorrupted team.
- I really hope this isn't the first step to 'harmonising' north Northants bin services with those that were in place in Daventry. 3 weekly collections is just horrific and unhygienic.
- Stronger focus should be on the level of recycling going into black bins, rather than charging for a garden waste service that is largely working well and complied with by residents.
- Probably a waste of time because it will happen. Another stealth charge by local government who can't balance the books without hitting the residents.
- I do agree that North Northamptonshire Council needs to have a consistent waste disposal policy across the four previous Borough / District Councils and I'm certain that those who currently have properties in the previous Kettering / Corby Council areas will get a worse service, it is just for the new council to decide whether to cut the length of provision or introduce a charge, I suspect that this will be the option.
Also if a charge is the final solution does that allow the provision for more than one Green Waste bin as currently provided?
The material presented does not indicate what happens to the current waste that is collected, you state a charge to collect but does this waste have any offset revenue stream?
- DO NOT CHARGE for this service, we pay enough already, we are one of the highest paying places on the UK.
- What is the use in doing this survey when we know you are just going to push through the charges anyway.
- All you want is more money - and we are not getting anything extra for the charge
- N/a
- Would be easier to accept if the refuse people put the bins back where they find them ie not in the middle of paths or blocking driveways!!
- Perhaps if the Council were more accountable for wanton waste of money on ill-advised legal cases and fraudulent direct debits for services they are not actually using, there would be more money to pay for services needed within the area.
- Please do not start making us pay for a service that is currently free (or included in council tax)
- The move to unitary authorities should mean everyone contributes the same amount to their local authority, it is farcical that within North Northamptonshire residents of the former East Northants pay substantial more than any other are - be that garden waste collection or council tax!
- You have a really high participation rate of residents doing their bit for the planet and you are actively dissuading them from continuing
- The formation of the new Unitary councils has been nothing more than a big cost exercise that has lined the pockets of quite a few council/ex-council individuals. Wellingborough never felt the need to charge us for garden waste disposal historically, so why do we need to pay now.
- Another way to get more money out of local residents
- The service should remain the same.
A reduced collection service focussing on May to November is possible but at no additional cost the overstretched tax payer facing more NI contributions next month and a significant rise in inflation to contend with.

- You should concentrate on getting better funding from government rather than keep cutting services. If you don't understand money read up on MMT and as a starter read [Redacted]. They don't want you to understand how money works so you keep accepting their cuts.
- Why on earth is a consultation needed? Do we not elect Councillors to make these decisions for us? As the discrepancy between area charges was known about in the lead up to the new North Northamptonshire council being in charge surely the equalisation of charges could have been part of your auditing and accounting calculations for the issue of Council Tax bills with effect from April 2021?

By conducting this through a Consultation procedure is a complete waste of my Council Tax money.

By the questions posed in this questionnaire, it so obvious what the solution should be so the Council should simply have issued a notice that all property dwellers who wish to receive this service should sign up and pay extra for it - keeping the costs fair for all.

- WHY CHANGE A SYSTEM THAT WORKS
- Remove the charges for East Northamptonshire and change garden collections to just the growing period so that it is fair and accessible to all.
- Why are we coming in line with other areas. Why don't other areas come in line with us. We pay enough council tax as it is. Just another way to make money to pay for bloated council.
- If the charges come into being it would have detrimental consequences for pensioners and those living alone on very fixed incomes.
- Include the cost with the council tax bill.
- I suspect that if you stop providing the free service, the number of bonfires in the area will increase massively as people will burn their garden waste rather than find ways of disposing of it. Another important point is, if I subscribe to a new service and my neighbours do not, what is stopping them putting things in my bin when I put it out for collection? You need to keep the free collection for all please.
- I run a small gardening business and due to owning a van am not allowed to use the tip. So I use my customers bin to get rid of their waste.
- You say 2 x 6 month payments you may only require the bin emptying 7-8 months of the year and maybe not every 2 weeks so please explain how your proposal is fair to everyone.
- If you reduced our council tax by £50 or £150 then people would probably look at it but you I'm not gonna do that all you gonna do is profit off your back handers
- If this goes ahead then there will be a demand for larger black bins to take up the capacity incurred.
- I suggest the residents of the former East Northants area do NOT pay for their garden waste anymore which brings all North Northants residents in line. The council should manage the cost of garden waste collection within the council tax everybody already pays.
- I thought the whole idea of the green bin was to recycle more now you are suggesting we pay for the idea of recycling
I think the whole system should be better run so the green waste was used again
- Personally I think the council is on a money making exercise.
- If the service is reduced to only those who are either willing or able to pay for the collection, the risk of fly tipping garden waste becomes much higher, especially in rural villages where there's less CCTV
If the service was to be paid for, then a more reliable time and day of collection would be expected. Too many times our bins (collection day Friday) have to be left outside - sometimes blocking the pavement - over the weekend.
- DONT DO IT, FORGET THE WHOLE MONEY GRABBING IDEA

- Here's the full picture of becoming a unitary authority - potential extra costs to the residents. If only the former County Council had strong governance this scenario would have never materialised.
- So I have had my say - for what good it will do, it is obvious from the documents linked to the survey (thought it was supposed to be a consultation) that a decision has already been made and the council is just undertaking a 'tick box exercise' so they can claim the people decided, This should not be just an on-line exercise as a great many residents will not even see it. This should have been distributed to EVERY household in the NNC area as this service will affect every household regardless of if the property has a garden or not. This exercise will not give any where near a TRUE picture of what the community as a WHOLE think of the proposals. I await the next 'tick box exercise' coming soon no doubt on PARKING CHARGES.
- Some people would want the bin all year and others wouldn't
But if I'm still paying the same amount for 12 months then I want it emptied for 12 months or I want a lower cost if it's only from March to November
But I feel we should all be equal and either all pay or Not
- I think for older people this is a necessary free service as they don't always have a car to take the waste themselves.
- There would be an increased demand for some households to have a larger black bin.
More bonfires to burn said green waste.
Fly tipping of grass cuttings.
- As previous
- Fly-tipping is such a big thing because you made tell me your changes to what materials could be dumped in tips and so forth and now we're going to end up with the same problem with garden waste.
- None.
- You can't charge people more council tax and then want an additional charge for collecting a bin, it is not fair or right.
- Garden waste should carry on being taken with the bin collections and from the council tax but no extra added. We pay enough already.
- The annual charge should be nearer to £25 if all areas are paying
- Please don't charge for this cost of living is high enough as it is don't add more to it .
- This decision does nothing to improve the perception that the council is here to help.
What next, are we going to start charging per kilo of black bin waste.
If you want people to engage with the waste collection system, and to use it properly, then it must be free for all type of waste. Otherwise you are just shifting the waste from one bin to another.
- As one unified council, services should also be unified across the boroughs. If a charge is to be made it should apply to all, or if a free service is offered in some areas it should again be offered to all residents of the North Northamptonshire Area.
At the moment residents living in the (old) East Northants Area are at a disadvantage by being charged £55 for the service, when other s have it as a free service. .
In November people are still tidying up their gardens so perhaps a service of 9 months from March - November might be considered
- The council should not be carrying out a consultation about proposed increase charges and changes to services on social media, the council should be sending every household a questionnaire in order that everyone has an opportunity to voice their opinions on the proposed major changes.
- Sort it out and carry on as we are with no additional charges, people just can't afford it and deserve to be able to enjoy their gardens without the additional worry of having to pay for garden

waste collection. Get a grip and consider all the other increases we are having to contend with simply to survive!

- I think the council rates are enough already.
- Perhaps less council waste would enable collection to continue free. i.e Football Club money lost !!!
- People will do their best to avoid paying so it would provide very little income for the council.
- Our HWRC is very close and so we see no reason to pay for a garden waste bin.
- Terrible idea overall; you're completely missing basic human psychology if you think taking services away and demanding more money for their reinstatement (in the middle of a time of massive increases on essential services) is going to get a positive response. Many people couldn't pay for it even if they were willing, and many of the rest of us are not willing. Enjoy dealing with all the alternative disposal methods...
- As I stated earlier, I don't see why I should now have to start to pay extra for something that I am already paying for through my council tax. If a subscription service is introduced, then there should be a reduction in my council tax to compensate. Otherwise this scheme is simply a thinly veiled money saving exercise and nothing to do with the environment.
- I think the garden waste should be collected as it always has been. By charging for this service will result in more fly tipping. The council will then occur more charges clearing it all up.
- We pay high council tax rates.....some services that are provided by the council we do not use, yet our money goes to support these services. Why should we have a service that we do use removed or if we want to use it pay extra. Really does not seem fair.....another cut to our services but no reduction in our council tax.
- All council areas within North Northamptonshire Council should have the same arrangement.
- You already charge residents for services that they don't use, and don't offer a refund or options to not pay for those services, so this is no different.
The fact that you are even considering an extra charge at all, in this time of national crisis, fuel and food poverty, and inflation, which is already breaking households beyond financial and personal burdens is shocking.
People at the top get extraordinary salary payments and pensions that most can only dream off, and that will not even be able to quote how much a pint of milk costs.....
Far too much of council money is wasted in various ways, including recent court case that residents will no doubt have to pay for millions of pounds in costs and compensation, housing repairs not being fixed properly requiring multiple call outs of for a quick fix, which costs lots more in the long run, rather than replacing e.g boilers.
- I have a small garden with few plants, I put my brown bin out once, twice a year at most, but pay for 12 months of service. I imagine it would be unworkable, but if I have to pay I would prefer a scheme where you could pay a set figure for say, a month, when you actually need the bin to be collected.
- I feel that garden waste is a normal part of owning a house and should not have an additional cost for it. Excessive waste can be taken to the recycling centre but so believe this should be open 7 days a week as people that work shift patterns could be on their days off while the recycling centre is closed.
- We take excess to recycling centre but this would have to increase visits there. Could they cope with more households using it?
- Why do you put our council tax up every year, yet reduce the services?
Maybe take a look at the management. Get them to all take pay cuts. I imagine they get paid too much and do too little anyway.
- If you're going down the route of only paying for things you use surely this should apply to all services???

- Just rethink....
We are pensioners and struggle as it isAs we don't get benefits as we did the right thing and saved.We are Not entitled to any help.....
As mentioned FLY TIPPING will definitely increase.....
- One of the few services I feel I pay for and use along With Emergency services and schools for my grandchildren. You charge for so many other things roadside collection of items, rat mice infestation etc already
- Council tax going up this year and now you are looking to charge people for another service, this is all wrong.
- We pay enough council tax as it is more of one has a larger property
- The service is flawed it needs to be universal across the county not free for some and not others. Also the service isn't always great, our bin has sometimes been missed on more than one occasion.
- I think I have made my feelings clear. This is not so much about paying for waste collections but more to do with your lack of commitment to maintaining services. I appreciate differing areas within North Northamptonshire Council that have different rules, but if their previous council charged for the service, it doesn't make it right that this should now apply to everyone. For all I know, perhaps people in the area that paid have a benefit of some other sort that residents of the old KBC don't have, maybe cheaper parking or a library service with longer hours - who knows? Does this mean it is your intention to look in to everything to even the playing field? I very much doubt it. It feels more like an opportunity to grab money which would not be quite so bad if a) you admitted that's the case and b) you were transparent about what you intend to do with the appropriated funds. The way this survey was put together makes me question your commitment to transparency. Remember, the electorate have long memories, it could come back to bite you.
- As already stated, why not make changes to the food waste collection to incorporate the garden waste too like in other areas of the UK.
- I can't afford a garden waste collection. I paid for one year then haven't been able to afford one since. I'm a low income single person household but not eligible for any benefits. Currently I have no car. I have to let my garden waste accrue. I moved from Northampton where this service was free and feel strongly that it should be a free service along with household waste and recycling. I have no choice and simply cannot afford to pay
- Garden waste collection should be free
- Since the introduction of commercial vehicle registration at the tips it has encouraged fly tipping because if i hire a rental van and take my refuse to the tip and the vehicle has been to the tip more than 6 times this year entry is refused.Why not log commercial vehicles going into the tip by drivers licence that would solve the problem.
- Our council tax bill is high enough without greedy councils trying to claim even more from us.
- With a cost of living crisis and pensions and benefits cut in real terms this year, this is a terrible idea.
- Life in general is getting very expensive at the moment and wages and pensions are not being increased enough to cover the cost of living so any increase for any reason is unwelcome.
- Pay enough council tax, shouldn't have to pay to dispose of garden waste.
- The whole idea is counter productive. Garden waste will end up in the black bins.
- The council tax has increased along with other costs dramatically increasing.
There was no reduction in charges when street lights were limited yet less energy is being consumed! Speaking as a woman, I am now more uncomfortable about walking in the poorly lit streets when it's dark.

This seems like a very bad time to inflict additional charges on residents! Those who have been paying it will be used to paying for the service.

If the option of subscribing to reduce the route for the council staff will save money, why can't this be implemented without charging the residents? I'd happily subscribe or mark in advance for the occasional times I put the garden waste bin out.

- Review questions as biased towards charges. Rather than asking for ideas to save funds
- Weekly collections from March - November, then none for the remaining 3 months of the year would be more beneficial to those, myself included, who often have ample garden waste but no room or wish for an extra bin.
- The questionnaire is phrased in a deliberately leading manner
- If Corby and Kettering already have garden waste collection all year round at no extra cost why can't we all follow their set up. Instead your questionnaire seems to be pointing to the view that we will all have to pay a subscription for garden waste collection if we still want to use the service. Our council tax went up by 8% last year now you plan on adding more to our outgoings.
- Whilst I agree we need to recycle more, the grey bins are still needed for a number of items and the bin is already smaller - by not providing a garden waste collection as standard most of this waste will end up in the grey bin meaning there's not enough room for a normal family's waste over a 2 week period. The result will be more black bags lying around driveways and rubbish blowing in the street
- Yeah sack your managers and replace with people who love the community and not profiteering
- I would prefer things to stay as they are
- I used to live in [Redacted] and all waste was collected as a regular service that wasn't charged extra. Northamptonshire councils aren't even collecting food waste which is one of the easiest things to compost and reuse as a nutrition for farm fields. And now we're being threatened with even more bills when most of the households are suffering with extreme rise in cost of living. It is absolutely ridiculous.
- Have one charge for anyone that wants a bin March-Nov (say £40) and another charge for anyone that wants all year round (say £60). Additional bins half price. Sorted.
- Redistribute the wealth
- To be honest, the way this consultation has been worded, it sounds as though you are going through the necessary motions before you implement a payment scheme.
Thankfully, I can afford to pay a small amount, if it comes in. But what about those who have no spare money at all? I expect there will be a rise in garden waste fly tipping.
- Keep free collection as it is in this area
- By having a green waste collection people are encouraged to keep their gardens tidy. If you take this service away the gardens of North Northamptonshire will become neglected and the area will become run down.
- I responded in favour of March - November collection but may be sensible to have an early January collection as well, for xmas trees and prunings. I was planning to get a garden bin [East Northants] but will only need it a few times a year for my small garden. Suggest following options any of which would suit me:
 1. option of smaller garden bin 120 - 180 L?
 2. option of monthly collection March - Nov + January xmas tree at lower price [if charging]
 3. free service of local collection points within easy walking distance [500 metres max] - eg car parks, local green areas, possibly to be composted locally. Offer cheap wheel barrow type item similar to compost bin scheme [I don't have space for compost bin or do enough gardening to use the compost] for transport garden waste to collection point

[The current/previous East Northants cheaper option of bags for garden waste is unsuitable for me due to inability to lift bags more than about 5kg, or to store full bags until had enough for collection.]

This survey is not well publicised - you could easily have put notification in with council tax mailing

- NNC could:

Save money by not widening paths that aren't used

Save money by closing/selling the hardly used kettering gallery and not extending it

Save money by using standard slabs in town refurbishment instead of expensive slabs/blocks.

Save money by not relocating bus stops every other year in town

Lift the extortionately expensive slabs/blocks/edging stones on the market place and sell them on [Redacted]

Not rip out the trees and seating in the pedestrian shopping area, replace with an awful tacky clock and ugly seating then remove them and replace them with trees again....oops too late!

When spending our money perhaps you could adopt my spending rule.....make a list, cost it, then go through the list and remove what is not absolutely necessary thus spending less!

- It should be the same across the county . We have always had to pay for our garden waste to make it fair so should people who want the service .
- Why pay extra - people wil dispose of their garden rubbish anywhere - eg in the village environment - why should we have to put up with this?
- It's unfair Irthlingborough have to pay already when most the county have done and do have their bins for free.
- The questionnaire seems skewed towards providing a subscription service, particularly in asking what people would be willing to pay and not giving an option for continuing it as it is . If savings need to be made in order that the service continues as it is then savings could be made in other areas, we are being asked generally to support a greener economy and this should extend to council services too.
- Don't follow EN as being more expensive than anywhere else!
- When I moved from Wellingborough to Kettering a few years ago, my council tax increased even though the properties were in the same band. I thought the fact that the bins were now collected all year was one of the reasons.

Although the winter months might not be growing months they are maintenance months so waste is still produced and with climate change lawns can still need cutting during this time. I accept that maybe December and January could possibly be stopped, but a lot is done in November and March.

- Not. [expletive]. Paying.
- Stop ripping off everyone with charges for every service going! Make council tax payable per person and not house size. Council tax bands are terribly calculated and newer houses get put in higher bands wrongly
- When asking if we would be likely to use the service within the different price bands it was not possible to give a reliable answer as it would depend upon whether the collections would be throughout the year or just throughout the summer months. The answers given were assuming a full 12 months service - they would be very different if the charges were just for 6 months - a very ambiguous question surely.

Also we do not believe it is ethically correct to exclude some residents from Council services based on ability to pay and obviously the less well off would not be able to pay extra on their bills or in some cases access Council Recycling sites (if they did not have private transport).

Thus overall I do not think it is appropriate both for ethical and practical purposes to introduce charges for the service.

- This service should be for free
- I think as two OAP WHO PAY FULL POLL TAX we already pay enough.
- The questions are loaded that it has already been decided the service is to be charged for
- I understand charging people who have a lot I put garden bin out twice a year at most I will not pay extra for it
- How about a booking service, so an annual charge isn't made but if you book a slot you pay for it. Most of us don't have really full bins so we would probably reduce the amount of times it's collected.
Offer a free large composter to households if you are going to charge, others might be interested in it.
- If you start charging and we don't want to pay can we get rid of the stupid bins?
- This survey very much reads as if this is a decision already made! I do feel there should be the same service received in all towns, if we're all under the same council. I also believe this should be covered under the tax payments already made to ensure waste services are funded.
That being said, I live on a street where waste collections have regularly been missed due to apparent 'access issues' (this is true, at times, but blatantly not always checked and assumed as we don't see a sniff of a service operator checking!!) so there is an element of unhappy customer having general waste pile up for weeks despite paying the rates!
- Bigger properties pay greater council tax. They also have bigger gardens and need more bins but as they already pay higher council tax they should not be penalised for having additional bins.
- I think a monthly collection would be sufficient for most households, reducing the amount of collections by half would enable the existing collections to double in areas collected from, if people want additional collections then this would be at an extra cost, I feel that most households would manage with a monthly collection.
- I think your system needs a total rethink. My son lives in Switzerland and their system is a lot better sorted than ours. But then they do have to pay for bags to use so those that make more waste pay more. That seems fairer.
- As I have said previously the majority of my garden waste comes from [Redacted] park I have very little garden waste. I have no trees in my garden but in addition to the Autumn and Spring garden waste collection I have taken in excess of 20 bags of leaves to the tip. I would have to pay for the garden waste collection if charges were imposed as I have no other way of getting rid of all the leaves that end up in my garden. The council never clears the leaves from the park or the footpaths and it is down to us residents to clear up the leaves and make sure the footpaths are safe. If charging for garden waste collection means there are more funds to clear up the leaves from the parks and the footpaths then that would be great. I for one are sick of spending days on end clearing up the leaves that end up in my garden. My husband is out there now vacuuming up that latest lot of leaves that have blown into our garden.
- Already said
- Are we not already paying enough?? I never fill any of my larger bins. Why not look to reduce bin collection fees by offering monthly collections? Why not offer free garden waste collection for those willing to move to monthly bin collections for black and brown bins? Food bin collections should be encouraged to help with recycling.
- As far as I know there are a few of our neighbours that use the service now as it is, and have chosen not to, so it seems the system works as it is now so "WHY" change it. It's good to have a choice.
- I think maybe you could consider still offering a free service to NNC households but reducing the collections to the growing months as you do in BCW area.

I think you could potentially reduce the number of routes by giving households the option to opt in or out of the service. In doing so you may well find that you don't need to do so much travelling on routes that are not required. You could possibly give people the option of how often they would like this waste collecting too, which would also help with travelling etc.

I think that bringing in extra charges to households at a time when the cost of living is rising will have a detrimental effect on people. I think it'll increase fly tipping and you'll end up spending more money sorting that out.

People will use black bins in the wrong way thus increasing demand on landfill sites.

There will be increased demand for recycling centres as a result with cars queueing outside recycling centres. I think lockdown proved this to us all with queues down to the roundabout in Wellingborough alone. Recycling centres are not open often enough in the area to cope with this extra demand and not everyone can get to Rushden for this. When you combine this with the fact that people have to apply for a permit to dispose of waste using a van it all becomes very uneconomical in the end.

I really don't agree with the idea of introducing charges for this service and it kind of feels like NNC way of recouping some money to fill the void that the [expletive] show that was NCC left behind. It's unfair, we didn't vote for this, none of us wanted it and none of us had any choice in the matter, we were dumped with it and NNC had to pick up the pieces even when they probably didn't want it either.

- In the past I always took my garden waste to the tip myself. Increasing age has meant that I can no longer do this, so I pay for a waste bin. So it ends up being a tax on the elderly. Also a tax on the poor who have no car.
- No, just disappointed with this council as I was Corby Borough Council.
- See previous comments
- I will not be able to pay for a whole year, I don't use it's every time, so to have to pay no matter if it's used for only half the time, is just not fair
- If something is not broken don't try fixing it.
- Read first comment
- Start saving in the offices , ie paper wastage , pens , heating , electricity expenses , all of these I'm sure can be cut back . It wasn't the people of Northamptonshire that went bankrupt is was bad management.
- People who currently visit the tip to dump there waste would no longer need to do so thus creating energy saving.
- I have no objection to not having the bin collected all year round but would not be happy with a charge. If a charge was introduced I would want weekly collections for black bins during the summer months. Black bins often get maggots when left in heat for two weeks.
- We are all facing rising costs and we just can't afford anything else, why should we have to go without basic living things just to pay for garden waste to be collected. No I would have a bonfire. Where we live we don't get a food waste service and yet our council tax is the same as others that get this service and don't pay for it.
- If the council sell the garden waste once it is composted why should residents be paying twice, once as part of council tax and an additional charge?
- Council tax is already high and with increased cost of living this is just another squeeze on already tight budgets.
- Bin collection is the only service I use from the council so I consider this already covered by council tax
- Families can't cover bills or
Food currently so adding another cost would exacerbate financial issues

- If people use the black bins or drive to council recycling depots, actual adds to the carbon footprint of the council area in dealing with both,
- I started filling in this survey and then realised that the council will do exactly what it wants to do. This survey and all the attached information is just to justify someone's job. A waste of my time and the council's money - indirectly my money.
- I believe that all households should be treated equally with regards to household and garden waste disposal, and no subscriptions should apply, even if it means a widespread slightly higher rate of taxation. However each household should have to apply for the garden waste bin.
- Is it worth offering a discount in council tax for those who don't use the service as opposed to increasing it for those that do?
- Whilst I'm aware of the need to compost at home not all is suitable to be composted. This is why collections should continue and preferably be free.
- Surely some of the cost of providing this service could be absorbed by better recycling?
- The bin collectors in this area do a great job - lots of unfair criticism on Facebook and the like. Their efforts are much appreciated.
- It is essential that you harmonise the fees, with a refund being given to East Northants residents who have been discriminated against this year by being charged because the council have sat on their hands and not sorted out equity in the year they've been in existence. I shall be seeking legal advice if this does not happen.
- The council is an utter joke, everything is going up in price yet the services are getting less. Why should some people pay, while others get the services for free. And no doubt it will take an age for the useless council to make any decision.
- See above
- What about brown paper sack bags for smaller gardens and you book a day in your area on line for the bags to be collected and pay a one of fee for that collection before hand. Saves plastic for making the bins and the bags a biodegradable.
- The last few years have been tough enough without extra unnecessary charges being imposed on working families. It is already difficult enough to heat your house and fuel your car and now you want to charge us to mow our lawns. Shame on you!
- I presume you had the questions in this survey checked for their lack of bias? Your first question about whether you should pay or not were very leading and ethically do not meet the standards required of a questionnaire or survey. There are plenty of council services that people do not use, but still contribute towards. Living in a village there are plenty of council services we either don't use or do not get the full benefit of, so surely we should get a rebate on that?
- Within the current climate more expense for people is not appropriate.
- The council waste lots of money, supplied by tax payers like us and Northamptonshire has got itself into a huge mess with their wasteful and ill thought out expenditure i.e. new council offices in Northampton, unfit for purpose and loaning the football club over £10 million without due diligence being carried out. This money have just disappeared. Rainbow crossings are also expensive, virtue signalling nonsense. It's an Independent councillor calling for garden waste to be chargeable, not the conservatives fir whom we voted and who have the majority. More pandering to minorities.
Taxpayers like us are being squeezed more and more with the ever increasing cost of living, including massive energy and fuel rises.
- Given the current economic situation that all households are subject to, rising prices, inflation, low pay awards not keeping pace with the current and developing economic pressures, also that council tax is to rise by the maximum permissible, charging would be both unfair and counter productive.

I think most people will be suggesting the No charge option, or the middle, perhaps compromise one. of limiting the months that green collections are made. At the end of the day I doubt that the council will go for either of those options, and would therefore be ignoring the electorate and council tax payers in order to raise revenue.

Your green collections earn the council money. Some councils actually provide compost from these free of charge to residents, a bridge too far I fear for this new Unitary authority.

- A poor questionnaire, you get the idea the decision has already been made
- I do, please stop cutting down our trees in and around Kettering, they don't belong to you, they belong to everyone and everything to enjoy.
- If the council want to try and save money then change garden waste collection to the growing season ie from March to November and not charge. This is a reasonable solution to all as some use all the council services and some use very little so it is a balance
- I object to a reduction in service due to the amalgamation of the councils. Surely there should be a levelling up not down.
- Must say I'm very disappointed that this has even come up. It seems the majority have had some form of free collection of garden waste as a right. Now along comes a brand new council and one of its first acts is to remove this right.

I, and I suspect many others will not take kindly to this. We did not ask for this council it was forced upon us. I would have preferred to remain as we were. However it happened and good Will was given to it. There is a danger that increases in taxes for that's what it is will take that good will away.

I consider that the questions you put for this survey is very slanted in your favour.

- I'd like to know what improvements have been made following last years severe council tax increase. Finedon is dirtier than ever. We've not seen any money spent on improvements and now you want us to pay even more...
- Split the areas into equal months, so everyone can at least use the service, therefore it would be fair for all.
- If people want a 2nd bin, then maybe pay a little bit extra.
Occasionally I would have more than my bin could hold. And I would wait until next collection. Would be nice if maybe 2 or 3 times in the year we could put the extra out without extra charges. When I paid subscription, it was nice not having to go to the tip to dispose of the garden waste.
- Previously you offered free compost to subscribers, made from the recycled garden waste. Perhaps this could be reintroduced? Or compost offered at a preferential rate? Also garden sacks would be a good alternative to an extra bin for households who have extra waste during the growing season.
- I am concerned that our service continues after April the 1st whilst this review is undertaken.
- Why are you even consulting if you are a democratic local authority? Could it be that NNC isn't very democratic?
- If the service becomes subscription-based, council tax should be reduced to reflect the loss of service. This would enable people to afford the subscription (as they would have otherwise paid it for council tax) and also mean people without gardens aren't paying for it.
I do note though, that people without gardens normally have a lower-priced council tax band, and so those with gardens already pay more!
- There seems to be a case here for the Council to abandon the service and leave it to Private Contractors, rather than cut other services.
- WE PAY COUNCIL TAX, THERE SHOULD BE NO NEED FOR EXTRA PAYMENTS TO COLLECT GARDEN WASTE. ITS OFFENSIVE

- I believe the first bin should be free and additional bins should be charged if required. Also if a charge is introduced across the whole service and area users should have the option of how they pay either as 1 payment or split depending on personal circumstances
- This is a poorly thought through idea - for the reasons outlined above. Rarely do councils seem to listen- it would be good if you consider all the negative impacts.
More individual trips to the tips and associated use of fuel and climate impact
Incorrect usage of black bins
Fly tipping
Unfair to lower income households
- What would you do about charge as I only put bin out when full, so not every collection ..?
- In East Northants we have to pay £55.00 while everyone else pays nothing. If the free users of the service were to start paying a subscription this would not only save the council a lot of money it should lower the cost substantial Y to around £30.00 per annum. This should not be a tax to generate income for the council.
- Has to be the same system for the whole of North Northamptonshire
- Before adding to peoples bills the council should look at the wages paid compared to people working in private companies and people on benefits and pensioners Not every one is on £20k+ a year
- Please be inclusive and get this matter resolved. Thank you
- If we are on pension credit are you still considering charging the already struggling the extra? or will that be paid for under the same terms as pension credit?
- Could the council benefit financially from mulching and composting to offset cost?
You could still have a registration process so you can plan collections from streets that want green waste collection whilst avoiding streets and individual houses that have no need. This saving time, effort, money.
- If your collection staff can monitor which bins to collect Offer people both services, March to November and the full 12 months at relevant costs. Some may not have a need for 12 months and feel they are paying towards months they will not use.
- I think households with larger gardens should be encouraged to compost their garden waste such as grass mowings and leaves (autumn time). Advertising campaign leading to an NNC policy?
- I pay £55 a year for the service in Thrapston and it is an absolute joke. My bin is collected 1/3 of the times I put it kerbside for collection at most, with no tag or explanation as to why its missed. I have submitted several missed bin forms and they achieve nothing. I had it tagged once to say they won't collect because it contains soil, despite containing nothing but tree branches. When my bin is emptied, it's often dropped on the next street and needs collecting from there. Awful awful service.
- I am happy to continue paying for my garden waste collection but feel it should be fair and that everyone who uses it should pay the same, not free for some and chargeable to others.
- Obviously Corby and Kettering council were run more efficiently and that is why extra was not charged for green waste. We pay high enough council taxes now, and this just seems a way of 'ripping off' residents. GREED is a word that comes to mind! ask Corby Council how they managed without charging.....or PUT THEM IN CHARGE and let them run things. Corby werent in debt, things ran smoothley and we should NEVER have been made to become under one council with their greed, debts and incompatent running of things
- Whilst I am lucky enough to be able to afford a subscription service, this is not the situation for everyone. With energy bills and general inflation rising at a far more rapid pace than wages and homelessness and food bank use on the rise this is the wrong time to introduce additional charges for local residents.

- If you are going to charge for collecting a garden bin, do we then get discounts if we haven't called the police or an ambulance under the remit that some of us use these more than others do? Will any of the council money be out towards fixing the roads and numerous potholes that damage our cars but we still have to pay for the repairs? When do we get a respite?
I guarantee that the people on benefits etc who don't work any form of job let alone that if a teacher, are the ones with time to chop their gardens down etc in their council paid for homes, and probably use the garden waste bin more, but would somehow then be exempt from the proposed charges which would then be passed on the working people instead. I'm all for looking after people who have genuine reasons they cannot work but the system is broken and this sort of proposal about extra charges for collecting a bin is what pushes people to their limits and makes them less charitable and empathetic.
- If separate charging for garden waste were proposed, residents should receive rebates for services which are not provided in rural villages (libraries, road maintenance, street cleaning, housing, road gritting in winter, recreation amenities)
- I have an allotment that produces a lot of garden waste. We are not allowed to burn/have bonfires and are told to use the grey bins for excess waste that isn't composted. Therefore I need this service.
- Please think of how much this would benefit for us all and it would help us all
- I believe you should have 1 bin free if you require extra then this should be paid for
- A service from March to November is the more practical. Not many people cut grass over the winter months
- Making a free seasonal collection would be the fairest option. Those areas than have benefitted from free all round collection should have collections reduced saving costs and that saving should fund free seasonal collections for the areas that previously paid.
- Certainly wouldn't be happy to pay a fee for only half years collection , should be a monthly fee so can cancel during winter months if it's not available service then
- We already pay alot of money for our council tax, which goes up every year we shouldn't have to pay to dispose of grass cuttings
- I am NOT in agreement with introduction of this proposed charge.
- Would really appreciate the service being a bit more reliable sometimes it's not collected at all. You phone up to say it hasn't been collected and given a time and day it'll be collected a week later still not collected that goes for recycling and refuse collections as well
- Households which pay a higher rate of council tax usually means they have a garden. So we are now being penalised for having one. Not all gardens have room for a compost bin. Council tax includes fees for a lot of different services which are not used by everyone. If you are going to charge for this service does this mean discounts will be given on council tax to people who don't use all the services which we currently pay for. This includes events/facilities which are provided for people who live in towns, if you live out of town you cannot afford to attend due to car parking charges. If you do use the bus it doesn't either turn up or they have stopped for the day & you can't get home. Taxi's are not an option as they are too expensive.
- Souls source cheaper contractors.
We pay our rates and this should be included.
- Overall I think your collection teams do great work - and as a Kettering resident please pass that comment back
One observation: I do not understand why vegetable waste cannot be included in the grey bin.
- Our old Wellingborough Council was so efficient and we have been here for 34 years without any problem. Why can't the new council be just as efficient. We didn't ask to be in the new council and didn't have any choice why why why did it have to change.

- Just make it a fair System, the same for all residents. Not for one part of the New Council. That is all i ask of you all.
- Since moving back to the area after 12 years away, can honestly say the merging of the councils recently is just a tick-box exercise to improve some of the other councils shortcomings (missing millions anyone?!) and isn't for the benefit of the people who live, pay and contribute to the community of our beautiful county. Need to take a long look in the mirror with the shoddiness that it's being run under.
- A lot of older people who garden would not know about this on line survey. Disappointed that you did not put a note in with tax bill.
- It should be free and during the growing months
- You have probably already decided that the cost to empty garden east will be introduced. It's a really bad decision, we pay enough in council taxes etc. another charge will just be too much.
- You are already putting up the council tax charge. Use the extra to fund this service. With food, heating, petrol, NI tax going up all at the same time. Do you think that now is a good time to ask people to pay extra. The wage list of your heads of departments is astronomical. Public records show hundreds of thousands of pounds being paid out to them yet you feel it is OK to charge more for this service. Here do you think that people will get all this money? Wages are not going up so please explained what your reasoning is???
- how would payment be enforced? surely you cant be issuing different coloured bins every year?
- Garden waste bins could also be used for food perlings etc which would rot down this would also help the environment and could be used for composting
- Whether or not I continue to use the service after the introduction of a subscription would depend on the cost and convenience of payments. Why can't it be added to monthly council tax bills as an optional precept?
- If the green bins were introduced then the congestion at the tip would be reduced which is a win win
- I think the council should be looking to save money not increase spending.
- This is just another charge that people at the moment could do without.
- Can't afford it simply put. Council should be encouraging green recycling not trying to make green (money) from recycling. Disgusting.
- And I bet you've not even thought about all the disabled and elderly people who can barely keep up with their garden as it is but the service is just one of the things that makes it manageable and possible for them to do. Shame on you all.
- We already pay for garden waste collection through our council tax payments, why should we pay twice?
You have already decided to charge us so this consultation is totally pointless. It's just a box ticking exercise.
- I do have a garden bin and pay for it however I think it should be free as it is not right others don't have to pay
- I think this whole suggestion is an absolute disgrace!
- if towns get for free so should all of them
- Keep the service as it is.
- Although we do need to encourage people to generate compost in the bottom of the garden.
- encourage the world to be more green, or they will be no world
- People cannot afford this service especially at this time of rising gas, electric and food bills. If they have to choose between eating or heating their home they are not going to spend their money on having their garden waste collected and it will end up being flytipped or people will just let their gardens become overgrown as there is no way to get rid of their grass cuttings etc.

- I am very satisfied with the current system. However, Although we usually use just one bin (as part of the subscription service) I think it would be beneficial occasionally to have extra sacks collected at no further cost.
- You already empty garden waste ,so why charge more now ?
- Supply bins for free.
Allow people to use the waste sites for free, no matter what vehicle they choose to drive.
- I think maybe the money goes to too many managers and not enough workers, cut down on all the consultants, outsourcing and keep things in house, stop wasting money on people in offices(or home) who waste time and tax payers money on things that are not needed.
- The council should lead by example with recycling initiatives, including garden waste. One kerbside collection is much more environmentally considerate than the clean up of fly tipping and individual car journeys to the recycling centre. This can be done whilst encouraging people to compost at home.
- On what legal basis has North Northamptonshire not provided access to this service equitably across its area since its inception on 1st April 2021?
- Sack the person that suggested this idea
- How would you know who has a subscription and who doesn't and how would you stop people putting rubbish in other peoples bins?
- Has any research been done on whether introducing these collections creates an uplift in illegal dumping? It would be helpful to understand what the increased cost of this is set at that two is also covered in the costs.
- Why should it cost for a bin when we want to recycle
- I am happy to pay for this service as it will reduce the carbon footprint of those disposing of garden waste at recycling centres. I would be very happy to pay for this service during the growing season, I'm paying annual subscription and not using it all year round.
If you offered this service during growing season, you will be cutting down on the amount of rounds your vehicles have, surely more cost effective?
- I appreciate the need for consistency across the county. Most of the bad councilors outside of North Northants council are still involved, and I don't trust them as far as I could throw my garden waste!
- Corby borough council have provided us with green waste recycling and encouraged us to use it and it's pid for through our taxes already . We now have to cut our own grass as the council stopped doing the whole street so we need the recycling bin for green waste to help recycle which regenerates money for the council when it goes for compost etc. We shouldn't have to pay more because a different towns council charged them. Not our fault you have merged into one. Why should we suffer?
- The year-round collection is essential. Though the 'missed' fortnight around xmas is no problem. Indeed dropping it to four-weekly through January and Feb would be fine.
- Please do not do this.
- You've already wasted millions of our money in the past, got rid of the problem by renaming yourselves and continue to employ the very people who wasted millions of our money in the first place and now you want us to pay for a service we already pay for as that is what council tax is for.
We all pay for the Police and Fire service yet most of us never use them - will you be asking council tax payers to pay extra for suing such services in the future?
Not impressed that you will be charging us for something we already pay for. Shameful.
- What I would really like to see is for our council area to ALL have food bins collections. I do think it is pointless to still have 4 separate services when we are supposed to one unitary council.

- We seem to be charged more and more for less and less, as a pensioner on a low fixed income how are we expected to keep on paying?
- This should not go ahead in any way ! No one should have to pay for there rubbish to be disposed of...
The fly tipping will increase across the countryside which is 😞.
- I hope you think of your residents and the environment when making decisions. People want to be responsible and reduce their waste so I hope they are given the opportunity to do this without taking away another portion of their finances.
- You say don't put it in the black bin but I think this will be a more.common problem as again pepole won't pay the extra for this
- None i can repeat
- The council's performance on bin collection is poor. If an alternative supplier were available I would no longer use the council. Regular missed bins, in one instance flat out denial that the bin had been missed. No pro-active efforts to rectify issues, inform the residents or address any concerns.
- Unfair to garden users who didn't have a choice in having a garden when given a property, I feel that we pay a lot for council tax already and don't see enough for it , money should be put to the correct/ needed areas and the town should be given options to vote on things rather than the council deciding if we need things IE the Alfred east improvements , unnecessary waste of money when it's price could have been spent better else where
- Why has nobody been informed of this service by traditional methods..A LETTER.
Do you wish to sneak the "Survey" through as quietly as possible.
Will schools etc be expected to pay as well.
Is it already a done deal.
Can I attend the meeting when you vote.
Who is my local Councillor.
- Why should I continue to pay £55/year when Kettering Corby residents have paid nothing for years. Sickening.
- All your proposals are leaning strongly towards payment for the service which I am strongly opposed to
- What would happen where people who currently have a brown bin choose not to subscribe to a new paid service? Would they retain their bins, or would these be collected up and stored for later redistribution to other people?
- Some of us are struggling to heat our homes or to run our cars and you want to charge for waste collection, one of the only visible services you provide? Shame on you all.
- Option for smaller bins. Or offer for a compositor to encourage such things
- This is ridiculous
- pay for this out of our already incredibly high council tax
- Whatever is decided, I think it would be sensible to reduce the garden bin collection to once a month over the winter season as you described or stop during those months. I didn't have any need for a collection over the winter months although I did see other people's bins out on occasions, but how much they generated is unknown.
Wouldn't it be a good idea if you did a census, sent out a survey to every household to find out who needs bins and who doesn't? Many households have no need of a bin, those in flats and high rise buildings for example. Relying on this way of getting comments is not as good as a postal survey. There are many households who do not use computers and "gadgets". You send out a questionnaire about grass and hedge cutting and litter once a year, so why not include questions about the garden waste? You would get a much truer result of the needs.

If you do levy a charge incorporate it in the Council Tax bill as this would be more cost efficient, no need to generate extra paperwork or time producing separate billing etc.

- I think more people would waste garden materials appropriately if service was free
- What has age religion nationality etc got to do with garden disposal?
- It is likely that if you were to provide garden waste without subscription that more people will use it.

I mentioned previously that the garden waste could replace the food caddy waste, some people may not have garden waste and would prefer to continue using a caddy instead - perhaps this could be given out as an option for one or the other if they would both achieve the same result in recycling garden/food waste. I know a [Redacted] council collects both together so perhaps that is something that can be explored as I think across East Northants that would have financial benefit as well.

I would also consider that by removing the amount of food waste caddy's being used that potentially you could lower the likelihood of a workplace injury where the refuse collectors are bending over to pick them up from the ground. I obviously don't have your sickness records but I know that back injuries are one of the most common at work and reasons for absence, so with that in mind by reducing employee sickness you would also be helping to provide a more consistent service and reduce lost hours which should effectively in turn reduce costs.

- There will be piles and mountains of garden waste if you change the service to a fee. You will spend more on picking up piles of illegally dumped garden material and extra black bin waste where residents will be filling their black bins more quickly with garden waste, leaving no room for black bin waste.

The streets will be left with piles of both, constantly, illegally dumped. This will look horrible and smell even worse.

There have been too many recent increases on household bills, there is no need to change a system that works just fine, to yet another chargeable service.

- None other than listen to your local residents, who face huge financial hardship this year, without having to worry about this too.
- Perhaps you could publish the results of this consultation.
- Green bins don't need to be 12 months of the year, but every time they stop it's just a few weeks too early to deal with autumn leaves.
- I simply couldn't afford another bill coming into the house as I'm on a low income, my wages barely cover my bills so just would have enough to pay for the service
- It's about time the current councillors were got rid of as they have no vision for the future of this area they're stuck in the heyday of the 60's, hate to tell you this the world has evolved since then !! All they're interested in is making the constituents to pay more to give them a pay rise but what do they do to earn it what do the constituents get out of it NOTHING the towns have no decent shops Corby is the only one with any inspiration look at their town centre then look at the others..... charge more money SORT THE TOWNS OUT. If the council and its councillors were really interested in the towns they shouldn't be wanting a pay rise unless they prove themselves worthy !
- You must even it up over whole of council whatever your decision
- Not sure if you will save money as the truck will still have to drive to the majority of roads even for only a couple of bins.
- This is the most ridiculous consideration I've seen the council make.
- Please keep a universal green waste collection service for all, paid for out of council tax.
- N/A
- Currently you imply that there is a cost for this already in the council tax for those areas that don't pay. There should be no cost in the council tax and pay by subscription therefore larger

houses who are already paying substantially more council tax for services will not be paying twice. Larger properties don't necessarily use more council services.

- The council generally ignore surveys and the questions in this are swayed to paying for a service - obviously running trucks around isn't free therefore just charge everyone that wants it and offer the option of a split to collect all year if they want or 6 months
- We pay for ours and even in the months it should be collected it isn't always. It should be included in our already increased council tax but wouldn't mind so much if the job was actually carried out as expected. When you pay specifically for things you expect them to be carried out.
- Treat everyone fairly and the same. OAPs should have the service free. Limited incomes and age related disablements are enough to worry about. Council taxes are already a worry about paying and choosing between eating, heating, and what costs can be excluded. Quality of life and stress levels are not taken into account. Your questions are loaded towards all paying for the service.
- As I think I have already stated, I only put my bin out about once every two years if that
- The service is a good idea and we use it. But the bin men or driver do not return are bins from where they have been picked up from. When we complain the next time or two are ok and then back to normal. The refuse bin men are brilliant and considering how far they have to walk with many bins, well done to them all. But garden waste is another matter, to leave the bins 200 yards away in [Redacted] is wrong.
- It has obviously been decided to charge for the service and this questionnaire is irrelevant.
- I believe it to be right that those of us that use this facility should pay a subscription, after all there is the option to take garden waste to the recycle centre for those who object to paying. I do think that as there are several areas that have been receiving this service free of charge it would be fairer to all if the charge was reduced as those currently not paying would be more inclined to continue with the service and the council would still be receiving more income rather than losing a number of residents who currently do not pay. Also if the service was reduced to march to November the council would reduce their costs as many people probably have no waste outside of these dates & yet the council are still incurring expenses of driving round and having very few collections whereas the staff & vehicles could be deployed on other duties.
- Possibly consider allowing those on universal credit to get a discount (or free bin collection) if subscription based bin collection happens.
I struggle to find the extra money for garden waste bin, but have to (and enjoy) maintaining the garden.
- Reduce the pricing and make fewer pick ups. If somebody has lots of garden waste they should be made to pay more for extra bins. Fly tipping will increase whatever is put in place!
- I don't understand why it's a free service in other areas but not east nirthants area
And not everyone has a car to use the tip
- I strongly believe green bin service should be available free of charge.
Other local councils such as [Redacted] Borough offer this service for free.
I recently moved from [Redacted] LA to this LA and am shocked and confused as to why this service isn't free.
- I'm shocked that the council think it is appropriate to ask residents to pay for an essential refuse collection service, especially at a time of great financial difficulty for many families. With soaring energy costs and food prices this would be yet another hit to our budgets, making life even tougher for a great many people. The council needs to use the council tax which we already pay to fund this service, so it can remain free to all.
- Everyone that subscribes should receive a number of bags of compost that is made form the kerbside collections

- There have been several occasions when the bin has not been collected for whatever reason. If you are paying a subscription charge to use this service, would a refund be offered for failure to collect the bin on arranged day ?
- To ensure all of the North Northamptonshire area have the same service and either all pay a subscription or not.
- People wouldn't think twice about spending £50 on a takeaway for the family but will balk at the idea of taking responsibility for their own waste product. Implement it, the public will get used to it and spend the Councils money on services for those who really need it.
- Stop trying to rinse the public of money. Use the money that is there for the benefit of the people, not for the benefit of the councilors - torys out!
- Kettering, Burton Latimer and Wellingborough are all free of charge, but Rushden isn't. Why? We all live in North Northamptonshire now since the change.
- Trying to fit this into a "One size fits all" situation is impossible, there must be degrees of cost. It must be possible to work out a charge per bin very easily. Charge by the bins collected per household per year in ranges 4-6 bins a year 7-10 etc, etc, with the onus on the householder to pay the correct amount and not exceed it.
Personally I would easily fit into the first bracket and dependant upon your price per bin would then be happy to subscribe.
- Say no to the extra charges! Show the wider public you care for once!
- I accepted that when I moved to East Northamptonshire and was offered a Garden Waste Bin at cost to myself. I was reasonably happy to pay, as I had no other option. But I know people that live in Wellingborough and Kettering area, who pay a lower price band rate of council tax proportionally to myself. They have always had their garden waste service included at no extra cost. So please do not tell me that I do not pay enough council tax to cover this service, as their payments prove otherwise.
- Gardens are good for the world look at the environmental costs for once.
Stop penalising those of us who have pride in where we live
What has [expletive] gender and being gay got to do with a garden bin fed up of their needs being rammed down our throats when people in this county have preoper illnesses with NO treatment options unless you travel out of county which is impossible.
- Town and parish councils should be in a position to help deal with local issues and encourage good behaviour, potentially saving NNC effort and improvising public perceptions. But this will need a level of partnership and communication between the unitary and parishes that has not been evident up till now.
- As above. Very strongly disagree with your proposal.
- Monthly collection
- I need to know how the collection service would operate
How will the bin people know which house has paid for collection
Because we have to put our bins at the end of street how can we stop other people using them, very unfair if others aren't paying
- I think there should be a reduced charge for pensioners. This would encourage more people to use the service
- Could you consider amalgamating garden and food waste into one collection? I know that other local authorities are doing this (e.g. [Redacted]) and it may be worth considering.
- Please leave things as they are in Corby as it keeps the area tidy. I think the refuse service in this area is fantastic.
- Yes, start to spend some money here in Desborough, we deserve it as much as anywhere else.
- Could all be provided with a compost bin so that garden waste could be turned to compost?

- How many CO2 producing miles of car journeys to the tip do you expect to take place if you start charging? How much green waste are you expecting to be flytipped if you start charging? and what costs will be needed to clear it up?
- I think that the cost should be on a pro-rata basis. Even in the growing season people do not always have bins left out for collection. Therefore, during the winter months when there is virtually no collection of garden waste then there should be no additional cost.
- I would have no choice but to pay for a subscription if one were to be introduced as I have no other way of getting rid of my garden waste but I also feel anxious about another household cost on top of all the other increases to bills.
- Whilst I can see the need for fairness over the whole of the new extended council area. I also feel that council taxes (plus the Police and Fire precepts) are quite high enough now and I would much prefer garden waste collections to continue in the Kettering area as at present - where we have always been well served in the past. Could I also at this point pay tribute to the waste collection service in this area - the 'bin men' if I dare call them that have been absolutely superb over the years and particularly helpful to the older generation such as ourselves in our [age] and on a fixed income.
- Value for money paid to the Council in Tax is poor in villages like Deenethorpe when compared to similar input in towns like Corby where the landscaped area is maintained, roads are swept, and street lights are present etc.
What we get for our G band tax is derisory in comparison.
- I find it unfair that I have to pay a yearly subscription for my garden waste when other areas of the nn postcode is free, we should all either get it free of charge or have to pay a subscription,
- When we are encouraging households to split waste (black bin / recyclable / garden waste) and now suggest the removal of one such collection, there is a "human default behaviour" that is likely to be triggered..... in that both the black bin and recycle bins will start to have "contamination" from otherwise unwanted garden waste sources. That in turn has costs and consequences at the depots / dumps where those other 2 x collection types are processed. I fear that the urge to cost cut is short sighted and not adequately thought through. I cannot see a "quick fix" eradication of £3M pa of costs..... as fly tip / other costs will inevitably creep up were this policy to be implemented. Overall, not a pleasant prospect.
- Expect to lose votes if this charge is introduced.
- I think the benefit of not having to fill the family car with garden waste is a benefit all round.
- I have a small garden and only use the garden waste collection maybe 4 or 5 times a year during the growing season. I certainly wouldn't pay £50 for that!
- As above^^
- This is absolutely typical of councils when they want to harmonise services (as they like to call it). Let's see if we can fleece council taxpayers by saying a certain service is an add-on so we'll charge extra for it. You say that councils do not have to collect garden waste - well it's about time that they were. I used to live in [Redacted] where garden AND food waste is collected and turned into fertilizer (which they sell). Garden waste collections are not free anyway, we pay for it out of wider taxation, as we do schools, social services, libraries, street lighting, pavement repairs, disability services, safeguarding, woke policies, and wholly unwanted police and fire commissioners (a sinecure for clapped out local politicians). We already have to pay exorbitant charges to remove bulky waste (which I have found can be done much cheaper by a private company, and a reputable one at that). As usual, household waste is being seen as a means of generating extra income. You really don't learn do you? Charges for bulky waste leads to dumping yet councils just cannot make that connection. Charging for garden waste will lead to more dumping.
- More fly tipping

- I think the charge if applied should be done on how often you use the service and size of your garden I know this would be hard to judge therefore I think the charges we already pay should be used for this service as it's always been done in past years
- When the bins were originally introduced it was to promote recycling and the council would benefit from this. What has changed. We know services are stretched but they are constantly being eroded and this is impacting on the general feel of the area.
- Change to bigger council less services. Should be looking at how councils have missed spent council tax in past rather than charging extra for services, money management should be looked at 1st
- From the way that the questionnaire is worded it is clear that the Council has already decided to harmonise the collection service by making residents pay rather than have a service paid for through general tax.
- DO ONE!!!!
- This is wrong. Council tax by the nature of the tax is for provision of council services which includes the green waste collection. The waste collectors have to visit each street to collect black and recycle waste regardless of whether residents put them out or not. The green waste bin should not be viewed any differently.
- There needs to be consistency across the whole council
- We in east northants have been paying and still are. Include it within our tax like all the others. This has taken 2 years to sort. Far too long for such a simple matter.
- The principle is fair but the implementation won't be. Previous tax years include garden waste, if this opt in starts then there won't be a reduction in bills off set by those who subscribe. The money gained will just disappear through corruption or mismanagement. I will never pay for it.
- The whole area controlled by NNC should pay the same rate or nothing at all
- It is apparent from the questions in the survey, the council has made its decision. I am unclear why this survey has been produced at further costs to residents.
- Risk of garden burning and the impact to low income families that are already struggling ..
- I have used the councils garden waste service for several years (and paid for it) and I find it works well for me and would not wish for it to be changed
- Stop trying to recuperate money that previous councils spent stupidly.
- With the inflation as it is and energy cost raise this decision is like shooting yourself in a leg for upcoming elections. Average household will struggle next year to put a food on a table and you want to put extra £50 charge on top. Most likely you will see a lot fires in a gardens around trying to burn all that waste.
- I STRONGLY believe that the service needs to be all year round. If you do not provide the service all year round, I would not be happy to pay at all and I would look elsewhere. I have a full bin almost every week and some things can't be composted at home.
- as mentioned before maybe offer compost bins to people instead of brown bins, most people i know only use brown for things that can be composted. also alot of things that end up in the black bins can be cpmposted too. maybe in future bags could be given on request so compost could be collected by council for free, so it can be used by council for flower baskets, beds or anything else council use it for.
- we are all facing large cost of living rises and some will not get a pay rise this year. Please reduce the collection in my area to March-October to save money and NOT give me another bill.
- At a time of such high price rises for everything - food, fuel, ni taxes - this is just another stealth tax on struggling households

- We pay a significant sum of money to the council that reflects the band we are in and therefore feel that this service should be included without extra payment. Particularly when household bills are rising exponentially.
- Yes I think it should be a free service to households. It has been done and maintained in other areas of the unitary authority so do not see why it cannot continue
- As very little green waste is produced at the height of winter the current arrangement in what was East Northants should continue ie a fortnight break over Christmas/New Year - there may be some value in extending this by a couple of weeks - but what would those crews/vehicles do then?
There is no such thing as a free collection - just an addition amount on the Council Tax
- should be free & all year round collected
- I have been paying for the [Redacted] service. However I have cancelled it as they kept missing my collection. The point is there are other people who pay already but they do expect a good level of service and not broken promises.
- If the council managed the finances properly this would not be necessary.
- I always thought that this was included in your council tax so why would this happen?
- The current garden waste company covering [Redacted] are very good and very reliable. I would recommend this service
- We already pay for this service through council tax in Corby and there should be no change on that front
- Dont incur a charge specifically for people's garden waste to be collected, simply take an allowance to supply the service from current Council tax payments.
- People will dump garden waste if a charge is enforced. You could make this a gradual process and educate customers, otherwise black bins can become heavier. Educate customers and offer better options in questionnaires.
- You would be very foolish to stop this service
- I feel that you this is the thin edge of the wedge
What other services are there that will come under the microscope to see if there could be us profit for charging for it
- A collection during the growing season is much more beneficial, I currently pay for a full year and do not use the service during the months which have already been identified as outside of the season, so this would be a preferable option, if this were introduced I would expect the cost to also be reduced from what I currently pay for now.
- Bad idea.
Questionnaire badly worded, answers all weighted in your favour.
- I think the smallest bins should be provided on a free basis maybe with a once a month collection (particularly in urban areas where collection is likely to be cheaper to operate due to density of dwellings), with option to charge for a rural properties and larger bins....keeping collections more limited to reduce Co2 and collection costs. That way, everyone may benefit from a free collection, but those who generate the most, pay for the service or have HHWRC available for excess waste.
Not sure if it is possible to encourage the use of communal / shared bins between registered occupiers to reduce the cost to householders/council, with a lead registered user who could locally manage their bin with their groups of users which would also reduce the number of bins provided or needing to be collected.
- Due to my already very tight budget, which is likely to become even more squeezed, if a charge were to be introduced, I would look to see how I could dispose of any garden waste myself, including taking it to the local recycling centre.

- as a paying resident, if the paying service is offered across the 350,000+ residents, surely the price should be reduced, not remain the same or more.
Must be in the wrong business.
I thought encouragement to recycle and not flytip would be rewarded not punished.
Why if Kettering/Corby/Wellingborough have provided it for free that a charge needs to be introduced.
Either make it free or reduce the charge and you may see a better take up
- It is plainly obvious from driving around the county that kerbside collections have been and continue to be abused with as many as four grey, green and brown bins stacked outside many properties. A first step should be to communicate the allowable quantities and then enforce this - the same across the authority. Then look at alternatives. Why should everyone suffer for the abuse of the system from some households?
If the council organised the composting operation to it's optimum, this scheme could provide some income from selling compost that would minimise the costs of collection. This would merely require some land, cover for windrows and some basic equipment.
- Maybe it should be cheaper for pensioners.
- I find it hard to believe the cost of £55 is proportionate when I only pay £60 for the fire service
- I believe that the situation across North Northamptonshire should be harmonised without further delay.
- I think whatever is implemented subscription should be level across all users. It is unfair and unacceptable that some users pay and some don't.
- This whole consultation appears to be based on a decision that has already been made to start charging for the service. If you charge people wont use it. If its all about funding, please let me know, Im sure I can come up with a few ideas about reducing waste, reducing costs etc.
- Get real and ask the public what they want and then provide the services they ask for rather than waste time on consultations such as this that are obviously designed to annoy our customers.
- If you were to charge for this service then I would have to consider how else I could dispose of my garden waste, firstly I would see whether I could fit it in my general waste bin.
If you were to charge and I decided to pay what would stop other people putting their waste in my bin for free when it is out on the road for bin day?
- This is clearly the council trying to justify starting to charge. If this charge does go ahead then I would expect to receive a rebate on my council tax.
- Collection between March and November is sufficient as very little garden waste is uproduced through the winter months. This would reduce the number of collection vehicles needed for
Also think that the council should consider collecting food waste as this would help with general waste.
- Initially I just saw that other residents in Northamptonshire were able to use the service for free, but North Northants had to pay. Now I'm a little more educated on the debate, I feel EVERY HOUSEHOLD using the green waste collection service should pay. It's simply unfair to expect non-users to foot the bill.
People may say 'we already pay enough', but what alternative do we have?
- I would value the half year option and as cheap as possible-£25 would be acceptable
- Very unimpressed that it has taken the new council 11 months to address this issue.
- More households use this service the annual subscription should come down .
Not to be used as a cash cow ,more fly tipping would occur
- I think this is a massive opportunity to push the community towards becoming greener. In fact I think more should be done to push people towards reducing all of their waste and not just garden waste
- Does the council then sell the waste to 'composting'? if not, why?

Do you then sell the compost for gardeners? If so, where?

As for the next few questions.....

There are only 2 Genders, so incorrect question. You either have or haven't got tackle! Next you'll be removing WOMAN/FEMALE and replacing it with 'Person With or Without a Cervix!!!!

As for what you were at birth... STOP this woke rubbish!

Age - defined as a number!

- we are very grateful for the regular year-round service. we do take any excess to the recycling centre (tho' could wish for it to open in Corby on Wed/Thur)
- If I am to pay an additional charge for this service, (which I would have to use) then I feel very strongly that I should get a discount for my blue and black bins only being emptied every second or third collection and therefore costing the council much less than other households
- I think that, at the moment, 'garden waste' does not include raw vegetable kitchen waste and dead cut flowers. If it is decided to continue to offer free collection to all households I feel they should be included.
- Our council tax rates are already very high. Perhaps, if you introduce a subscription charge for all residents with a garden waste bin, you will be able to reduce the council tax rates.
- Lets see all the future fly tipping. Thanks for that North Northamptonshire Council. Sort out the pot holes. [Expletive]
- Have a rethink
- i think councils should start doing more that would actually benefit. such as street lights to ensure more safety less rapes/assaults. roads to make safer for road users. potholes so it leads to less accidents/bikers/road users. events/projects for the less fortunate/helping the less fortunate so that crime rates aren't at an all time high, gives them something to do. to utilise their time. or even something for the elderly so they can get out and not be lonely. especially in winter months.
- At the moment, East Northants don't pay for car parking.
Will you be aligning this with the rest of North Northants, so we won't have to pay car parking either?
- The rules on taking trailers into the tip are very tight for those with lots of garden cuttings. Our garden is not that big and I can easily use up my six trailer allowance.
I understand why there should be a limit on people dumping household waste and non recyclables but could this be more lenient for those of us dropping off organic garden waste which is not polluting.
- I'm a widow of [age], have a large front garden as well as a large back garden. I have lived in the same house for [redacted] and my late husband and I won awards for our gardens in previous years. Most of my garden waste is pruning etc and not suitable for composting. I do not have a car and rely on my collection of my two SMALLER bins. Physically it is becoming more difficult to deal with my garden and some of the options suggested will make this even more of a strain.
- I am very disappointed that North Northamptonshire Council are even considering the introduction of this charge as it will affect the poorest residence the most. Many elderly people enjoy their gardens and are already facing a struggle with paying for heating. Shame on you!
- Make the collected waste into compost and then sell the compost locally to pay for the universal service
- Why not only collect green bins 6 months a year say April/sep
- Money could be saved by cutting out the bus service in Corby or cutting out childrens services, help for the elderly etc. No rubbish needs to be collected or it is thrown randomly at the side of roads. Let's have a look at council waste, expenditure and how we can shave enough off to compensate. Where are the council wasting money? Have a proper look.

- We have always had very efficient fortnightly green waste pickups provided as part of our general council services and I definitely want this to continue. It is perfectly sensible to consider reducing the collections to the main growing season from March to November as a way of reducing costs. (We already typically have a month's gap over the Christmas period.) However I firmly believe that removing this service or introducing an optional charge for it would be a false economy. Not everyone will have the means (or the desire) to carry material to the recycling centre, and many will refuse to pay the extra charge you are considering. What do you think will happen to that green waste? It will end up along our verges or in our hedgerows.
Please continue to offer the existing fortnightly collection without extra charge. We are supposed to be levelling up - so don't drag Corby down to the level of those who do not currently have this service.

- Four former boroughs were mentioned at the top of the page, only one was charging residents for this service. I know that in the growing months the kerbside collection is busy in my town, and that asking residents to opt out of collection would still see bin lorries driving down most streets. If I am right about routes being busy in Corby, and if something similar could be said for Kettering and Wellingborough, then I would debate that many residents would class this service as more essential than not. If this is the case then I find it preposterous to bring charges to so many people in the name of harmonising. Considering my thoughts above on the negative impacts, I would suggest that the proposal to charge people is only beneficial to the councils budget, a budget provided by the residents, many of whom want a garden waste collection. I cannot see environmental benefits that outweigh the negative impacts I have noted, but I do see a potential added cost.

I would suggest harmonising by reducing collections to the growing months across the area, and perhaps assessing more developed estates to see if smaller bins, and hence more economical vehicles, can be utilised. Residents should not be charged for maintaining more natural spaces.

- There is no way, as an elderly resident, that I could take the garden waste to the tip. Unfortunately I have a very large garden and need the service to continue maintaining the garden. The service at the moment is fortnightly, if I have to pay will it be increased to weekly?
- Do not look at this issue in isolation. A destruction of services here will have an impact on other areas. Increased fly tipping, overloading of recycling centres, increased traffic and queueing to use recycling centres. A poorer service for the community as a whole that was the opposite of what was intended in setting up the new unitary authorities.
- Please don't alienate a new council by introducing something which effects a large number of your clients which has the potential to be so negative, not only emotionally but also on costs
- This is just another stealth tax being imposed on the residents of the area. I am already paying for this and have been for years, through my council tax. Now you want to charge more? So what is my rebate?

This is just another way to cover up the complete mismanagement of one previous council, by making the others pay.

It does not escape me that it is the previous incompetent idiots who were in charge of East Northants Council that now want the rest of the area to pay.

Maybe it is also to help pay the legal fees and compensation that ENC's corrupt past leaders left us with.

- I think it's unfair that we currently have to pay when other surrounding villages & towns don't.
- It is frustrating to know that I have been paying for the garden waste collection service when other parts of the same county have not been charged. It seems this part of the county is often treated worse than others, eg very few adult education courses are run in the local area.
- Why are we paying more council tax every year for you to take away a service, then charge us for it.

Maybe sort your end out and stop wasting money and charging people more.

- Older residents on a fixed pension in on may not be able to afford a subscription and may be unable to dispose the waste themselves.
- Why not investigate turning garden waste into something useful e.g turning into bio fuel or burning for heating/ power
- The survey process is deliberately designed to suggest that the current model is wrong - "the current service is funded with money which could be used for other services" this is dishonest and misleading, the current service is funded by the council budget which includes in the KBC, Corby and Wellingborough areas funding for the collection of such waste. This amounts to an underhanded way for NNC to get more funding.
- I'd be interested to know what is the process for this year
- I think people would be happy to reduce their services to March-November but you can't expect people to pay when one people are already paying council tax, two people are struggling enough, three if people have to pay what you'll find is people will just dump their garden waste and this will cost the council more in the end.
- I cannot believe we are discussing this. All council related charges should be shared equally across North Northamptonshire residents. All council tax bands should be the same regardless I've what town you live in.
- Nothing more comes to mind.
- While I use the subscription service I feel it's unfair that some pay and others don't. I don't have the option of using a local council waste site as my nearest is 10 miles away!! Also I am disabled so I have no choice really. A discount should be available for people like me.
- I think it would be good to only suspend collections in December, January and February. There is still tidying to be done into November.
- Keep the service free as we pay a great deal for council tax and all the services are diminishing as the years go by but the cost always goes up and up year on year.
- Are you anticipating more fly tipping? It will happen with garden waste....
- There has to be a fairer system. Why should I pay and a town 5 miles away doesn't need to pay? As a EN resident we seem to pay over and above for services. This should have been sorted before the County was split into 2 councils. EN residents, are due a refund. Our council tax is also higher, how is that fair we do not get any extra benefits
- I agree that same price or free for every household which uses garden waste collection but not at higher price than the east Northants are currently paying £55 a year. Most areas get collections free. With charging everyone now would seem it's for profit making when minority areas currently pay and others like Wellingborough Kettering etc get it free.
- As a resident of East Northants I find it extremely unfair that my Council Tax is currently paying for many households to have garden waste collected free of charge when we don't have ours collected and would have to pay for the service.

I also think you should consider looking at significantly improving the garden waste recycling daily at recycling centres such as Weldon. Please look at the [Redacted] facility in terms of layout design and opening g hours etc as this is certainly well used and works far better than our dacies!

- I need a garden waste bin for our big garden but we can't afford extra money for the bin.
- Won't be using the service if it costs, I don't know anyone that would be happy paying for it either.
- Just feel this is start.. what else will be next.
The costs of making 2 councils instead of one incompetent one is vast....now residents expected to pay for this...

- It's not a good idea to increase costs when residents have been hit with increased energy costs and fuel costs - they will not be in support and it will alienate the new council and negatively impact the council's reputation.
- Garden waste collection should be included in the general tax and not at an extra cost. There are things the tax covers that I don't have use of but I pay for them anyway, by spreading the charge over all bills is the only fair way. If this is introduced then what will be next ? Also it may not sound a lot but it will no doubt rise in cost every year.
- I would prefer smaller garden waste bins so that this smaller volume was collected freely maybe once a month
- There should also be compostable waste collections throughout north Northants too. I used to live in Rushden and now Wellingborough and I miss the compost bin
- This service should be free, We have only had a Brown bin for a year, and always composted our waste at the allotment, Trying to make things easier by having a bin at home, But not prepared to pay for the service, Will have my brown bin sent back
- Free for all, unless you can give voluntary contributions
- Good luck.
- Needs to also be noted, Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough Councils have all issued Householders with a 240litre Black bin as standard. East Northants Residents got a 180litre Black bin as standard, how do you propose to harmonise this issue?
- The area will look worse if extra charges are put in place on top of all the other rises, this area cannot afford this
- Invest in small local garden waste points in East Northants.
- No wonder our LA went into debt.
I also think that a deadline should be made for all the money thst this Local authority is holding for extra council tax people have paid because they moved out mid month etc This money could be used for the council.
- Re all year round collections: I ticked this option as I use the garden waste service to dispose of my Christmas tree (I cut it up into my garden waste bin).
- It is not right to charge for this service, it will just mean that people stop using it
- We don't have weekly collections of garden waste, they are fortnightly
- We all need to be doing the same! It's unreasonable to have some areas free and other areas like where we live expected to pay.
- I think it's totally unfair that some areas don't pay. Also since oundle tip closed we have to make a much longer journey to Weldon and we have to pay for our brown bin.
How is that fair ?
Not that I agree with it but I understand why there is more fly tipping now councils make it difficult to go to different area tips.
- It would be fairer if all areas of North Northamptonshire were to pay a small annual or twice yearly fee if they want to use this service. At the moment it is totally unfair that EastNorthants area is paying and other areas are getting this free. You should look at the prices that you are proposing for this service though and bring it lower. If it is too high people won't use it, a lower price and more people would be likely to use it. The more people that use it the more economical it would be. You are going to get a lot of protests from people who currently have their garden waste collected for free. I, myself would welcome the proposal as long as it is a reasonable price.
- Don't think that all year round collection is necessary but think February to November would be better then March to November.
- I think every house hold should have a garden waste bin and it should be free.

- Council should come and see that the tree is overgrowing my fence and need to be cut branches, and the roots lifting my fence as well, and start coming close to the house.
- In [Redacted] the bin collection service is provided by more than one operator. Each customer signs up and pays in advance to have their waste collected. A simple phone App , make the payment first and the collection will take place the next scheduled collection date for the area. In other words no payment no collection.
I have just returned from [Redacted] and note this is a very good service and I can state I did not see fly tipping or waste left in the street.
- This survey is a complete waste of time, since the council will do what they want to do with or without consent from residents.
- As I cut the council large grass verge outside my property and keep it maintained and looking nice why should I have to pay the council to take away its grass cuttings which amounts to a bin full every 3 weeks????
- This questionnaire is bias towards adding a charge. The questions force you towards an opinion of a charge rather than no charge.
- And get rid of the police commissioner role ...it costs a fortune and we don't want it!
- I am convinced that any move to introduce extra payment for garden waste will have to be reversed in the near future. The "tide" of environmental measures that will be required to reduce our negative impact on climate change will include many things, including more recycling and composting of garden waste. The principle remains that such essential Council services must be paid for out of taxation not individual charges. We must remove the perverse incentives to fly-tip, have bonfires or add to landfill waste that will result from such charges.
- I am an elderly resident caring for a family member and it is very difficult for me to lift heavy sacks of garden waste and transport them to the local refuse centre for disposal.
- I fill my green bins mostly with autumnal leaf fall from September to November. If you introduce a limited service, as per Wellingborough, can this please cease much later. To only provide the service during the 'growing' season is flawed.
- You can't seem to manage general waste collection reliably so what hope is there for garden waste collection...unless there is money to be made by some favoured private company of course. The stench of Northampton Football club debacle still lingers on. My wife as a [Redacted] working for the NCC had her very low wages cut by £1000 pa at the same time you were feathering the nest of a [redacted] entrepreneur.
- Whatever the decision it MUST be consistent across all properties served by the council. People should pay for what they use, general taxation/levies often impact those on lower incomes disproportionately.
- The survey has not allowed for other options - i.e the Wellingborough model of collection during the growing season and at no charge to residents. The survey appears to be biased towards a subscription charge whatever the outcome.
- If provided with composting machine
- This feels like a cynical, back-door way to increase taxation at a time when household budgets are being stretched to breaking point.
- Council tax bills are set to rise and then charge more for garden waste I have a feeling that more and more people will have trouble paying for this and you will be spending more on collecting outstanding monies.
- Please consider the financial impact of a subscription service on pensioners who are already struggling with a below inflation increase to their pensions this year.
How will residents with a garden who are on benefits find the extra money for the subscription service?

- We have a large garden and produce a lot of garden waste - if we were to have an extra bin I think this should be discounted i.e. half of the cost for the proposed subscription charge - i.e. if the annual charge is £40 then the second bin should be £20 on top.
- I try to garden organically, composting as I go as well as recycling everything that I can so I don't have to use the food, garden or black bins much at all. I also have a robot mower. But I do appreciate that they are all available to me to use when I do need to. I'm lucky enough to have the time, space, money and health to do this.
Not everyone has.
P.s. most people don't know how to compost properly so end up with a mess nor what to do with it when they manage to make something half decent. Parents are usually too busy.
- I do like to see that our new local council is moving towards policies that make more sense - why pay for a bin you don't use?
Some people will be horrified that they have to pay extra for their bins, but I believe if it's explained that less will be taken from council tax to accommodate this, those who are unhappy may understand from the perspective of those who don't use the service.
- see above
- I think it is disgusting to expect residents to pay yet more for services; we get very little for our contribution and pay extremely high rates of council tax. This survey is disappointing to have to take part in and we all know the outcome before it is completed and the results published.....pay pay and more pay for residents! When the spotlight should be turn on the authority more to ensure best value services are provided to residents.....
- I'm just wondering why it has taken so long to tackle the question of harmonisation when everyone has known for years that councils would be merged due to previous mismanagement. I greatly resent having had to pay for a service which other residents have had for free since the council changes. Also, the last time I renewed my subscription to the service I was no longer offered the choice of paying half-yearly by debit card - I had to sign up to paying annually by direct debit. You really are not making it easy for single income households.
- Can you be more transparent in what you actually spend your money on? East northants always seems to get the raw deal. Roads are not being cared for, schools are over crowded, doctors are not taking on new patients (and getting an appointment is increasingly more difficult as we are losing more GPs from the area) but then there will be a bug hurrah about a new play park in Northampton and how wonderful it is. Please get the basics across the county sorted and invested in before the luxuries in singular places are celebrated. And please stop paying bonuses - if the money isn't there for repairing the county, it shouldn't be there for individuals.
- I am Mystic [Redacted] and I predict that the council will totally ignore what I think and charge extra for green waste collection. Tonight's lottery numbers are 1, 17, 19, 25, 35 and 46.
- The cost of living is soaring and lots of us simply cannot afford extra charges
- I CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY
- I live in East Northants and the garden waste is removed by [Redacted] (at a cost of £80pa) - is out-sourcing an option that should be considered?
- as far as im concerned this service is already being paid for out of my council tax, putting another bill for services on to families who are already struggling is disgusting, if this goes ahead then fly tipping is going to go through the roof which will cost even more to clean up in the long run.
- Come on NNC make the right decision for all of our residents on this one. We do not need another charge to consider in our weekly budgets at this current time.
- It is out of order that some pay and some don't even though we all with the same council
- Please consider the environment as a top priority as we are in an environmental crisis.

- Generally if people pay for a service and receive it, they are ok about paying for it. Charges made for services a person does not use cause outrage.
- Council tax is for collection of refuse. Why should households have to pay extra. In the current climate of price rises why are the councils impacting households more
- I would have preferred to stay part of an individual council for Kettering and Corby not be pulled into this North Northamptonshire
- I struggle to accept that garden waste can be disposed of at the local Recycling Centres as they are closed 2 days a week - with more waste potentially being disposed of at these locations, will the local council be extending the opening days to cope with the increased use?
- How would you stop a resident from placing their brown bin out for collection if they are not a subscriber.

Do bins get scanned to be emptied.

How will the refuse collector know which bin or bins to empty.

How will they know you have paid.

What is stopping me putting my clipping's in a neighbour's bin.

- All said in comments and questions before.
- We live in Kettering and are fortunate to have year round garden waste collection. We dispute that this is given free of charge and believe that we pay for this service through council tax which has increased year upon year with no additional benefit to ourselves. We pay for services we do not use and are happy to do so. We live in a band F property and as such feel that we are already penalised with higher rates than those in smaller properties/those without gardens but with no extra benefit to us as we all have access to the same services. We feel it is unfair that we who are feeling the extra pinch like everyone else due to rise in living costs (although we won't get the £150 rebate properties in bands A-D are getting) are now being asked to pay even more for garden waste collection when in our view we already pay for council services...if we are not getting our bins emptied within our council tax charge what exactly are we getting as a household for our council tax?? We would agree to the service being reduced from year round to exclude the winter months but that would be the only concession. We would also happily pay the initial outlay cost for a second bin but to charge more for emptying 2 bins from one property does also not seem fair.
- I believe that the service should be free. It may well cost £3 million per year to run however as stated previously I think I pay far more than I should for the services I receive already.
- The growing season is longer than currently allowed. I would like to see it extended, by 2-4 weeks at both ends.
- The garden waste service should be free everywhere in the county council area for one bin only and should be collected every two weeks during the "growing season" ie: March to October. Start when the clocks go forward until they go back.
- **DO NOT INTRODUCE CHARGES FOR GARDEN WASTE**
- Introducing additional taxes for garden waste collection will inevitably lead to fly tipping, bin misuse, deteriorating gardens as people will stop cutting the grass etc. Ridiculous idea.
- Introduce it if you want to start clearing fly tipping instead
- Corby Borough Council managed to offer this service at no extra charge for its residents and still managed to keep within its budgetary constraints. It seems grossly unfair that we have the North Northants Council structure forced upon us after repeated failures of the previous county council, and one of the first things you suggest is levelling down. The service should be provided **AT NO EXTRA CHARGE** to all of our residents.
- The question regarding collection frequency is an unfair one to ask. If the service is to be free, then it is not unreasonable to restrict the service to peak growing periods. However if the service

becomes chargeable then the service should be provided throughout the year. Interesting that you didn't present that option to those completing the questionnaire!

- Maybe offer a free or subsidies payment for a compost bin
- What about those like us who cannot put bins out onto the roadside? We can't put garden waste in plastic bags like we have to do with the recycling etc.
- Have the council considered offering the composted waste for sale back to residents at all please? Whilst I try to compost at home I have limited space but am almost constantly on the hunt for compost!
- We have a round-trip of 20 miles to get to a recycling centre, so the current charge of approx £2 per bin per collection is less than the cost of fuel for travelling there. Other counties do not allow us to use their recycling centres even though they are nearer.
- Remove the charge across all of the county to make it fair. You sell the garden waste for composting, and now you want us to pay you to collect it. To get paid twice on one collection
- The tone of this questionnaire suggests the decision has already been made to charge a subscription.
- I feel that if a subscription has to be paid, the service should be all year round.
- Totally misguided approach to saving money which will end up costing more and being harmful to the environment
- To consider taking away a service that has been provided for so long, or to consider an extra charge is highly unreasonable.

Under your arguments I would expect to be refunded for the services the council provide that I do not use.

- At present we are pleased with the system, the bin men arrive on time and it works ok.
 - Additionally this will be extra bureaucracy for the council to manage they will need to have people tracking who has paid, where they live, which bins to collect etc etc etc.
- First rule of good management is to keep it simple...include the cost in council tax, and just collect all the bins outside houses and dispose of that waste - simple for everyone and cheaper in the long run.

Please please please apply common sense and keep this simple. Thank you !

- I'm [age] and I need the service but I feel we pay enough council tax i wouldn't be able to afford a charge
 - 3,000 new homes in Stanton Cross, most with gardens, will generate a lot of grass cuttings.
 - Logical standardisation for all areas
- "Free" collection.

One bin per household

March to November service

- The questionnaire had been worded in a way that when taking individual questions out of context would look favourably upon charging for service I currently pay for via council tax ie what's the likelihood of paying x amount
 - I would not take my own green waste to the recycling center due to the poor service and layout at the site in Corby. I would not want to go to Kettering to dispose of half a black bag of grass clippings so would just buy an incinerator and burn them. Not very environmentally friendly but neither is driving my own waste when you have no room to compost. As a qualified gardener I would love to make my own compost but as I have said no room.
 - Changing to only collect in certain months would be a better compromise.
- Also, could make the collection monthly rather than every 2 weeks as another compromise. If households need more, they need to store it up or take additional loads to the recycling centre.

- Being in band F I feel I pay more than enough for the service I receive from the council without having to have my green bin emptied, this is just another way of getting more money out of people
I really don't understand how you think a pensioner like myself can afford all the increases, gas, electricity, council tax, water and now you want to impose a charge for emptying the green bin.
- I think this will create more fly tipping as not everybody drives we don't so can't take it to tip. It will only end up with the council paying out more money in the end
- Make it fair, make it affordable, make it accessible to those who need it all year.
Include the cost as part of the general rates bill.
- Household bills are going up massively, council tax included and it previously been included so why should we be charged extra for something the council could make cash from ??
- It would be better if there was a unified charge to all Council Tax payers wishing to have the service in North Northants to make it equitable.
- What other services fall into this mixed delivered category across the NNC ?, that would need to be considered and thus moved to an independent charge ?
This survey is so biased towards moving to a chargeable system, where fewer people are in such a system. It stinks of a money grab by a council that can't managed its budgets after hiding costs over runs in a unitary merger. And smells that it still can't manage its budgets and wants more money from a population of below National average wage earners.
Despicable 🙄
- Fly tipping is already an issue in the locality, this will only exacerbate the problem.
- People are already stretched financially as everything has gone up in price so paying to have garden waste removed would be a disaster as fuel, food, rents and electricity prices are going through the roof.
- treat every one the same
- Council tax costs should encompass garden waste collection
- Council seem to only listen to what they want. Sort out your housing repairs and other services before expecting local residents to pay more for services that should be free
- If the council is doing this to be consistent between all areas, then I hope they will also align the council tax rates and future increases across all areas and make this information readily available.
I agree that all areas should be treated equally, but not just for garden waste it should be for everything.
- If some paid and others didn't. People would fly tip, try and put it in someone else bin. Or even Gardens left to grow , making estates look un cared for.
- My garden is 1 meter wide and 2.5 meter long , and because of council I have to cut the grass. So where I will put it ? It is ridicules I have to cut even my grass because it's private property. 1 and 2.5 meters. Now you want me to pay for grass takeaway ? I already pay you band A. Lover wages the think about rob others.
- I believe our Council Tax will be going up, therefore there should be no additional charge to collect garden waste, which should be covered anyway.
- I already pay a high council tax, I live in a small private road and I have to take my bin to the main road as the truck cannot come down, not exactly a kerbside collection. On top of that I have no street light in my road and pay for my own street lighting as my road has no council lights. Paying more money on top to empty another bin seems harsh when we are all struggling, we seem to be paying for Northampton council incompetence in balancing the books.
- As an annual subscriber i dont use the bin 6 months of the year so would welcome the 6 month only collection.

- We are already taxed enough without being charged more for a service we should be getting
What next, charging people with children who go to school?
- This seems like the council are trying to tax by stealth. Unacceptable. Service should be provided for free!
- I am afraid that people myself included will want to cherry pick services they access and just pay for those. Eg. I don't access education anymore so why should I pay? That seems to me to be the logical conclusion if you go along this line. However, until now I was happy to pay for the greater good for others knowing if I needed to access support I could. This feels wrong
- Corby residents pay for the waste collection in their council tax WHICH IS ALREADY A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT!! People are struggling left right and centre as it is and its going to get worse before it gets better, now you potentially want to charge them for collecting their garden waste? Ridiculous. I for one won't be paying for someone to collect my grass and dog poo every month.
- I probably only put my bin out twice a year and like I say it's waste from a tree in the street that is so large it actually blocks out the light. If I had to pay for this service I would not keep the area clear by my gate and a bus stop which would mean it would look unsightly
- Currently the paid collection is every other week. This should remain during the growing season. Maybe, to keep costs down, the gap between collections should be longer during the non growing season.
As paying a subscription, I would expect the green waste bin to be collected. Failure should result in a slight refund.
- Just another way for the council to
Fleece it's customers
- In an earlier section it states that this service is covered by council tax. Its clear that the council wants to add yet another charge for us to pay for this, but I have no doubts that the money saved in the council tax will not be utilised elsewhere. This appears to be a situation of the council cutting a service but taking more money.
- To have an option to have an additional bin at certain times of the year (autumn to cope with leaf fall) would be of great interest
- think charging would likely cause further problems in certain area as the have to travel to a recycling centre which may not be possible also gardening has been encouraged over the last two years as part of wellbeing and positive mental health, starting to charge for bins would undo that hard work
- This is a really bad idea. We need to save our planet, by encouraging responsible recycling, not by charging already pressed households more money
- The initial cost when we started was about £30 and is now over £80. This is excessive, especially when you consider the continued rise in Council Tax every year.
- I think if a charge was brought in then fly tipping would increase which is more of a cost to the council.
- The 2021 council tax for earls barton falsely showed an inaccurate percentage increase, which I think was a deliberate deception. Putting us under north northants caused an increase on top of the annual increase yet the service has deteriorated. You cannot keep charging extortionate amounts for such poor service
- I cannot cope with anymore increases something will have to give 4.1 rent 3 for c tax 50 for gas and electric
Salary increase local government zero
You do the maths
- I don't understand why we should be charged for our bins to be emptied because it should be subsidised using my council tax payments along with everyone else in the county.

- Unfair that we have paid for several years when others don't.
- We are happy to pay our council tax to support the broad range of services that the council provides to the citizens of North Northamptonshire. We do not use all of these services, but as a couple in our age] living in a village with a garden, this is one of the services we do use regularly. Why should we be discriminated against and have to pay extra?
- It seems that Kettering and Corby residents are likely to pay the cost of restructuring of Northamptonshire council into two unitary authorities.
- The council could save a great deal of money if there was a supervisor checking on an employee .for example .
Talking in groups .
Sleeping on the grass .this was seen
Making the jobs last out .when it be done in half the time .
- Yes I would love someone who actually put this idea forward to call me and tell me why this is a great idea and should go ahead. Explain how the council are using every penny in such a careful way and absolutely nothing is ever wasted to help demonstrate to me that this is justifiable. I'm not kidding. [Redacted]. I'll await your call...
- Nobody should have to pay this charge. This service has been included in our council tax bill for years and should not change. If it is brought in, is our council tax going to be reduced????? No of course not, it's just another way of hitting the hard working decent people of the town.
- Don't make it difficult for responsible people to use the tip... no wonder rubbish is dumped around our lanes...Tip not open some days, not allowed to queue to enter, then turned away if you don't go with a car. It must cost so much to implement schemes... Just let people go with their own personal rubbish to the recycling centres and tips..... be realistic
- I strongly believe that kerbside garden waste collection should continue to be provided as part of the council tax. If this service is to be stopped then we should receive a rebate to our council tax bills. The council should not remove the service and continue to charge as part of the council tax which will inevitably be the case and households will either pay twice for the service or will continue to pay for a service they no longer receive.
- It is not fair that those in East Northants should pay (our daughter lives there, when others do not. It is right to make the system fair.
- Subscriptions should be reduced if collection are reduced. A second bin, if required, should be provided at a reduced rate.
- Council should be ashamed of its self. Nobody In there right mind is going to want this.
- Please sort out the countless potholes in corby.
- You are quick to take our money,I reported the brickwork on garages adjoining the back of my property falling off and needing repointing,had two visits from the council agreeing it needs doing(talking years) as yet nothing.
- Squash the idea
- People are already being hammered with council tax rises, income and NI rises, energy prices being raised beyond excessively, fuel costs sky rocking and even general groceries costing heaps more than before. Yet no company has given a salary increase that will wven remotely cover any of the extra expenses! If your company gives even a 4% raise in salary, as a lot have, that does not even help against the 5% council tax increase, the 56% energy price increase, the daily fuel prices increase, and even then most of the "raise" in salary gets swallowed up by NI and income tax increases. How the hell do you and government expect people to survive financially? This is how you make a rod for your back. If people cannot afford to live, there will be more reliance on the councils for help with money and housing.
- I would continue to pay for my garden waste only if it is fair for all to pay or no one. We all pay council taxes and it's only fair for it to be the same for all

- The more you restrict or charge for what us already a free service. The more likely it will lead to and encourage fly-tipping. If garden waste is composted by council. You could recoup collection cost by selling it commercially.
- if everyone dose get free collection does thrapston residents get there money back if they have already paid for there subscription
- I think all areas should pay for Garden waste collection as hard to differentiate who does and doesn't use the service. Lower for all to use. Will stop fly tipping too.
- Living near a lot of trees, much of my brown bin is filled with falling leaves and twigs all year round. These trees are not on my property.
- I have used 2 bins on subscription for 2 years and I am very happy with the service, I agree the bins may not need year round collection and could stop over winter months for a reduction in fees. I would not want to pay anymore for this service than I do today. If it were to increase I would use my black waste bin.
- Bin collections are a council service - this should include all bins!
- I cut my Grass only summer time so its one a week my garden is very small so I empty my bins one a month so to ve honest I ise the service max 4 time a year and I had to pay extra No chance
- Everyone already pays the community charge. To specifically split this charge for services provided to a household is wrong. Will I get a rebate for the lack of street lighting in my road? Will I get a rebate for the fact i don't use the local library? The list goes on.
It will cost the council (therefore the community charge payers) more to clean up fly tipping than the fortnightly collection of garden waste.
- Greedy
- Harmonise all waste services garden and food
- Being disabled I need this service as removal of green waste would be difficult for me.
- How is everyone going to access this survey.
I only heard about via my daughter
- As I have been paying for this service for several years I wouldn't object to continuing as long as the fee doesn't increase.
Whatever decision is made it must be the same for all of North Northamptonshire
- Please reconsider these plans as it will cause problems for many households and the Countryside too
- I feel it should be all year as I was still getting rid of leaves in January
- I feel this survey is geared towards an annual charge and the decision has already been made. More consideration needs to be taken for home owners when making the final decision. As stated in previous questions, growing season only collections would suit the majority if not all of home owners.
The annual charge is just another way of taking more money from home owners. Council tax rates are already rising.
- All kerbside waste should stay in house. It should not be outsourced. This will avoid issues currently being experienced in Northampton. We should not provide profits to an outside organisation.
- If charging is introduced this will have an adverse effect on a low income families and with the big increase in gas,electric and fuel and with inflation running at 8% it will push more families into poverty.
Also residents who do not own a vehicle which will include many one parent families will have no way of taking garden waste to the civil amenities sites.

- Does the council obtain any return on the garden waste it collects by utilising it in the gardens, roadside flower beds or selling compost made from the waste that is/could be used to offset the collection costs?
Once this additional cost has been agreed will the council also consider charging for collection of the blue recycling bins? The council already provides recycling centres.
- Instead of increasing charges for people in general perhaps the charges could be scrapped for people who do not wish to use the service ie reduce rates rather than increase them
- Paying a high council tax rate usually signifies that one has a larger garden. Therefore as we already pay a higher council tax rate the cost of emptying the grey bins should be included in our council tax.
I feel this service should continue all year free of charge to stop people dumping green waste around the countryside.
- wellingborough/kettering/corby/do not pay for garden bin service only
east northants pay so why should the majority for the old councils have to be lead by the minority east northant, north northampton council should go with the majority and it should be free that how democracy works,
- I am against harmonisation and against paying for refuse collection. If I have to pay I will place garden waste in the black bin.
- Saying only people that use the service should paydoes this mean if I don't use other services my council tax pays for I would get a refund on those ?!!
- With everything going up in price the strain on peoples household budget will once again increase with your proposal. By stopping all kerbside garden waste collections you would be saving people from this, and also saving the Councils £3 million pounds a year as you stated is spent.
- would there be any subsidies or help available for those on low incomes who may want the service but can't afford it?
- The current service in Rushden works very well.The service needs to be all year round,I fill my bin each fortnight
- I would have to subscribe because I need to dispose of garden waste. I would have no other option. I really think that you will find more episodes of illegal tipping and green waste in black bins from those who do not want to pay.
- More than enough tax is already paid (and wasted!!). Better management is required to allocated the income where it is required.
- If the council were to finish collecting garden waste then reduce council tax accordingly .
- If there was a weekly collection perhaps residents wouldnt need more than 1 bin.
- Make sure the council have been managed with due diligence. (not like East Northants and the personal vendetta that Incurred huge legal costs with the [Redacted] & [Redacted] and the [Redacted] of the former council!)
- When the proposal to join East Northants & the Borough's together this issue was glaring but the council chose to say nothing & then coming with this approach under the guise of Harmonisation, that people put hands into their already empty pockets & agree to pay more.
- The charge is an increase in rates by the back door. I am a pensioner on fixed income and cannot continue to pay for increases in gas and electric, rates and water rates and general cost of living.
- The questionnaire is biased to a subscription scheme. 3 of the 4 previous authorities were quite capable of running a free service because of the benefits to its recycling and waste disposal work. This new authority is supposed to be improving things for the community - clearly NCC lives on.

- I trust the council will make the decision they think is best for North Northants residents and have plans in place for problems that may arise.
- Keep the charge low.
Take payments along with the council tax - this reduces costs.
- You should also give a greater discount than 25% to those living alone with no children unless we are now moving to a pay for what you use model of council tax. I should be seeing my bill plummet either way
- I do think it unfair that the residents of the previous Wellingborough Borough Council should have to subsidise the poor financial management of the other previous councils within the unitary area. The old model for Wellingborough along with good good financial management would be the best option for all areas.
I would also expect there to be full transparency of this service, its revenue and spending made available to residents.
- For those households that don't subscribe to the service, and those that decide to start composting themselves, what would happen to their old green bins?
Would these be collected by the Council so they can be re-used elsewhere, or sent off for recycling so the plastic doesn't go to waste?
- Currently with [Redacted] and pay by monthly direct debit for all year collections.
- Subscription fees to collect bins would only affect the poorest among us. With council tax and the cost of living costsantly rising the last thing we need is to create more financial worries for people.
- I do hope that residents views are taken seriously. As a pensioner on a fixed income I am already dealing with astronomical rise in the cost of living including food, heating, petrol etc
- West Northamptonshire Council have already decided to harmonise their garden waste collection arrangements by charging for it in all their former boroughs and districts. If North Northamptonshire were to avoid charging for garden waste collection this would demonstrate a highly visible example of the value of having two separate authorities rather than a single Unitary Authority for the whole county.
- I am annoyed that parts of the county have had this service for free and I have had to pay- especially when my bin was not collected this week.
- It should all be brought in line with Kettering, Corby and Wellingborough although the residents of East Northants are obviously much more wealthy if they can afford to pay extra council tax to have their garden waste collected.
- The cost of the collection should be carried by those who use it and not subsidized by the rest of us.
- We pay council tax and the bins are only collected for half of the year. I think it's really unfair to start making charges.
- I already pay enough council tax - sort your management/administrative structure out and you may find you can start to afford basic services to residents. If you want to level the service level it to the free rate!
- Just to qualify my reply about whether the collections should be all year or just in the growing season, if you reduce the service to just the growing season then the charges should be reduced proportionately.
- Councils and the country as a whole has made great progress in the last few years, encouraging recycling and treating waste and our environment with the respect it deserves. People are now used to separating out their waste and disposing it of properly in the different colour bins. This feels like a backwards move, encouraging people to just bin it any way they can to avoid the charge.

North Northamptonshire council is new, and it seems a shame that out of everything you could be achieving in your first year and the difference you could be making to our area, this is one of the first things you are choosing to do. There must be so many wonderful opportunities that would really make positive impacts to communities... but instead you are choosing to start charging for a service that we have been receiving for years as part of our council tax, at a time when most families are beginning to be hit in catastrophic ways financially.

It's interesting how you have pitched this consultation - do you feel only users of the service should pay or do you think everyone should pay even if they don't.... surely this is what tax is all about! We all pay for the greater good. Plenty of people don't have children, but pay for education. Plenty of people have had no reason to visit a doctor for years but of course pay into the NHS...

- I don't feel that there is an argument that people who don't have a garden should not be contributing to the collection of garden waste. If this was how we look at things then those of us who don't have children shouldn't have to contribute to education, after school clubs etc, those without cars shouldn't have to contribute to road repairs and so on.
Our council tax is paid so that the necessary services can be provided to all.

- How many other "extra charges" will you find in the future?
- Don't want the brown bin, so I won't pay anything. Thank you.
- The cost of this should be included in the Council Tax and should be payable by everyone even if they have little or no garden waste.
- Collection of garden waste once a month.
- Will the council show the results of this survey, or is this just a cynical p.a exercise for a decision that's already been taken.
- This is a bias survey with leading questions to get the answers you want.
- In your FAQs you state that the council has to pay for the waste to be turned into useable material for farms. You don't answer the actual question as to whether you make money from this! Surely, if money is made it should go to providing the garden waste collection service first, otherwise the council is making money twice - once from the households and then from the sale of the material.

If more money is needed, be honest and say so. This will allow households to realise who is short changing the councils and vote accordingly.

- Think it should be the same rules for all in the county, seems unfair that some get it for free and others have to pay.
- AS retired couple with a council tax bill of over £2800 we consider we already pay enough, especially as we are on the edge of your catchment area.
- No
- We live 12 miles from the nearest recycling site in Northamptonshire and we do take garden waste to a site using our car and trailer, however we can only go to the tip six times a year which is not enough, we asked for, and received another garden waste bin to help out. We also have a compost bin in the garden. We live THREE miles from the [Redacted] recycling site but because [Redacted] is in [Redacted] we can't take our trailer there. Could you please have an agreement with [Redacted] (and other neighbouring councils) whereby residents who live just over the county border are able to use their nearest tip even if it is in a different county. Then we may not need the garden waste collection, or could at least only have one garden waste bin.
- The current collection in my area is poor anyway as they fail to collect my bin every time I put it out leading me to have to complain and then they have to come back. Perhaps it wouldn't cost so much if the service was better in the first place!
- Used to live in Kettering.

'Green waste bins' usually not all put out in winter months. Neighbours as well as ourselves. I like Wellingborough's model.

Now in ENDC. Similar pattern of use is seen.

I had paid 6 monthly during the growing months, which suits. (I think that may have changed now to 12 month only -not sure).

Currently waiting for council decision.

If you charge you will have [Redacted] (or other contactors) trying to do service too. We have two separate green waste trucks in our village...is that reducing environmental impact???

What about a 3 week rotation in summer?

Garden-landfill-recycling??

- Making us pay will increase

FLY TIPPING!

Can't you see what will happen?

- The garden waste as I remember from living in different counties is collected just the same as household waste and recycling.

We don't always fill either of these every week as we do not create a lot of waste but other households do and we all pay the same.

- Having everything equal and shared would make the town tidier and cleaner. Also there would be less bonfires through out the summer which I can't imagine any residents likes especially with a line full of washing.
- Cost is too high. Make it around 26£, 50p per week. And give the option to pay monthly on top of council tax
- This cut to the service, where will it be spent instead? Or is this a cut and savings disappear from the budget altogether
- If the council want us to be more environmentally friendly why does it have to have a cost attached to it we always use the correct bins to dispose of our waste correctly
- I hate hate hate this transition to privatised services rather than society / community funded services. I use so little of what is provided by tax-payers surely I shouldn't be penalised for not being a burden when so many others get so much more funded by council tax.

First this then what?

- Only get a fire put out if I pay extra for my house to be on the list?

- Street lamps have contactless so you tap for 30 seconds lighting as you walk by?

- Perhaps if I subscribe to a police service I can ensure crimes and wrongs to me are actually responded to, investigated and solved?

At least I could pay for the law-breaker to be kept in prison for as long as I can afford to keep them there?

- All of these charges are causing us stress and anxiety
- Don't make something which is a core value of the council harder for taxpayers. The result will be a negative impact on the environment.
- Tiered service....can I opt out of paying for other things please....
- I feel that this survey is biased towards getting people to agree to a paid service.
- If not collect i would burn it as a pensioner I have limited funds and with everything going up, it is in my interest to save as much as i can. With the cost of fuel I might not have a car either.
- Cut local town councils they provide worthless services and cost too much money this would pay for this and a lot more.
- Has anyone in the North Northamptonshire Council Kettering area considered the reason why garden waste was even collected in the first place? When wheelie bins was introduced in 1987, the previous refuse collection service was a back door collection (ie- the refuse collection crew collected your dustbin from the back garden and returned it) In order to 'sell' the then new

wheelie bins to residents, garden waste was for the first time included in the refuse collection whereas previously it was prohibited. For all these years garden waste has continued to be collected (both through the refuse originally then separately within the grey/green bins) so by introducing a charge for the collection of green waste, as residents we are effectively losing a service we've had for over 30 years. Not that North Northamptonshire Council likely care about this!

- The reason I suggested an all year round service is that people tend to trim hedges in the winter, flower beds are replanted etc
- This survey has not been constructed in an impartial manner. It would appear from the wording that the authority has already made their decision.
- Please be mindful that those who already have huge barriers such as no internet, low income, not English speaking and those with impairments may not give feedback in this forum, therefore any stats e.g. "75% say they would pay for a subscription service if introduced" may be a massive under representation of those that may actually be affected the most.
- We originally come from [Redacted], their weekly collection of compostable items combined garden and food waste into one green bin, is this not something you could do here?
- Stop fleecing the public and manage your finances correctly.
- Kettering Council generally used to have the right attitude to collecting garden waste included within the overall rates bill. I believe Kettering employ their own waste collection services but East Northants employ Contractors (who profiteer). Don't sink to the lowest denominator (East Northants) and make us all pay for their failings. These are financially difficult times for many people and the Council should be very mindful.

Do not keep reducing the services our rates pay for. Combining the four Councils should make for more efficient running and by a reduction in staff running costs

- Whatever decision is made, collection should be made on the same day each time as current arrangements vary.
- I think either everyone should pay for bin or no one pay for bin. Free distribution of a garden bin to all households that need them could also solve congestion at recycling centre which is always horrendous during gardening months.
- See earlier comments
- We already pay for this service through our council tax, which us already extortionate.
- It is outrageous for you to even consider introducing additional charges.
- Do not agree with the proposals!
- The questions in the consultation I consider are biased and do not give an equal opportunity to reject the proposals in its entirety. They are weighted to give a biased response. I certainly would not subscribe to this scheme
- At this present moment Wellingborough, Kettering and Corby get their garden waste collected for free, so why are the residents of the old east Northamptonshire area having to pay, surely it would be easier to make the old east Northamptonshire area free then change the other 3 areas to a payed for service.
- I was surprised at the cost of £55 a year, when money is very tight and this is currently £0. I think people will just use the black bin. It feels like environmentally friendly options are once again only for those who can afford them.

We produce much more green waste than black bin, and would be happy to have a once a month black bin collection to encourage recycling, reduce waste and save money on collections.

- My preference would be 'Nil additional charge' to the household, build it into the Council Tax system & exempt the true non users - ie those with no gardens
- We already pay a substantial council tax fee, and feel being penalised for having a garden that requires maintenance ridiculous. It makes more sense to reduce the council tax cost for those

who do not use the bins. For those who cannot afford further charges they will be reduced to fly tip causing negative impacts to the environment and wildlife, and in turn more costs to the council for clearing it up. More properties will simply not be maintained. elderly residents who rely on the bins and cannot drive will be unable to use the recycling centre, this could encourage their gardens to become overgrown and not maintained. With the increasing costs of living this is one thing we could do without, as we are already paying £2800 a year in council tax!

- If you introduce a subscription service you should do it for all refuse collection based on how much you use for it.

I put my black bin out monthly as that's all I need and even then it's only half full.

Using the same principle as you are suggesting for brown bins, I am subsidising other households, but I'm not complaining that it's unfair!

It is always going to be difficult to get a fair system for everyone

- This is another service that will provide more fly tipping. The Wellingborough Wombles do a good job of keeping this town tidy but why should it fall to volunteers to keep tidying up after everyone.
- We don't think we should be charged an extra subscription for the garden waste collection service on top of council tax.
- I think a SMALL cost should be added to the council tax to cover the cost of the collection of garden waste during the 8 months March to November, for everybody.
- Completely disagree with paying for garden rubbish to be taken away. We pay enough tax already.
- Feels like you get fewer and fewer services from living in Northamptonshire. Constantly paying out for very little to show or be content about! Get the impression that the unity authority just mismanages public finances.
- You start messing with waste disposal you're going to have more expensive bigger problems on your hands.
- This is a thinly disguised attempt at revenue generation, and this questionnaire is biased and skewed.
- I think that only having garden waste bins for the growing season as for the rest of the year there is little or no waste. If the waste was only collected for part of the year then any cost should reflect this. Also as someone that is on limited income keeping the 2 yearly payment makes it easier to pay.
- I would still use the service as it's more convenient than trying to take garden waste to the tip in a tiny mini car with hardly any boot.
I think it should be a free service as we pay our council tax and think it should be included in that.
- Your language throughout this entire survey is extremely leading and implies this is not a consultation but a decision you are attempting to get rubber stamped. Perhaps you should rework the extremely biased language used. And as I do not have children in school (which are partially funded by my council tax) does that mean I will get money back as I'm not using that service too? As that doesn't seem fair either in line with your current thought process explained as justification for this survey. There are more people who used the green service freely than those that didn't- is it that hard to go with the majority? Especially in areas where the town councils were effective it was the county council that was a failure.
- I previously lived in Milton Keynes where food waste and garden waste was collected together, in one bin. This would surely have beneficial cost savings for Northampton if they copied this.
- Why not offer residents a reduction in the council tax fees if they don't use the service rather than an increase for those who would like to use the service?
Everything is becoming more expensive for homeowners.

- The burden should be on the council to manage waste collection effectively rather than increasing the cost to the residents.
Not one penny of service charges should be paid in shareholder dividends.
This is a public SERVICE.
- If this has to be introduced then it should be in operation all year round and not just for the growing season. It should be the minimum charge amount that it can be to make it affordable for all residents. If they can't afford to pay it then there should be a free option for those on benefits or in a difficult financial situation.
- Do not understand why some areas have free collection i have always paid since it was introduced.
Is it because we live on the edge of east northants ?
we have to travel to weldon or kettering for other waste disposal.
- Currently we cut the grass on council land because the council do not ever cut or tend it. I refuse to pay a subscription charge for something that is not even my responsibility. Trees equally are not tended close to my home. If the council attends to these issues I may reconsider
- Collection of garden waste by the Council should be encouraged as part of the green agenda but people should also be encouraged to compost where they can
- I think this would be an unacceptable and unfair charge and if removed you would need to reduce council tax to
Reflect this I. Even if you did this the negative affects far outweigh the benefits
- Keep it free or re open the waste site outside Wollaston.
- Our garden runs the complete length of of an access path to a park at the back of our house([Redacted] park) and while this is not generally a problem for us there are several gaps in the hedge which can(and are) used to enter our back garden to collect balls etc which come over from the park. Every other house that surrounds the park is protected by fencing put in place by the council. We have asked for this fencing to be put down the length in the park access to give us protection but have been refused
- I am a full-time wheelchair user who relies on the council collecting my garden waste, together with the recycling & household waste. I have no other alternative, & being on benefits rather than working it would be exceptionally hard to endure any further expenditure.
- Over the last couple of years we have all gone through some form of mental health issues and to help reduce this a lot of households have invested more in how their gardens look and they have used them a lot more than they were. To go forward with a charging system where households may not be able to afford this could reduce their time in the garden and therefore cause mental issues to rise again if gardening was part of the remedy to ease the stresses caused by mental health and now a cost comes with it that they cannot afford.
- We did not ask for brown bins so why should we now have to pay for them.
- Whilst your studies suggest there would be no increase in fly tipping
I would question how reliable your study is.
In areas where the green waste service is free i would suggest that there is likely to be an increase in garden waste being put into black bins.
- There are alot of people in the are that are struggling to meet current bills and having to rely on food banks. Any new and unnecessary charges are going to put more pressure on these families. Just change the collection dates from March to November. If you go ahead with these charges does this mean the council tax is going to be reduced?
- In the section on demographic information you include multiple options for ethnicity and gender but very few for religion with no "other" box.
You are discriminating against me on the grounds of religion or belief contrary to the Equality Act 2010.

- I can only reiterate that I am totally against having to pay for the garden waste bin to be emptied, when I consider I already pay for it.
See "Your Council Your Services" leaflet re" Where the money goes" 16.5% Highways and Waste Management.
It doesn't say only your black and blue bins
- If this is the start of opting out of paying for services we do not use/or do not want to use; what else can we remove from our current council tax bill as I would like to reduce that cost.
- When I am paying in excess of £2000 pa for community charge I wonder what value I am getting for my money. I currently do not use the household collection service as I think it should be included in the refuse collection system not charged at what amounts to £2 per bin load. With the additional expenses households are experiencing this is perhaps the wrong time to try to add to their financial burden.
- See comments above.
- It would seem the Council continue to put up Rents and Council tax, but provide the less and less services.
A reduction should be made for every service then choose not to supply or cut.
- Kettering Borough Council has always provided this service and for this to change is a retrograde step in my opinion and would possibly result in garden rubbish being dumped throughout the countryside. Totally against this proposal.
- the timing of introducing yet more charges could not be worse
- This isn't only a garden waste bin point but for any bins that use a lorry with a bin lift- up system....
Not that I'm suggesting making people unemployed but in [Redacted], they use bin lorries with a mechanical arm that lifts waste bins automatically on its own. Therefore each bin lorry only requires the one driver, who rarely has to get out, instead of multiple other waste people who collect the bins and hook them onto the lift etc.
That would, surely slimline the service.
- I have never used the service of schooling for children as I haven't had any. If you are going to start charging for services used then I would like a [redacted] year refund for not using any schools during my time in Geddington!
- As the council tax in Wellingborough is higher than any where else in Northamptonshire' you should be ashamed of even thinking of this proposal.
- A March to November universal service makes sense. Best to raise the funds as it has been through a levy we all pay and contribute to.
- I think it's disgusting that some people in the same county have had to pay for the service whilst some haven't. I believe that all costs should be reimbursed to all residents that have had to pay for the service.
- The council is very quick to blame central government for a lack of resources, yet it seems to have plenty of funds to buy office spaces in the area?!
- Timing is key and now is not the time.
- Council could also consider an optional reduced frequency of collections. For example, a monthly collection from March to November would be adequate for myself.
- The cost of service or the likely use of the service are both related to cost/distance The cost of taking my green waste to a center is much higher than homes located in the town of either Kettering or Corby ,will we see an increase in fly tipping of green waste?
- I often see the bin men checking the contents of the recycling bins to ensure they meet the requirements for recycling.
But I think you should be constantly checking the contents of the non recycling bins for recyclable materials including garden waste, which are ending up in landfill.

I think it's disgraceful the amount of recyclable waste they NNC are sending to landfill

- North Northamptonshire Council has already increased the Council Tax and the additional income this generates should be put towards the costs of the bin collections. Residents are struggling to pay bills and purchase food any further additional costs are not acceptable at this time.
- Other services provided by the Council are also not necessarily used by every tax payer, this could be another example of this.
- in this survey you have stated about the sorts involved but not about the income that is generated from selling the green waste as compost.
- There is an inbuilt assumption in this survey that a subscription charge WILL be levied. It is not an unbiased survey.
- If the council are required to provide a kerbside service then this should be paid through council tax for the reasons cited above.
- Extremely poor planning management resulting in unwanted and unrequired additional housing across the area, built to substandard quality and on inadequate land has already almost crippled the local infrastructure increasing traffic, pollution, journey times for residents and increased fuel costs for all at a time when this is already unmanageable. The impact on health services, education and transport is evident to all and simply charging more for providing less is not the correct, or indeed ethical and responsible approach.
- I have a big garden and use this service a lot, however, I live alone and my black bin is hardly ever full and I do not trouble the bin men for 8-10 weeks for that collection. I don't mind paying for something that I use, but what about not paying so much for something that I rarely use? Just saying.
- This would be an additional expense at a time it can't be afforded generally xx
- Any surplus money should not be used for other council services. The surplus should be used in other ways i.e. development/investment in electric garden refuse collection vehicles; to keep subscription costs down.
- As previously stated, it seems likely that an obvious extra charge for taking away garden waste is likely to result in more fly tipping which would already appear to have increased as a result of tips only being open during office hours these days.
- Why is it not possible to sell the composted waste?
- As most of the NNC don't pay a charge for garden waste collection you will encourage more fly tipping which will cost the council more than it will collect in its stealth tax, we in the NNC area pay far too much in council tax for a basic service if many other councils can provide a free collection service why can't the NNC?
- I live on a road in the [redacted] postcode and have numerous trees around us. In the Autumn the leaves fall, they make such a mess on pathways and around householders' properties. The councils don't pick these leaves up but householders do and put the contents into the green bin. I just feel it is unfair to be charged an extra subscription cost for this bin to be emptied
- At a time when residents are being hit with increased living costs, this may not be the best time to suggest an additional fee is being sought for a NNC service that is already being provided.
- There are a lot of services covered by the tax that many older people with gardens don't use so charging for waste discriminates against these older people with a garden; so they need to pay extra for a service while still paying for services that town people and people with families use but will get no discount for. I am also thinking this would be mass discrimination against the older white population. If the majority of residents of villages in this area with the larger gardens were ethnic minorities you would not even be entertaining this exercise
- Please don't do it. It will have an impact on the environment both natural and human. Streets will become untidy, if not dangerous with the twigs strewn over pavements, weeds growing up

through pavements and in gutters. Let alone the drain covers that clog up with silt, leaves and weeds. The blockage will start to form puddles and push water across the road. Very dangerous in the winter when it freezes. All because we will no longer have the bins to help the Council to keep our local area clear and safe.

- We pay for schools but I have no children of school age so why should I pay that. If you are going down the route of paying for services you use you are opening a can of worms. Sick to death of paying extra for things that should be included in tax.
- Localised skips for garden waste, controlled by cctv to prevent the tipping of the wrong sort of waste.
- I would strongly urge the council to put in place the separate food waste bin collection as a matter of priority.
- Would residents on benefits have to pay or would it be the same charge across the board.
- I replied that I would not be likely to pay any amount for garden waste collection - this is because the only option given was for a separate subscription. I of course accept that the cost that councils have to bear is increasing, so it would be ludicrous to think that charges to CT would stay the same. I would accept an increase to CT to cover this cost, but not a separate subscription - you're setting yourselves up for a fall there.

A separate issue with this is the provision of available HWRCs available to accept garden waste if the collection service stops or people can not afford or do not want to pay the extra cost. For example the opening hours and days of the Garrard Way HWRC at present are not ideal for those who will need to dispose of garden waste themselves. Therefore before any decision is made, due consideration should be given to alternative garden waste disposal facilities, otherwise there may be an increase in fly-tipping incidents.

With hindsight, it may have been just as well to introduce a small CT increase from this April, give a short reason why, and have done with it.

Ah well - live and learn, eh?

- I believe that Northamptonshire County Council is misguided in its proposal re green waste collection charges. Also why are the public, not businesses, only allowed to take rubbish once in a day to their local Waste Disposal Unit? My understanding of the reason for a Unitarian Council was because Northampton County Council was a failure and in special measures - however it seems that the new Unitarian Council is being run by the same people that failed and therefore will fail again.
- As an alternative maybe there could be packages to help people start composting at home & recycle their own garden waste. I would happily look at alternative options if I knew more facts
- East northants also recycles food waste, this service should also be harmonized
- Current services in my area are patchy. It still is better than a 20 mile round trip to the tip but could definitely be better value for money with an improved service.
- With rising cost, not just main bills but the council has put the council tax up, rent has gone up. Peoples wages have not. How on earth when people have to chose between heating and eating can you think about an additional charge. The council moan about the cost of fly tipping yet you'll force people to do that if this charge is brought in.
Some people can just about afford fuel to get to and from work, yet that £55 is the difference between fuel in a car or food on a table.
People live in council houses because they are on low incomes and cannot affors their own homes.
Most of us maintain our homes make them look nice for what the council to take them back one day. How about all these mps give up the nice payrise they are getting to cover these costs instead of hitting those who don't get payrises.

Totally disgusting that what we are going through as a country, county price hikes lower wages. That you want to bring in these charges

- I fully support a) harmonising the service; b) being carbon-neutral by 2030; c) looking after households that may already be struggling with the sky-rocketing cost of living and who certainly won't have been able to budget for this.

Several years ago I responded to an ENC consultation about how to encourage more households to participate in Recycling, and never received any response. None of my suggestions were implemented either. Later, I participated in a one-to-one interview with a researcher, about Recycling, during which the researcher promised to answer what I felt was an important question - again, nothing.

This consultation will be an important test of NNC's commitment to the consultation process, for me anyway.

- As a subscriber already I know what an excellent service this is. However funding cannot continue as it is, as it is most unfair for the people of the old East Northants area to subsidise everyone else. If we all paid, the bill should be less for everyone.
- The council needs to make it fair for all, we all pay or nobody pays
- Charge every household across Northamptonshire who require the service, £42 the same as last year and deal with next year as it comes. The inequality and £55 are the real problem.
- Not happy
- Scale back Corby & Kettering's collections to the growing season and expend free collection to all areas of North Northants
- I don't see why I should pay for a service that others get free, especially as I am on a low wage.
- Those households who do not pay subscription should be charged a 'substantial' service charge should they require a collection.
- I only know of this survey due to the Irchester Facebook Group, how is this consultation fair and getting to every household?
Making changes by Stealth - shame on you our elected few
- Under the previous Borough Council management was effective, efficient and economical. Why cannot the new authority cope.
- If people have to pay they might decide to pay more attention to composting at home
- As I don't use the service very often I don't think having to make a journey to dispose of my waste will impact the environment as greatly as having the collection vehicle driving around every street just in case there are bins to collect which is what is currently happening in my area
- The day of collection is an important issue for me. Council collection days in my neighbourhood are very awkward. I am often unable to put out all my different forms of waste for collection on a Tuesday evening, and neighbours (quite rightly) deplore waste bags in the street ahead of time, consequently my shed is, as usual, piled up with big bags of recycling awaiting a Tuesday when I can be there. I use the [Redacted] scheme and value the fact that they collect (very efficiently) on a much more convenient day (Friday).
- The council should provide a bin cleaning scheme which could be paid for by residents wishing to have their bins cleaned more often during the summer months and occasionally during winter.
- Ridiculous idea.
- Having limited vehicles collecting the garden waste is sure more environmentally friendly than us all going separately to the tip - which can be quite a long journey .
- I strongly disagree to paying for my garden waste to be collected as I have trees in my garden that the council put there !
- As a household, our children are not in state education and therefore collection of black bin, recycling and green bin is the only real benefit that we get from paying our £2,800 per annum Council tax. The NNC should consider that "those with the broadest shoulders bear the greatest

burden" but should be not used as cash machines to subsidise services for which they get no benefit.

- Council services are a [expletive] joke.

Grass verges should be parking spaces as that what people are using them for ruining my grass out front. Street full of dangerous paths due to roots and road and humps full of pot holes. Also can't put a bin out if dark as no [expletive] Street lights.

- Typical now that we are no longer just Corby Council Northampton council want to increase costs
- All of August last year I left my garden waste out,4 weeks,it wasn't emptied,I spoke to someone on the phone and they assured me it would be,it wasn't.
- Don't introduce a charge and definitely not now when many people can barely afford to live
- I don't think we need the service over the Winter - the Spring, Summer and early Autumn is sufficient for most people.
- Don't do it, would be political suicide !
- Will not be paying for a service which is incorporated in my council tax and has been for the last 16+ years.

Where would this money be going? Can I claim a rebate???

- ANOTHER CON JUST LIKE RECYCLING

- Personally I wo t look to use this service if charved.We already pay too much for our council tax. Its just ridiculous to separate this out. We have never had so many add ons each year as we have now.

- For once why not be radical and harmonise it to the no charge way for everyone.

Very naughty that NN Council have not publicised this more, could have put notice in with the Council Tax bill, or a label on the bins , disgraceful that word of mouth is the way to find out.

- I think it should be an all year service as waste is also produced in the winter months. However less waste is produced so it does take longer to fill the bin. Maybe a reduced service from November to March like a monthly collection rather than biweekly would work better. I think it should remain inclusive as most properties in the area are houses
- There are enough unkept gardens in Northants as it is, all you'll do is make people lazier . Then we'll end up with more rats and vermin . Which will put a strain on other services you offer.
- We didn't decide to change the councils. I thought reducing the number would produce the costs through economy of scale. So we want for reduction in the "rates" not increases or removal of services!
- We should all be on the food waste bin collection. To help create a better environment.
- Where are the cost savings from the amalgamation into a Unitary authority?
It would be nice to see that published
Maybe then we would feel that we could trust you to reduce costs, not increase them and not go looking to the public to bail you out all the time.
- Your questionnaire is so slanted that you have clearly decided to implement the charge anyway, no matter what the outcome is. Suggesting that only residents that benefit from a service should pay for it sets a dangerous precedent - such as, my neighbour doesn't drive a car so they should opt out of paying for the roads. I don't have children so should opt out of paying for schools and colleges. Why are you treating garden waste differently to these?
- I believe as a household we pay more than enough in council tax and therefore would not welcome this extra charge to take away garden waste. Why are we being charged to take garden waste away, baring in mind it can be recycled and isn't harming the environment in any way? I feel that everyone has struggled over the past 2 years and this is something we do not need, especially when most other bills are rising as well. I think this will be a difficult transition which many others will agree. Most of the garden waste that takes up space in our bins is in fact

from the trees that also take up our street and makes our paths uneven and a hazard to everyone

- Please view the service offered free of charge is the best solution and the greenest. It keeps garden waste out of the black bins and prevents bonfires in people's gardens.
- Start looking to do a job for the people you serve & stop trying to get the people to serve you!
- At the moment we have all small bins, if there is an extra charge we would go back to a large bin for the garden waste.
- If the charge is to be introduced then there should be a reduction in council tax to reflect the fact that this is an additional charge which used be included in the council tax.
By charging individuals for a specific service does this mean that the council intends to impose charges for those using other council services (schools etc) based on usage?
- The cost of garden waste should be included in council tax.
- We already pay and I understand will have to pay this year again. why is it taking so long to sort the issue when the council has been in existence for a year?
- I think the current situation is unfair with only us residents in East Northamptonshire paying for the service - harmonisation needs to happen, but if all residents pay for the service then costs should be kept low.
- I feel the council is getting greedy and want us to pay for the bankruptcy that came with the merge of all local councils and this is only the start of "extras" being charged . The council taxation is already high enough.
- Our garden bin is collected all year. This isn't necessary. Why not save cost as per Wellingborough by collecting Mar-Nov.
- We pay enough tax already, this should continue to be included!
- Will all the results be published from Thai questionnaire?
- Why do we pay our council tax every month if the council services will still have to be paid for? We pay alot of money a month for our council tax, why would we want too pay extra for a service that should be included in our council tax bill?
- Garden grows all year because of climate change we need our green bins emptied all year . We will not be able to take it to the tip with out being charged for it
- It is time that this fiasco was sorted.
Have been paying for garden waste collection now for 10 or more years.
We are all one authority now so either all users pay or no one pays.
- Keep the garden waste collection going because people like me who cannot lift bags of waste in and out of the car will lose out. NOT EVERYONE HAS A SUPPORTIVE FAMILY NEAR BY.
Now that everyone is jumping on the 'put up prices on everything' train it will not be long before I have to give up my car.
£700 per month and a whopping £180 a month just on Council Tax added to that greedy increases in heating, food etc., is making me dip into a small savings pot. Hope I die before that runs out.
- Being in a high band already for our community charge, but not necessarily using as many services as other households or entitled for the rebate being introduced, I feel this waste collection should be included.
- If we do not use the service then we should get a rebate!
- N/A
- We currently pay for bin collection all year (only missing one collection at Christmas). Personally I prefer this as I work in the garden all year. As I get older I prefer to work for a shorter time and more often so not being able to this through winter would be difficult for me. I find it easy to use a bin and wouldn't want to drive unnecessarily using fuel & polluting the air while sitting in queues at the tip. I'm very happy this survey is being undertaken, thank you.

- If possible the Northants council should investigate the feasibility of replacing RCVs with electric equivalents.

A company in Northamptonshire ([Redacted]) has started conversion of existing diesel vehicles (heavily polluting over a fleet esp. if at 4mpg) to electric for the same costs as a replacement diesel.

These would not only be more efficient at operating speeds, but would be less polluting and less noisy, too. Ideal for those of us working at home.

- Once you have people being charged for a particular service and still having to pay full council tax, how long would it be before other services become “paid extra” for as well?
- Appreciate that resources and services need reviewing under Unitary but making residents pay more when they are already struggling will cause other problems (fly-tipping, arson, etc)
- If garden waste is stopped is household waste going back to weekly????
- I'd prefer to see the charge in the annual council tax bill if this can't be free, though why it can't be free is beyond me as we are all being encouraged to recycle. If it is incorporated into the council tax bill it's easier for you to administer not having to chase payments or stop collections at properties that haven't paid either by choice or oversight and people get to pay over 10 months... and low income households can be supported through council tax relief or partial council tax relief. A subscription charge is a lot of work for not much gain in my opinion
- I would urge the council to look at ways on including food waste into the garden bin. Having loved I'm [Redacted] where food waste had to go in the garden bin it seems crazy we aren't doing it here
- Whoever came up with this idea really needs to think things through.
- You already know what the right thing to do is, but are trying to justify increasing the council tax bill.
- My preference would be a free service for all but over a reduced period, mid March to November. The argument that subscription model would reduce the amount of fuel used by trucks is spurious it seems unlikely that a whole street of those who currently need the service would not subscribe and if just one household in that street does subscribe then the vehicle still needs to travel the route. And/or other households would be making more frequent journeys to recycling centres, or flytipping.
- Corby had a good council, which managed the money well. Now it has been forced to become part of the North Northants Council we are already seeing negative changes being proposed. This is very unwelcome.
- Planning to introduce additional charges for something that is already provided, at a time when people can't afford to heat their homes, fuel their cars or eat food on the table is [expletive] cheeky and disrespectful. You should be ashamed to even raise this
- Council tax should cover services for all. Whether or not I use them is not the measure of whether I should pay - there are lots of council funded roads, parks, public transport, health services, streetlights, support services and many other things that I will never set eyes on and yet I understand that my contribution makes them accessible to those who do. Refuse collection should be no different.
- Providing a better service for no additional cost would make better sense rather than a further increase to the cost of living. This new council needs to be showing 'value', not raising council tax year on year and providing less!
- Your survey is structured in an extremely bias manner, this is a consultative questionnaire structured following a decision already having been made.
- No point. You gonna charge us.
Get ready for the fly tipping

- As the seasons are constantly changing, gardens still require attention all year round. Stopping the brown bin collection from mid-November to mid-March means I have to store numerous large heavy duty bin bags in my garden for many months.
Taking garden waste to the rubbish tip is daunting - large bins that are hard to access (lifting heavy bags over shoulder height is dangerous), restricted opening hours, debris on the ground with the potential of damage to car tyres, using fuel to get there (damaging the environment) and making a mess of the interior of vehicles.
- I was disappointed that the harmonisation was not implemented in the first year of the Council's existence.
- Why should the people of Corby take on all the more bills,
- Garden Waste Collection should be part of the service as it currently is in Kettering - house holders do not need to pay for this as a separate service, people cannot afford another payment for Council Services
- I think a charge of £25/30 is a more acceptable and affordable cost for a March to October two weekly collection. 😞 Will stop people jumping in their cars to go recycling centre and will deter it being put in black bins. Wellingborough has been used to free pickups so a jump to even £40 with the increased rates already just decended on us does not go down well. We pay £25 and those already paying get a reduction, it would seem, so we are all happy and you keep our custom on this matter.
- Perhaps it would be useful if the Council Officials reflected on previously failures before embarking on new ways to make a mess
- As a resident in the East Northants area and a keen gardener I have been happy to pay for garden waste removal. However, if the decision is made to not implement a subscription service, I would expect, for the sake of harmony across the area, that any charges I have paid since the formation of North Northamptonshire Council be refunded!
- If collection months are harmonised across North Northants savings would be made relative to Corby and Kettering, partly offsetting costs in other areas.
- The internet is full of the benefits of composting. A search for "Why should I compost at Home", results in 154,000,000 hits:-
Enriches soil, helping retain moisture and suppress plant diseases and pests. Reduces the need for chemical fertilizers. Encourages the production of beneficial bacteria and fungi that break down organic matter to create humus, a rich nutrient-filled material.
An excellent site:
<https://growensemble.com/benefits-of-composting/>
- Since we have come under NNC, I have noticed a huge negative impact on the surrounding green areas:
Council owned grass is no longer cut (I don't call once a year an effective maintenance schedule).
Trees are not maintained - They are rotting and there are overhanging branches everywhere. The roots of the trees are now also causing issues by causing the pathways to bevel and encroaching on the home owners property. This means that the council are going to be liable for a lot of claims regarding these trees when branches fall and damage property or if people out walking fall over the uneven walkways, and when houses start to subside.
- Since i already pay council tax, of which this service is included in it, i won't pay a subscription for it
- Why not give to residents, rather than take all the time. Dont punish people for doing the right thing and using the garden waste bins
- I do feel that we do not get enough information from the Council and that, particularly with regards to waste bins, we should be kept better informed.

- WHAT ABOUT FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS FOR ALL RESIDENTS
- To reduce the environmental impact of collection lorries travelling where they do not need to, residents could be asked to opt in to collections - there is no reason to add a charge to this on the basis of reducing impact to the environment.
- This is an absolutely ridiculous idea, we already pay council tax and should not be asked to pay more.
- I note that this section of the consultation has a character limit, which has therefore limited the scope of the remarks that I can put here. I regard this consultation process as inadequate as a result.

The consultation documents are inadequate because they do not answer the following questions.

-How much does the council anticipate that it is going to make in additional revenue through charging for removal of garden waste (a) in a full year, (b) in 2022/3?

-What does the council intend to do with this additional revenue (a) in a full year, (b) in 2022/3?

It is implied in the consultation documents that the council currently, having part-composted the garden waste that it collects, then has to pay for this residue to be taken away. The consultation should have made this point somewhat clearer and should have indicated more clearly what the breakdown of costs of disposing of garden waste actually are.

There is, clearly, a (more than theoretical) opportunity for the council to compost the collected waste more thoroughly, to make a proper marketable product that could, for example, be sold to residents and thus gain revenue. Has this opportunity been properly assessed by the council? With what results? Or has this not been done, which, I am afraid, would be another example of the kind of low quality, short term thinking that the council is beginning to gain a regrettable reputation for.

- Just a suggestion but what about selling any compost that is made back to us.
- This should be part of the council tax not an extra tax just for providing recycling waste that can be used and sold for compost etc.

This survey should be sent to every household so everyone has an opportunity to have their say - not hidden in an online newspaper.

- I presume the council passes garden waste on for composting and presumably they are paid for providing the raw material. Does this not offset the collection charges to some extent?
- We have enough to pay for with all household bills increasing and the cost of living people are focusing on where they can save. People will not pay for a green waste bin, they will put it in the black bin or fly tip it. I'm a gardener and garden all year round, so would need access to a bin and the tips are not open all year round.
- We already pay to have our waste collected, we have seen you reduce our rubbish collections go down to once a fortnight across all bins but yet our council tax still rises.
The best way in my opinion would be not charge extra but just collect March to Oct.
- Unless you have a flat then most properties have some kind of garden or yard to maintain. We already pay for this service so rather than making more money off people who already pay for this service, you could reduce the council tax bill for people with no garden. This service is already being paid for so to try and make more money off people this way is ridiculous.
- I feel that some of the questions in the survey are written in a way which are leading. It appears that the consultation will not actually give you a fair outcome. To me it seems biased so the results will come out in a particular way... for the residents to pay for garden waste.
- We have found that throughout the year we can fill our garden waste bin with leaves, pine cones from the garden and that of our neighbours so would require an all year round service - especially if there are storms etc.

- I feel that prices are increasing rapidly at present and this is more to pay out for and something that some households can manage without
- I think some of the survey questions are irrelevant or 'loaded' and designed to channel responses in a certain direction toward favouring a subscription service.
Example;
'If you currently use the Council's garden waste service, would you continue to use it if you had to pay a subscription charge?' If I answer 'No' implicit in this answer is that the Council would expect me to take the waste to a Recycling Centre - a win/win for the council!
Also, why is the question 'How many bins do you require for your household relevant to determining a move to a cost based collection? Perhaps to home in on those who have large gardens using the Post Code data(?)
- I see this whole debacle as a way to make money and bolster the coffers of the council. The council charges are high enough and to ask people to pay extra is a disgrace. When you think logically about who spends most time in their gardens it's retired and unemployed people who for the most are on low incomes. This would be another outgoing that most people do not have especially as the cost of living is on the rise and people can't afford to feed themselves and heat their homes so how could they afford to pay this levy, they won't.
Corby is an area of deprivation and the Lloyds estate was built to give families a front and back garden so their children could enjoy the benefits of being outside. Imposing this charge on garden waste will affect the way residents tend to their gardens and they will be left to become overgrown and unmanageable.
- Many leaves fall in November and early December. Some Wellingborough residents only use the bin for leaves. I think if there was a gap in collecting it should be from mid December to early March. The growing season is notably longer because of climate change too.
- is it fair to be charged for putting the council's own fallen greenery ,that continually comes into your garden and then put into your bin ?
- There have been several occasions when two bins have been out out for collection and only one taken which is very frustrating particularly when you then have to leave the 'missed' bin outside your property for another two weeks. This is not good customer service especially when you are paying for that service.
- Why change it when it has been free, it's just to get money from people at an already difficult time with other bills increasing
- I think one collection every 2 weeks at no extra charge is reasonable.
- With gas and electricity going up people can't afford to be paying out for a subscription. It's not just people on benefits that struggle. And this will affect people's anxiety off.
- I am sure I will use the service but feel this is unjust as Corby currently have the service paid for within the current council tax
- * Fair for all
*Reduce the cost with 'growing season only'.
*Reduce costs with opt in/ opt out. (Not everyone likes/has a garden)
From Former East Northants residentreally, really annoyed!!
- As always your survey is designed to drive a predetermined set of responses. Democracy has to be more than two foxes and one chicken deciding the dinner menu.
I don't hold out much hope for the result given the economic situation you are in and don't mind paying BUT as always we are being asked to pay twice. If one has a Large family one can ask for a larger bin/ recycling, also benefits from schooling and other young peoples services. An independent older person with no children uses few council services and is asked to pay a separate fee for an additional type of waste. When we are encouraging green spaces for environmental reasons this doesn't work. Cheaper to concrete the garden 😞

- Better record keeping is needed to ensure that bins are collected when they have been paid for
- I would suggest that collection do not end until the end of November and start again at the end of March. There is always a lot of garden waste in the autumn.
- Did not ask for bins in the first place!
- Goodwill is a fluid emotion with many members of the public irregardless of political allegiances. The Council's, previous and most recent behaviour, trustworthyness and performance has not reduced this feeling of poor goodwill sufficiently to be introducing another ill-conceived charge. My suggestion above of reducing the collection period even further and stopping any current charges would improve the goodwill that is currently felt.
- This is a very prescribed survey for charging us! We already pay increasingly high rate bills each year and mostly do not seem to see much for it. If some of the money that has funded very expensive projects such as Chester House, of little interest or benefit to many ratepayers, was used for only essential services, then perhaps we would see more value for what we already pay.
- Councillor [redacted] has confirmed that Corby residents already pay for garden waste collection as part of our council tax. If this service was removed, we would expect a reduction in the council tax for the amount that the subscription would be set at.
- Providing free garden waste collection encourages renewable source for composting and recycling in general.
Electric driven bin lorries could be used (using renewable energy for it).
Garden waste could be used as fuel.
- I do not have much garden waste as I only have a few flower pots and a small amount of grass. So there is no way I would pay yet another expensive tax for so little service. But I still don't think there should be a charge for anyone, not just me.
- Small scale garden composting is difficult to do successfully. Woody matter just does not break down. Large scale composting is much more efficient and hopefully the output is put to good use.
- I think that the garden waste collection service is good as I am unable to take it to the recycling centre on my own.
- I expect that some households do not currently make use of the garden waste service because of the costs therein and would be disposing of garden waste in the household waste bins. This obviously means that unnecessary waste is going to landfill.
- You are going to do this anyway so why even consult your residents. Hi have not seen this advertised anywhere and only stumbled across this by accident. Shame on you NNC.
- I do not think we should have to pay to have garden waste collected however if you decided to not make a charge but reduced to only collecting March-November in the Kettering area as you do now in Wellingborough I would prefer this scenario.
- Whilst in principle, I see the need for charging a modest amount, I feel that this would negatively impact on the older ratepayers, who are the majority of gardeners with sole occupancy larger properties due to death of the partner.
I feel that the cost should be reflected in those receiving benefits and those over 65 yrs of age.
- I feel it reasonable to only provide the service between March and November if it is provided as an inclusive service.
- As above
- You have potential to earn money from composting, recycling but don't spend resource to do so . You need to speculate to accumulate as the saying goes. People are simply unable to keep on paying ad nauseum!
- I think it is unfair that some of us pay and others don't. I am ok to keep paying but believe everyone should pay the same for the same service.

- In Autumn when the leaves fall off the trees on [Redacted] and [Redacted], they end up in our garden, on the pavement and grass verges (council don't clear the pavements or grass verge) so we end clearing the garden, grass verge and pavement of leaves. For this period of time we don't think we should have to pay for Green bin collection as leaf clearing should be the responsibility of the council.
- My husband and I are appalled that you are even considering charging for the collection of garden waste when you have already spent a vast amount of our council tax money on your brand new vehicles, rebranding and other exceptional costs caused by the split of NCC. Was there any need to purchase so many new vehicles and other items? How much did that all cost? This will probably have happened on both sides of the county. Also North and West Northants councils have now had to duplicate jobs at considerable cost whereas prior to the split one person held certain post and roles for the whole county. None of these changes are cost effective and now you are trying to pass more costs on to innocent council tax payers. This is unacceptable. The services that should be provided by the council have got worse. Potholes, street cleaning, grass verges are being ignored or left until they are dangerous. The money spent on Kettering town centre is unjustifiable. All in all, the council are not providing a good service to its residents.
- I go out every weekend litterpicking on the rural country roads. And the KBC cleansing team collect it. It is disgusting the amount of litter that is strewn across our highways. This will only get worse if you start charging for garden waste removal.
Are you going to start paying me for the work that I do helping you?
- The reorganisation of the Local Councils was forced upon us with no direct reference to rationalisation of services to save money and reflect the different life needs for rural and urban residents, what will be next.
If it ain't broken, why try to fix it!
- I've lived in East Northamptonshire where we chose not to participate as we lived near the HWRC. The option of popping to the tip at the end of the day worked well. We moved further away from the tip for a short spell in rented accommodation. it was a hassle to go. We the moved to Kettering and found the system much better. Most people have bins out most weeks. It is essential that the service pays for itself but make it so that people don't notice they are paying so the majority of people participate.
- I already pay for one bin. I use local recycling facilities I have bought a small trailer to keep my car clean and restricted to 6 a year
- I feel that if tax payments are going to cover the cost of the bins then an extra bin should be offered to larger houses such as 5 beds free of charge. We pay a high rate of tax due to the banding of our house yet we get nothing extra for it.
- As probably mentioned, I participate in the funding of many services that I don't use, for example I pay an estate management fee, as the new estate this wasn't adopted by the council, that doesn't mean I receive a decrease in my council tax because I don't use such services. Therefore, it should be one way, or the other. Residents pay for what they actually use, in its entirety. Or we all participate in the payments for everything, not excluding the garden waste bin.
- I think it green waste service is essential, but I do think it should be charged for and this charge should be the same for everyone across the area. It is currently unfair that some residents get it for free and others have to pay
- How would you prevent non payers filling the bins of those paying? Also how would the collectors know who had paid and who hadn't? The cost would be put only on those honest folks!
- This consultation is probably only a paper exercise as the decision has already been made - but charging the same amount for a property with a very small garden, as for a property with

extensive gardens is inherently unfair, and penalises those with limited space to compost or burn garden waste on site.

- Are nearest garden council site is a good 14 miles away which is not a very helpful service.
- At the moment in our village we have 2 companies collecting waste on different days. The companies are council contractors charging different amounts. This needs to be sorted so we have one price for everyone and one collection day.
- The council didn't think of the cost or the impact to the environment when it got rid of the Yellow vans and replaced with new one recently. Or when the roads are dug up by a company to lay their cables or pipes only for another company to come along as soon as the first one have finished
- What other services can you split so people that do not use them will not have to pay?
- Until a few years ago Oundle had an excellent recycling centre near East Road. This was closed by ENDC (just AFTER a local election). At present extra garden waste (seasonal pruning for example) has to be driven to Corby, as is other household material. As a step towards a greener region and planet it seems to me reinstating this facility, perhaps along with collection of specific electronics and some re-usable items, would be an excellent move.
- Many Gardens will be left unattended in low income areas... already feeling the pinch due to cost of living rises.
- At least you are consulting with the public unlike west Northants, albeit with loaded questions to get the answers you want!
- Definitely happy to pay as long as it works all year round.
- Could the bins be a little bigger?
- Education should be provided for homes on how to compost garden waste at home where possible. At least some of the volume of waste could be managed on site rather than the highly intensive process of the garden waste lorry coming to transport it. We only use the service out of necessity as we produce more than we can compost and our garden setup is challenging.
- I think people with a limited income and little interest in their garden would prefer the option of only paying for a 6 month service (April-Sept inclusive) rather than an annual year-round fee
- No
- It should be the same thing all over northants
- Does the council have any revenue from the compost made from the garden waste collected?
- Our village does not have private green bin collection. If the council are potentially charging for March - November collections then a one off direct debit payment should be made.
- None.
- The idea is appalling unless residents require extra garden waste bins, then they should pay a charge.
- Make it a Fred service even if you have to stick an extra £20 on everyone's Council Tax. Just drop the Unfair/uneven Charges its NOT on you you know it!
- If charges are introduced I feel that there would be another increase in fly tipping which will add to an already huge issue.
- I use [redacted] as a monthly subscription. For us is better than an upfront cost
- If I had 2 bins, I would not necessarily use both bins every week/ 2 weeks throughout the year. I would only be prepared to pay a service charge for one bin.
- My current service is all year round and I do make use of it all year, in fact we use it more in the winter months due to the amount of fallen leaves we need to dispose of.
- Some People may have paid around £477 since the charge was introduced, this amount should be refunded, a charge that some neighbouring have not found it necessary to impose.
- N/A

- It must be affordable, accessible and universally available. In terms of availability an option for 12 months collection is better than March-Nov but you could offer both at different prices.
- I feel the approach taken here is rather negative and naive.
I would prefer my council to be more aware of the benefits public services provide - in this case enhancing green spaces and enriching the environment.
Penny pinching approaches such as here often lead to unintended consequences and fail to recognise real values. As Oscar Wilde had it " ...knowing the price of everything and the value of nothing".
Councils should give leadership in weighing up the practical and efficient ways of delivering public benefits in my view. Too often a narrow and ultimately impoverishing view is what we get.
- The whole area should pay the same charge
- Is it possible to "train" the bin men to put the bins back to where they took them from instead of throwing / leaving them down the road. Silly question wasn't it?
- no mention is made of the bin size. This can be critical.
- Given that the vast majority receive a 'free' service this should be extended to cover the entire area.
I am happy that the season is shortened, and for charges for those who use the service and require more than one bin per fortnight.
- your point about not going to every street as is done now is invalid because there will be at least one bin in every street that will require emptying. Therefore the bin lorries will still be driving round every street looking for random bins as people don't always put them out fortnightly.
- no
- There's no section here to register an option of no charge, so has that been removed from the table already? Looks like we are being manoeuvred to comment on what level of charge we would accept.
- I feel fly tipping would increase ten fold.
The cost of living has risen so much that a lot of us are in the situation of heat or eat.
I'm disabled and been told I need to stop working but I can't because I can't afford to so my health is suffering
Our current tax "pays" for road repairs etc but the roads are terrible and the A14 between junction 9 to 13 is disgusting so what is our tax paying for.
With all this going on your now thinking of charging people for a service that we already pay for in our council tax, how is this right or fair.
- The council tax is too high as it is; the suggestion that more councillors are proposed has not been well-received. Pensioners and those on low incomes cannot afford to pay more.
- I believe [Redacted] council takes green waste and composts it and sells it back to the residents. Has this option been investigated as it would be an eco friendly and all be it small revenue stream for the council.
- We pay enough yet you want us to pay for garden waste disposal but happy to spend millions on so called improvements in the town centre
- I think it is unnecessary to run the service paid or unpaid all the year round as generally speaking there is not a lot of garden waste generated between November and March and the municipal household waste centre is available all the year round.
- Do not charge people for an essential service. We don't need more cuts.
- I feel like when we are paying more for council tax that it is not fair to get less for that money
- Some households just can't afford stuff like that and it's not fair to only have the more fortunate be able to use the service and let the poor suffer
- As one council now, we should definitely be all paying the same for our services, for East Northants to be paying more is disgusting.

- This has disgraceful behaviour!
- Pensioners do not need another increase in costs when there has been such a tiny increase in pension rates!!
- make sure all boroughs receive the same bin collection service
- I'm disappointed with this survey which seems heavily weighted towards 'we'll consult but we are going to do it anyway'!!
You have already put the council tax up this year, we don't need yet another cost to put more pressure on families and elderly residents.
- This should not be an additional charge. People gardening are adding environmental benefit and should be rewarded not penalised.
- If half the area already has free garden waste collection, and a total area charge is to be introduced... why do the suggested charges mentioned earlier start at £45 per annum. Surely £25-£30 would bring in the same revenue. Or do you envisage a large portion of previously free customers dropping out of the scheme if they have to pay??
- You are meant to be public servants! Serve the public, don't steal more money from them!
- We are being charged to the hilt now! Only gardens over 50ft should pay a nominal amount. I have a garden the size of a postage stamp!
You recycle the waste anyway and use it and also sell it back to us!
- If this service is not used can we assume that the council tax will be reduced accordingly.
- OTHER THAN THE TOTAL CHAOS AT THE TIP WHICH CAUSES TAIL BACKS AND CONGESTION, I FEEL UNLESS WE ARE PREPARED TO PAY THE UNFAIR FEE WE HAVE NO CHOICE OR OTHER OPTION TO DISPOSE OF OUR GARDEN WASTE, AS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS THIS SERVICE IS ESSENTIAL IT IS SIMPLY UNFAIR THAT SOME COUNCILS ALL WITHIN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RECEIVE THIS SERVICE FREE.
- Currently I think the service provided by the council i.e. land fill and recycling on alternative weeks is good and I think the refuse collectors should be thanked for the efficient way they empty the bins leave the empty bins safely and very rarely miss a bin.
- If we currently pay for our garden waste via the council tax payment if this scheme is introduced will our council tax decrease?
- Maybe the money from the sale of the compost for this service will actually offset the charge. Or give it as a rebate to all council tax payers yearly.
- Recycling needs to be encouraged. Surely there are ways that green waste can be used in a way that pays partly or fully the cost of collection.
- I think it is unnecessary to run the scheme during winter months, and this should be reflected in any charge made
- I believe it is not a good time to levy another charge on the people of this area. I believe fly tipping will increase. As people will feel this is an unjustified increase of council tax and a lot of people will be unwilling to pay.
- If a charge is introduced or a reduction in service provision to six months of the year then residents who currently pay for the service through their council tax should receive a reduction otherwise they will be paying the charge twice.
- See above - wasn't sure which box to use!
- The price should be the same for all users.
- I'd like the option not to pay for other services unless I use them.
- Houses in band E and above (i.e. with gardens) pay much more Council Tax, with no rebates or other discounts. They should not have to pay more for waste collection.
- Charge or not not make it fair !

- Those people who are not charged at present would complain that they were paying twice. Once through council tax and for the subscription.
- If residents are to pay for a garden waste collection service it will be incumbent on the council to provide the service in a manner that non payers cannot take advantage of (e.g. lockable bins) and to take proper enforcement action against those who fly tip garden waste or dispose of it in their black bins (yes that means random checks on black bins) A failure to enforce against offenders will be a slap in the face and offensive to any residents who subscribe to any paid for garden waste collection service and a moral failure by the council.
- What is wrong with this country. All you want to do is charge for everything. So we will have to pay just to breathe.
- Our Residents Association does not usually complain about the services provided by the Council
IN THIS CASE THIS IS A TRAVESTY
THE STRUCTURE OF THE CONSULTATION IS FLAWED AND DISHONEST
THE NEW COUNCIL IS ADDING A STEALTH TAX ON TO COUNCIL TAX PAYERS WHO IN THE PAST HAVE PAID AND ENJOYED THE SERVICE
- We all pay for things through our council tax we may not necessarily use however this is the point of taxation. Everyone paying an affordable amount to split the cost of services that many use. With the current cost of living crisis many people are having to make tough decisions on how to spend their money causing many to go into debt. This would be another addition to already spiraling costs of many things.
- I believe that as Council Tax charges have increased above inflation and that these services should be included. Perhaps monthly collection for Garden waste would be more appropriate.
- I believe that the council tax charges are high enough already and should cover this service. Perhaps monthly collections should be considered.
- Occasionally I can more than fill my brown bin during the fortnight. It would be great if we could put out sacks (I use old fertiliser bags) of garden waste on these few occasions for the crews to empty into the collection lorry, and then leave the empty sacks. That would save the environmental impact of me taking them to the tip when they are already there.
- The cost of recycling garden waste, if any, should reflect the current economic climate. Recycling garden waste should be promoted by the local authority due to the environmental benefits. It should be treated the same as other recycling.
The collection should be annual and not between a set period such as March to November. Whilst some households may not fill the bin all year round others will and the regular collection will encourage people to use it and to recycle.
This is an excellent opportunity for the local authority to promote gardening, protect the environment and converting the garden waste into compost which can be resold, at cost, to the local residents.
- The report does not appear to cost the provision of a free resource to E Northants, the only area which does not have a resource. That cost is likely to be minimal in the context of the Council's budget.
- Whichever method ends up being 'selected', the overriding important factor is that it is the same for ALL residents in the Authority!
- I think the best solution would be to have the service for the growing season only, as in Wellingborough, for a reduced cost
- I live in Wellingborough which does not have garden waste collection in the winter. This is not much of an inconvenience and I believe probably encourages households to let some dormant plants and fallen leaves lie until spring, which is better for insects.

I would also like to see the council consider combining garden waste and compostable food waste in their collection service. Fife council do this and it makes reducing food waste going to landfill much easier and cleaner.

- I think it's unfair for 1 area to have to pay for a service and not the others.
- Charging if necessary should be uniform throughout the county
- The £55 per year is good value, as it would cost me petrol to go to the recycling centre plus time. So for me with my disabilities it is helpful.
- They don't even collect the bins on time or even collect them sometimes 5 days in and still my estate is waiting to have recycling collected!!!!
- If a charge is made for a service and the compost that is made from it. It should be free to the service user. A charge should not be made for the compost if a service user pays for the service.

If the service was free the compost could be made available for everyone to purchase and the purchase price would cover some of the service cost

- People in many areas of the county have had free garden waste collections for many years. We in East Northants have always had to pay, it's time to level things up.

If anything those who've paid for the last year should get their first year under a new charging system free to recompense them a bit.

- It's not a consultation when you've already made up your mind what you're doing - bringing in charges for Kettering and Corby - asking me if I think you should charge once or twice a year. The fact that you have offered "cheque" as a method of payment says an awful lot about NNC. It's 2022.
- The need to travel for garden waste disposal at key times of the year mean long queues and the environmental impact of households driving to the recycling centre maybe be mitigated by the council taking responsibility of garden waste disposal. So from a sustainability perspective this looks to be a more beneficial way of ensuring our waste is appropriately recycled.
- Why can't the East of the county have their service for free like the rest of the county. Why should the rest of the County match what they do. Why can't that part of the county match the rest of us. If you were going to charge for any of the services I wouldn't have thought it would be one that will help make the council money (making compost and selling it)
- I have always been interested in home composting but it's not something I've ever done, the garden is relatively small. Would the council consider offering some home compost bins to residents which we can buy via the council to encourage home composting?

I don't think £50 a year is unreasonable for the service, however as I live in a currently free service location it would seem an annoyance given the cost of living crisis. I'm not convinced many of my neighbours would use the service and I would worry that people would leave their garden waste on the roadside, or be less inclined to care for their gardens. It is a tricky one as I understand the council's predicament. I think a home compost alternative could be a good idea for many. If people need more than one green bin for their garden I do think they could charge extra for that.

Could the council consider a monthly green bin collection during the growing season instead of fortnightly which could keep the service free? Then along with home composting guidance it might be good for residents? Worst case they could take their green waste to the tip but I doubt many people's green bins would fill up that quickly, as after a few days you can always squeeze more in as it dries out

- Please keep the service going. Just over a pound a week is not a big amount for us gardeners to pay.
- Some areas do not have to pay. It is not fair that other areas do.

- I currently pay the council an annual fee for garden waste collection but the reality is that I only really have waste to collect and hence put bin out from April to Oct. From observation in my village I would say most other residents who subscribe to the service are similar. Hence for 4-5 months a year the lorry is driving around wasting fuel and resources with little or nothing to collect.
So why not reduce the the number of months it operates and reduce the subscription charge accordingly or of course include within overall charge
- You can't have 1 half of the county paying for the disposal and one half not
Reduce the charge to around £25 for everyone and collect all the year round .
- Make it fair for everyone. East Northants pay the highest amount of council tax and we have to pay extra for our green waste collection. This is not exactly harmonised across the whole of north Northamptonshire
- Stop bleeding the residents of Kettering dry for your incompetence, learn how to spend the money better, so residents don't have to subsidize all these silly schemes so you can claim money back that has been poorly spent.
- Let us have a garden waste bin free of charge like any other council! Why should Wellingborough be penalised?!?!?!?
- No comment
- Having now seen the part about garden waste collections costing the council £3 million a year, I'd rather see that money go towards repairing our pot hole ridden roads. As a result, I feel an annual cost of £30-40 to use the service for everyone across the county would be fair.
- Could you also consider a community scheme, where a street share a bin and each contribute. Some houses may only have minimal waste and low incomes but not be able to dispose of it. This would allow them to share the service and cost. It would also help to bring communities together. It might help you get more younger people helping and supporting those in their community with their gardens.
- Get people bins that way they won't dump it by the roadside. If everyone has one less need to take to recycling centre so more can be taken there (non garden) why not include it in council tax charge /dd even if you pay over 10 month more people likely to sign up as amount would be negligible each month?
- if everyone has to pay surely the charge should be cheaper
- To all be the same, pay or not pay
- Could a bin discount incentive to subscribers be provided in the form off beneficial rates to purchase local authority composted garden waste??
- If garden waste collection is offered on an opt in basis. Everything covered by council tax should be offered that way as well. For example, I pay for highways management and see no evidence at all of road care. Haven't seen a pot hole crew for years. Irthlingborough high street is a state. Fix it, or don't expect me to pay for it.
- Please do not ask people, who already face increasing charges/prices, with further cash grabs and stealth taxes by NNC.
- Nothing to add.
- The service of keeping areas clean is responsibility of the council by imposing additional costs it will cost you more a flytipping explodes. It is false economy and short sighted on your part. Think of folks who do their bit to keep our area clean and tidy, may not have the ability to pay or have transport to take to the tip
- There should be concessions for Senior Citizens.
- collection of garden waste should be free but only collected in the growing season
- I understand that councils are squeezed by central governments need to balance the books- however I do believe that local communities, and councils who serve those communities, should,

wherever possible, look to increase the positive ways in which they can support the lives and lifestyles of their citizens- in order to safeguard the fabric of the society of which we are a part. Within that context the price to pay by neglecting basic human expectations is great I would argue.

- Presumably the Council receives some form of payment from Farmers etc who receive the green waste for compost? Surely this income could help keep any necessary charges to the Public for collection to a minimum.
- Regarding rubbish
Why can you not have once a month or longer or shorter timescale of collection of large rubbish or unwanted products collected by the council. This would help stop fly tipping . It also acts as a recycling as people can collect someones unwanted item
It works abroad why are we so slow.
It is environmentally friendly , stops fly tipping and is a good community practice.
- Has anyone from North Northamptonshire Council looked at other authorities which have charged but then back tracked their decision? [Redacted] Council made a complete reversal of their chargeable garden waste scheme as it didn't provide any cost savings as their assumption they'd save £1 million simply didn't happen! Many residents didn't sign up to their new chargeable service and thousands of tonnes of green waste ended up in the refuse bin instead at great expense so now the city council has reintroduced a standard service as part of the council tax. If you expect that your residents are suddenly going to take up home composting then this is a flawed idea too as most people wouldn't entertain the idea of a compost heap in their gardens. With all the recycling most households undertake now, this leaves spare capacity in the black refuse bin which will no doubt be crammed full of compostable garden waste- if you think this is not the case then just have a look on Facebook and read what the public you serve are saying!
- Any changes made should result in a free of charge service for all residents across the county.
- N/A
- Sort out our finances.... There is enough money but it is frittered away
- I would just like to reiterate that a large %of my garden waste is due to council trees. I already clear up after them in my garden and it would be grossly unfair if I had to pay for that waste to be removed.
- Free garden waste for 9 months of the year would save a lot of my recycling centre trips (as an old toaster can stay in the garage until I have a few bits, garden waste really smells up the garage fast) so may reduce traffic at the centres and with one truck doing all the driving reduce overall CO2
- All taxpayers should be treated the same. At the moment, those in the old ENC are having to both pay for Green waste disposal and to subsidise those in other parts of NNC. In fact, if a harmonised service is provided, they should get a year free or a rebate for having been in this position since NNC was created!
- We had a good recycling centre in Oundle which, amongst other things, accepted garden waste in Oundle which was closed by the council some years ago. This was very short-sighted. Since then, there has been more fly-tipping locally.
- The annual amount we pay for council services has already increased, the parking permits for Northants country parking are being split and therefore increased and now you want to charge for brown bin collection.
- My council tax has increased £18 per month in the 2 years of unitary Council. All my waste should be collected free of charge.
- See above

- Having a collection by one vehicle will reduce the number of private vehicles traveling to a waste centre, thus reducing fuel use & emissions.

The compost recycled by the council can be sold to offset costs incurred on collection.

- It sounds like the decision to charge has already been made. As the questions are suggestive of this which is disappointing.

Anything over £40 yearly would be too much. Especially as the cost of living has increased including council tax.

- April to December would be better for collecting garden waste.

November/ December is a good time for pruning / clearing fallen leaves/ last lawn cuttings so November is too early to stop.

A house should only need 1 garden waste bin- if it needs 2 the garden should be big enough to compost within the garden.

- An inclusive service for all (subscription free service) between end of March- Nov (or even until oct) would be the most sensible and realistic option.

People budgets are already pushed to the max with the huge cost of living crisis. Most households will simply not be able to afford an extra £40-55 a year for this service.

The entry/exit point to the local waste centre (Weldon) is already inadequate and if people have to visit to dispose of green waste, it will put more pressure on the roads around the area not to mention pollution and the environmental impact if one is having to travel to and fro with a full boot of waste (even more so if they find they can't get access at the recycling centre as they were not able to queue for access) In this instance, it would also encourage fly tipping.

It would negatively affect the environment as more cars on the road to dispose of waste and without doubt, flytipping would increase and teams would have to attend to remove it quickly (so as not to encourage more fly tipping) although in practice, it is woefully apparent that this area of the council is already stretched and understaffed and fly tipping and litter is already a grave concern across the county (the litter issue across the country is a huge issues already).

There will be many who will chose to dispose of green waste in black bins because they simply won't or can't travel to the recycling centre and can't pay for alternatives which may cause a rise in residents burning waste at home which can be dangerous if not done so properly causing more issues to health and potentially the environment.

I'm not keen on this 'pick and mix' approach to providing council services and it's a slippery path.

Do people with children pay more for certain services? What about those that use libraries?

Also a note that I understand the green waste is used to make fertiliser- presumably the council is paid for this? Surely the income from this can be part used toward the cost of providing this service since the council is profiting from households waste anyway?

- I am extremely angry that this anomaly has not been rectified.
- I recently put my garden waste bin out for collection, but it wasn't emptied on that day. When I phoned the Council to ask why, I was told that my year's subscription had elapsed, which was not helpful, as I hadn't had any notice that it was due to expire whatsoever! If I had been notified by email or letter, I would of course have paid immediately. Naturally I paid over the phone straight away, but in future I will pay by direct debit.

It really would have been helpful to received some notification beforehand. My bin has since been emptied, but I have already filled the bin, and now have another fortnight to wait until it is emptied!

- None other than those in previous point.
- Council should team up with a provider to arrange a 'special offer' for compost bins including a leaflet explaining how composting works. This would not need to cost the Council money as the commercial operator would be making money on the bins sold and gaining lots of free publicity.

Existing bin men could tie a message about this service onto the handles of the green bins of local residents.

Please make the existing service continue and charge across the County. Council funds should not be used to pay for garden waste collection (except if this is necessary to make the service viable).

- In this current climate, how can you in all fairness even think of charging people more. Gardens have proved to help mindfulness and mental health
- Keep the free service even if it's just reduced to the summer months
- This is the stupidest thing you could do at a time where everyone is being impoverished through the severe cost of living crisis.
Be less [redacted].
- 1 First of all, being a customer of the green waste bin service, from the now defunct ENDC, for a number of years and having renewed just recently, I find it extremely disquieting that I only found out about this questionnaire from a local FB entry and not being advised of it by the council as an existing customer. Surely as such I (and others like me) should have been regarded as a principal stakeholder and our views sort as a matter of urgency in the early stage rather than finding out about it in the manner in which I did. It is not beyond anyone's realm of comprehension that talking directly to the principal customers should be an integral part of the process and as undoubtedly you hold the mail addresses of the existing customers it would take no time at all to send a mailshot to us all.
2 Upon renewal for this year, it appeared that the charging process had been changed to direct debit only (although I had previously paid by bankers card) and I found no option for a 6 month renewal which previously existed so there appears to be now no 1/2yrlly charge for the growing season only and we're expected to pay for a full year when little or no waste is collected. This I find somewhat shocking and it appears to me that it is just a process to maximise income and not providing a value for money service.
3 Whilst trying to be not too cynical having read at the time of the plan to have a wider consultation to report around September - if this recommends a free service does this mean that those in ENDC who it appears are being manipulated into paying for 12 months receive a refund?.
- Harmonisation of garden waste across the whole of North Northamptonshire has to be free and not at a charge. Our council tax bills are high enough.
Harmonisation of all the wheelie bin sizes also should happen. Why should residents of other local authorities have a standard household waste bin and residents of the former East Northamptonshire authority have narrow bins.
Equality for all.
- Make the garden collection free
- My partner is disabled. Getting heavy garden waste in and out of the car and taking it to the tip will be extremely difficult.
- It will reduce traffic to and from recycling centres and traffic
- Cut the trees on pavements
- As an incentive, could subscribers be allowed (encouraged) to buy the composting site - eg Lowick - product?
- I believe the frequency of the service should be varied to match the demands of the growing season and particularly that associated with pruning times in spring and autumn. Less frequent winter collections would still be needed as the bins are also used to dispose of animal bedding. If a subscription were to be introduced, then it should be matched to the council tax house banding system - more expensive, larger houses will tend to have larger gardens and produce proportionally more waste!

- Instead of planting all those flowers upgrade the town ask the residents what they want to see in their town
- THERE SHOULD BE NO CHARGE
- Other incentives to increase green recycling must continue, such as supplying compost bins at a reduced cost to residents.
- No thanks
- Currently in Kettering food waste is disposed of in the green waste bin, however there is currently no consultation on the collection of food waste. Surely these two things affect each other. If the current garden waste collection changes to a seasonal collection or paid collection, what will happen to the food waste collection for either the rest of the year or those in flats etc who don't need to pay for a garden waste collection service? Are there other alternatives such as the potential to use garden waste for anaerobic digestion and the potential financial benefits or for residents to use technology to inform the council when the green waste bin needs emptying?
- I'm actually horrified to realise that I've been paying more tax so SOME have this for free, AND paying for garden collection. Double whammy. I'd like to see that addressed somehow.
- Why wasn't this charge included in the council rates bill. There will be an outcry if everyone gets a separate bill.
- Free for all- taken out of tax payer money. People can opt in or out for the free service by going onto the council website
- The recycling centres should be open all week without restrictions...too many turned away and there us too much rubbish dumped in the lanes. Council makes too many rules and it too difficult to dispose of items..
There would be much less administration costs too. Residents need to get something for their money!!!! Don't get much else!
- If charges are to be imposed, then they should not start until the Council's new financial year.
- When will me street be cleaned and grass cut?
- We in the north of the county are badly served in terms of recycling centres. Corby is a 20 mile drive and Kettering further. There used to be a centre at Oundle which I could use but this was closed. Additional centres might reduce the need for kerbside collection.
However, if I were to use a trailer in order to reduce the number of journeys, I believe that I would be limited to 6 visits per annum.
All of this means that a kerbside collection i necessary.
- It seems to me that the survey questions are geared to to lead the customer to elect for some form of payment scheme
- I note that there is a proposal to increase the number of NCC Councillors from 78 (currently) to 88 (immediately), and possibly to 99 within 10 years. Reducing the number of Councillors to 45 (as originally envisaged) would immediately release £412,500 (£12,500 x 33), with potential further savings of up to £125,000 (£12,500 x 10) and £137,500 (£12,500 x 11) if the proposed increases in Councillor numbers are scrapped.
- I strongly suspect that a decision has already been made to charge whatever we say, but I do stress this point that whilst the Council may have commitment, so do we as residents. Yes, we have our pensions and savings but they are being sorely tested now and for the foreseeable future.
As this area has NOT charged previously, it will be unwelcome and cause hardship to a number of people. We have over the last few years now seen Wellingborough Council levelling up its charges and quite honestly there are occasions when we feel let down
- This survey is totally bias towards a payment system!

- You should continue giving the bins free North Northamptonshire Council need to prove they are capable of run the Council better before they add any further charges at the moment I don't believe you are listening to the people
- The collection of these bins during the growing season would be sufficient.
- An all year round service would be beneficial but this could be reduced during the winter months (once a month?).
The lack of waste recycling facilities in the rural East unfairly disadvantages those living there (since the closure of Oundle) - it would be fairer to partially subsidise/provide extra capacity FOC to those that we further from waste recycling facilities (>10miles?)
- As above
- What about the impact on the environment and wildlife, as Fly Tipping would increase.
- I AM NOT IN FAVOUR OF THE COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING A SUBSCRIPTION CHARGE FOR THE COLLECTION OF GARDEN WASTE.
- This is yet another example of an uncaring tory council trying to mitigate it's own financial failings at the expense of already hard pressed residents. All household bills are rising including council tax. As a realist i expect to pay more as general prices rise and also expect that to be reflected in council tax increases for the whole range of the barely adequate services my council provides. Any idiot can see that it makes more sense to levy a general rate from all contributors for the entire range of services that the council provides. Just asking gardeners to pay for the garden waste service goes against the principle of a caring society. Do we only pay for other services on the basis of use? Of course not and this should be no different.
- Whilst I understand the need to bring services in line across the region, now councils have merged. The council has a responsibility to residents to manage their tax properly and offer good value for a tax that increases year on year. So I certainly think given the current state of cost of living, public services should be looking to make life more affordable, not adding more costs to the list! A more streamlined service across the county (Less collections per year), for no charge, and/or a small increase to everyones tax would be the better way to go.
Also Garden waste collection is already quite hit and miss, often having to leave bins out for days to be collected, so being charged for a substandard service would be a bitter pill!
- Instead of just asking "should the service be the same across the region", where was the option to say no one should pay by subscription?
- Local tips should be open 7 days a week - apart from anything else, it might reduce fly tipping.
- Corby does not currently benefit for an all year round garden waste collection service.
This has the potential to be the thin end of the wedge: do/should households with two black bins (non-recyclable waste) pay more to have the additional bin emptied.
Charging for it's collection and disposal has the potential to encourage fly tipping of garden waste.
- See above
- Please don't cut the garden waste collection service.
- There are about 55 to 60 million people in this country, there are about 1.5 to 2 BILLION people in [Redacted] and [Redacted] who are carrying on the way they always have, whatever we do in this country will make no difference to the environment in the long run so do us all a favour and just stick it all in the ground and keep your hands out of our pockets.
- I personally think that you charge enough council tax already and it's no hardship to empty the green bin once a fortnight.
- What about elderly or disabled people who would be unable to go to recycling centre. They have already stopped cutting grass here resulting in some of us having to live with the overgrown mess.

- Unless the Council cut down their messy tree I will not pay. I would only pay for my own waste which is very little
- Taxes seem to go up each year, yet there is a perception that the services seem to reduce.
- Strongly against paying for a service. I would only need a few times a year at the most. Live on Disability benefits as it is. Struggling to pay extra charges.
- I think that in this country we are already overtaxed, let us please enjoy our gardens in peace
- I believe that in order to actively encourage people to compost at home the materials needed to do so should be supplied or made affordable for all residents. I believe a compost bin should be supplied in place of a green waste bin to encourage at home composting. Otherwise, as stated above, people will dispose of green waste with general waste.
- Bills have gone up enough people are already struggling don't put this burden on people there is no need
- We only receive a fortnightly collection which during the summer is not enough. We are paying for 12 months of the year even though over December/January we only receive one collection due to Christmas and fortnightly collections. Invariably the bin is not used during the winter months so with a fortnightly collection we only have an average of 15 collections a year. I see it will cost £42 a year so over £2 a collection. We were paying more than this previously
- As above
- This questionnaire uses a mixture of "if it was" (always incorrect) and "if it were" and I find the bad grammar an issue that detracts from the business in hand. The rule of grammar is "the verb in a conditional clause -an "if" clause- always takes the subjunctive tense". Were. Shall. Not the past tense, "was", because the event hasn't happened!
- What about disabled people. would they be expected to pay the full fee
- I would like to see numbers of how many households currently use the green bin service in all areas and the percentage who pay and how many households do not have gardens
When will we see the results of this consultation together with numbers and answers?
- Absolutely disgusted that you as a council are starting your new tenure by penalising residents for recycling! Surely you should be helping residents by strongly encouraging recycling and not charging for it.
- Go back to basics and follow best practice. Do not take a short sighted view and one which is poorly evidenced. Wait for the response from the Government on garden waste.
A council is elected to serve its population not to introduce new policy on the basis of harmonisation.
Do not implement a policy that is likely to cause further costs to the population at a time of people are already struggling with the cost of living.
Do not implement a policy that is contrary to other policies and was not voted on by the local population. Council tax is supposed to be representative of the services that are required at a local level.
Fully consider the benefits of gardening from both the physical and mental health perspectives. Fully consider the short and long terms cost implications of the proposed charging for garden waste collection. This includes the costs and impact such changes will have on other policy areas.
- why should residents like myself pay a subscription when it has been funded by part of the council tax that we pay. We are already paying for this service, this feels like a double charge if it is brought in. If the charge is brought in then the refuse centre will need to be open for many more hours and days than they currently are.
- Unless you break down the council tax bill to suit everyone's individual needs, keep it as included in the council tax.

I see many green bins out on bin collection day so I see this as an extra revenue making scheme to cover the huge losses from poor council money management over the past few years.

- A continued way by NNC to get money from residents to cover the cost of their 15 million pound court settlement.
- Charge the people using the service & encourage home composting.
- A personal Compost bin at home is no good to me I have no use for Compost but you could set them up in areas which could benefit from compost bins, allotments, green space, woods, farms etc. Could encourage disposal this way which would benefit the environment.
- If people are forced to use waste/recycle plants to dispose of garden waste there will be more vehicles on the roads, more traffic, more pollution. Also results in dirty cars- so more water/electricity usage to regularly clean cars.

Survey was very biased- not very user friendly, very limited, did not have valid arguments opposed to paying a subscription.

- No use of the service --no charge.
- Talking bins, could the food waste (outside bin) be larger or an option to have a larger bin say for large families or heavy use households? There are 3 of us in our house and we eat a lot of fruit and veg. Our food waste bin is usually overflowing 4 days after collection. We do not garden so cannot compost at home. Melon skins, fruit peel and further food waste rapidly accumulate.
- There is cost to collecting but is there not an income to offset it from the products produced? Compost etc
- It's disappointing that such measures have to be introduced. The council is generally discouraging people to have gardens/lawns, which could massively affect the growth of wildlife, e.g., birds, and insects. Many people will opt for artificial lawns, which would have long-term impact on the environment. So please be different from other councils and continue to offer free collection of garden waste. You do not have to follow others and offer consistent services so appears isomorphic. Thanks!
- I currently compost certain products at home and dislike the meat compost bin so don't use it. There should be a tax rebate if you use home composting and/or something to rebate if you buy council compost.

I don't feel that the UK uses compostable material in the best way

- Garden waste should be commercially composted and utilised by the council for their own resource or sold for payment of the services.
- Please allow people who have bought the pick up to have their additional bags of waste to be picked up (at no additional charge)
- I'm registered disabled & on benefits. With the cost of living ever increasing but the benefits not rising to cover this I have to use food banks. I simply cannot pay for my garden waste to be collected.
- I would like to know how much revenue this provides the council (£3m to run but no mention of the monies raised) in the interest of fairness and open transparency this should also be disclosed.
- Should not have closed the recycling centre in Oundle
- Bills for living have already increased, I don't need to re-iterate it. This would be just another hammer blow to the residents in this county.
- Households who refuse to pay will probably make more frequent trips to the tip, this would lead to an increase in traffic and air pollution
- Negative impact would be if you cannot find the way around the North Northamptonshire website as it is not the easiest site to us compared to the old East northants site
- No extra pay!

- This cost is already being paid by council tax that increases over £100 every year. I'm sure that's more than enough to cover the costs.
- It's rubbish like this that is making me angry with the council
- I think everybody should pay for the service just as everyone pays for schools, library etc. regardless if they use them or not.
- Don't make this decision. It's ludicrous that you think pushing the financial burden onto already struggling families is acceptable. Run your budgets correctly, cut down on executive bonuses and corporate jollies and streamline your systems.
- It's an absolute outrage!!!!
- Historically the local authority have removed all household waste without an additional levy, why now should we pay more on top of the excessive council tax we have to pay, I think it is outrageous.
- This is about principal rather than the amount, see my earlier comment.
- See above.

Please tell me how a neighbour deals with garden rubbish that does not originate from their own garden if they are paying for this service. There are many residents who share bins through mutual agreement. How is this going to work in the future ?

What happens when a neighbour puts their garden waste into your bin without agreement ? This already happens and if the council looks at its records it will see that this is a problem in the case of black bins. The council has previously indicated that bins do not belong to a specific property and therefore residents can not really stop other placing rubbish into them. Rather the rubbish goes into the bins than on the streets was the view provided. However, what will happen with green bins if each resident is paying for that service. This is a recipe for confrontation between residents where relationships may already be strained.

- This "survey" has been so poorly advertised that almost nobody will reply. The makes the whole exercise invalid.
- Education is required on what to do with garden waste and what NNC do. Composting bins would be useful.
- I would suggest that garden waste is picked up by council at no extra cost between April- November once a month instead of every other week. This means every household that has a garden will definitely put their green bins out as grass cutting is usually done every other week or in the summer once a week. This would mean garden waste bins would be full enough for households to take out on garden waste collection day.
- Composting by individual households is the best solution to dealing with garden waste as you have indicated.

However, I compost some garden waste but with a large garden, including large areas of grass, along with hedges and shrubs, it is not possible to compost everything. What to do with the rest? Put it in the landfill bin - never. Put it in a bag (probably plastic, that has had a negative environmental impact in its production) and use my car to take to the "tip" - a 30 mile round trip, so an appalling waste of fuel and time and harmful to the environment; again, never. Best solution - put in a brown bin for central kerbside collection which is what I currently do and by having collection all year round all my garden waste is taken care of. As the alternatives to this are bad for everyone it seems fair that waste is collected centrally. Should I pay for this - no, as it has benefits for everyone, most notably by being the most environmentally friendly solution. If I continue to have to pay an additional fee for this service then everyone - ie those in other parts of the county or indeed country - should also have to! Obviously for those currently enjoying a free service this would be very unpopular!

Brown bins should not be issued automatically to all households. Any household wanting to use a brown bin would need to register to receive the bin and, on an annual basis, register for FREE

collection. This avoids unnecessary journeys by collection vehicles to households not using the service and enables use of appropriate sized vehicles.

- If you have to make a charge to individuals then the charge should be based on useage.
- There should be large community bins for green waste to encourage users to dispose of waste properly. Recycling centres for a small amount of waste is simply not going to happen. AND btw there should be textile community bins. It's ridiculous to put items of clothing in general waste bin (assuming not suitable for charity).

The whole of Europe work on basis of community waste successfully.

- Come on you faceless council representatives - THINK OF THE PEOPLE FOR A CHANGE, instead of your own pockets. This also applies to the faceless chief executive (overpaid) and managers.

KEEP PEOPLE INFORMED OF YOUR DECISIONS - YOU NEVER DO.

COMMUNICATION IS THE ART OF KEEPING PEOPLE SATISFIED - SOMETHING WHICH YOU BUREAUCRATS ARE LACKING IN. I DO NOT EVEN KNOW WHO MY COUNCILOR IS - NO ONE HAS EVER INFORMED ME.

- If this scheme is implemented, any savings should be passed on to those who do not have a garden.
- Are the council able to offset the costs by selling garden waste to composting facilities or Biomass producers they must require lots of materials for their buisness.
- No further comments
- strongly object to this proposal , we pay enough rates as it is and many people will not be able to afford it , save money elsewhere , would rather see tidy gardens than subsidised art galleries that a minority use , look at little used things rather than a service used by many many people.
- Home composting encourages VERMIN. In an urban environments estates could therefore be over run by RATS.
- So sad that our council has been affected by an amalgamation
We lived very comfortably without joining other areas.
- None
- We pay council tax that keeps going up yet you want more money. You introduced the multiple collections and bins, we never asked for it and now you want to stealth tax us by saying garden collection is additional. Also it was you that merged the councils (again we didn't ask for it) so why are we paying because they are different? Northampton council wasted money and this is a way of clawing it back at our expense, disgusting!
- This survey has only allowed comments on a charged for service which seems to suggest that a decision has already been made and this is just a tick box exercise.
- There are other private firms offering a garden refuse collection service, but the East Northants Council looked after us better. Long may it continue under the new Council.
- We don't want roadside fly-tipping of garden waste.
It's bad enough seeing mattresses and cast-off white-goods etc at the roadside. We don't want to see dumps of garden waste there too.
Nor do we want garden weeds dumped, along with their seeds which will probably blow about and germinate nearby.
An additional comment:
The Council talks about an environmentally friendly policy. Do they have a policy on wood burning stoves? Wood burning pollutes the atmosphere and is amazingly anti-social. It is quite unpleasant for neighbours, especially those with problems such as asthma.
- This questionnaire asks questions that presume taking up the paid for service, hence I have not answered questions that make that assumption

- I think it's really poor that residents haven't been informed of this consultation. Stealth politics isn't going to get you reelected.
If the charge is introduced I will expect a refund on the wheelie bin that I had to purchase when I moved in and will no longer be using.
- Perhaps if your going to charge more you can improve on everything else we pay for. I cannot even see my house in the dark because the street lights are so poor. It's not safe to walk the streets at night because it's too dark. There are no police on the streets which we pay for. Give us what we pay for and then ask us if we want to pay more!
- There should be consistency across North Northamptonshire council.
Not other areas which have their own councils.
Reducing the collections to growing season only should nearly halve the cost to the council.
- Make it free for everyone!!!! It's going green
- Ridiculous amount we already pay to the council to be charged for this service
- I do not want to pay anymore for what I consider a necessary service. I am already paying £200 per month towards services.
I can't afford it
- Nothing else to add.
- Get rid of some of the overpaid dead wood at the top of the Council
- This is another poor show from the council, why would I want to pay extra for something I receive for free? I also pay extra charges where I live, around £250 a year as you don't cut the grass or maintain the area so we have to pay that ourselves. So why should I pay even more on top of the extortionate fees you already charge? Every year you charge more! The service has never and will never improve. People are already struggling with bills and this will make the issue worse. It will also lead to more fly tipping which impacts nature and spoils more countryside. This will then fall to the council to arrange cleanups costing even more money.
- If the service charge was introduced will local residents get a part refund in their council tax as this service should be covered in it?
Has this also been introduced due to the changes with charges at tips so money needs to be earned elsewhere!
If this service was introduced I'd been appalled at the council. It is disgusting that you have once again raised council tax AND now charging for more services which SHOULD be covered by council tax. Once again is council tax been used where it shouldn't and residents have to pick up the bill.
The trust in this council is questionable with previous spending schemes and this adds more fuel to the fire.
Instead of looking at the green garden bin service why don't you actually support towns like Corby and Kettering which look a disgrace and have fell into disrepair due to a lack of funding!
- I appreciate my garden waste being collected and do strongly believe everyone should pay for it with no exceptions. I was shocked to find out other areas of northamotnshire were collected free. If doing this causes more waste to be dumped at roadsides then it should be reconsidered and amalgamated into the council tax as a whole, thereby compulsory for all
- Keep the garden waste service free but limit to the growing season for collection.
- At one time everything was included in the rates now we are having to pay everything separate and it is so unfair
- I would be ecstatic if you were holistic and lessened restrictions to deal with problems where you are the causitive factor. This survey is already constructed in a manner that almost makes certain that will not happen. Shame on you!

- To cut costs, reduce the number of collections to 4-weekly, which would be ample for (probably) most people; those who need the service more regularly would have the option of paying for more bins if they felt it necessary.

Alternatively, carry on as we are at the moment - just bring everyone into line with the number of collections that are made. It's worked so far!

- Our current Council Tax bill is £1524.09 annually
Collection of general and garden waste is the only visible and regularly used service, we as a house hold receive for our council tax. In Geddington we have :

1. No Police presence.
2. Our road has no street lighting.
3. Pot holes which are never mended.
4. Street Drainage that does drain effectively and is never maintained.
5. Speed cameras, a safety measure, by your own admission, which do not function.

We could go on.....

Due to the nature of our household we do not call on services such as education., Therefore, based on your argument for additional charges relating to the needs of specific households, we would look forward to a significant reduction in our council tax as we do not use education facilities we we currently contribute too but do not benefit from.

- Please make your selves more accessible by phone
- The bin services are quality services to residents of NNC it is not fair to implement another charge across the board for service users when so many things have been increased with the cost of living.

If people cannot dispose of their garden waste by kerbside collections they will let the gardens been overgrown and then flytipping garden waste the list goes on....

- I think it would be a good idea to have skips delivered locally so that households can fill them up with random items that are too large to be taken to the local recycling site i.e. not fitting into a car, and perhaps this would stop a lot of fly tipping issues.

The skips could be placed at different street locations and the Council websites could have dates/locations listed for this.

- What you think would be saved by introducing a charge, will be spent on additional staff, vehicles to clear the additional fly tipping this will cause. There will be people burning rubbish & if they are careless then possibly emergency services would be needed.
- Already pay, never really agreed with extra charging as that's what we've always paid council tax for however will continue to pay as long as everyone does.
- I don't believe a charge should be made, we will see even more flytipping!
- North Northamptonshire need to reconsider this tax, as it is a service which should be provided within the Council Tax. As it is, it is only provided twice a month for 7 months.
- I feel that the council tax should cover the cost. Do you make compost with the garden waste and then sell it??
- Charge people with extra bins. Eg my neighbour has 4 black bins but pays for 1
- The service has been provided within the Kettering area as part of the services paid for in general charges just because it has been amalgamated into the north Northants area shouldn't mean that It disappears as a service. Providing the service only when it's actually needed ie through the growing season for garden waste is a sensible and rational option however I assume that for those households that don't compost then kitchen waste is still generated and would be an issue during the months you propose no collections.
- East Northants Council can't teach us anything.
Remember [Redacted] and the £4million? With competent control these things shouldn't happen.
Why introduce a policy from one part of the area just to pay.

I'd listen to what the Greens say about this.

- As I said, I am happy with the service as it is at the moment so I oppose having to pay extra for garden waste disposal which should be collected as it is.
- Look in house for fairness and cost saving before you start trying to pass costs onto the general public. Too many historic issues and paperwork exercises cost us a fortune and you continue to allow these to exist. Get your management sorted and your workers inline with private companies then start to deal with external cost savings/cutting. Free rides should stop for your management and workers it's too common!
- It is nice to have a clean and tidy borough so service is essential.
- Feel we all pay a lot of tax already and for what services? Town is probably in the worst condition I have seen it in years.
- I feel the council are holding to ransom by changing the rules. People with grass need the service and will have no choice but to pay. In times where things are tough for households in the county. Just make it universal that no one pays extra and it is covered by council tax. If that seems unfair then just ensure those in flats do not pay the garden element.
- Households who don't have gardens could have their own tax band that would take this into account. Example Band B (without garden) being cheaper than just a band B.
- Council tax is high enough now, without additional charges
- As there is a cost of living crisis now please keep the subscription charge to a minimum to not cause extra hardship.
- Stop trying to save money and charging us more! Times are hard as it is!
- I think it disgusting. It will just cause more rubbish being dumped
- Once a month collections
Education for households on using compost bins
- More bills more stress and fear for anyone on lower wages / benefits. Would like to know the alternatives.
- Why not have bins in certain areas of villages for people to use rather than one each.
- This should not be a separate subscription service. People should not be penalised for failures of the council and expensive vindictive court cases they pursued.
- Stop ripping of people and over charging for poor services
- Educated people on the benefits of composting and growing at home. This could help reduce the waste. Tie in with local farmers, youth groups, schools and allotment users to see if any of the waste is useful to them. One man's waste is another man's treasure as they say.
- If you only do the collection service from March to November this would cut down on the yearly overall cost and therefore you would not have to charge £55
- I think consistency is the way to go but reducing the collections to once a month or fewer months would be better
- All the different bins are so we do more for our environment which has took people (some) a long time so this helps a lot & if you was to charge people for garden waste when we already pay for the bins it would be so negative as people would just fly tip making that bad for the environment! We pay so so much to the council especially us the poorest & I can't & won't pay more
- I have to pay for street lighting but don't have any.
- What's council tax for?
- The council tax pays for all services already including garden waste, so no extra levy should be made.

- This has been brought in at a very raw time and I think it is HIGHLY inappropriate, and inconsiderate! in the future when things settle down I think that it would be easier digest however I dont think now is the right time!
- Life is to expensive already for a pensioner!
- Stop wasting money on unnecessary things, the councils history of wasting public money is a joke
- Currently, in Oundle, my very elderly mother cannot afford to pay for the garden waste bin, so gets me to journey to her house every fortnight to collect her garden waste. It's a waste of my petrol and hard for me, but there is no option. She has friends in Kettering and Corby and cannot understand why they don't pay.
- I annually pay council tax to supplement the police budget whether or not I use them, and seeing that Corby doesn't have a Police station or access, I don't see how paying for waste collection is any different.
- I have a small garden with lawn and shrubs. I cannot understand why people don't have compost bins. I have two - one degrading and one in use. All kitchen waste (apart from cooked food) and lawn cuttings go into my bins. and then go back onto the garden. I only use Waste Recycling Centre's in the Spring and Autumn. Maybe more education of households!!!!!!
- The 'saving' the environment is something the local councils should be promoting. By taking garden waste and turing into compost etc, encouraging house owners to look after gardens affects and helps everyone. Paying extra for bin collection means lower income residents are more likely to choose simple less diverse choices when planting or cultivating gardens.
- Please don't charge for this service.
- This service should not have an additional charge. It should be included in the services North Northants Council provides for all residents.
- This survey really all ready outlines that you want to charge for this service. Which 1 out of the four councils were charging would it not be easier to make then all the same and not charge at all.

How much would i like yo pay? Nothing I want to add no more extra Outgoings to my already tight disposable income. Due to the rise in inflation and cost of living.

Also if you you decide to charge for this service which you are, as there was no where within your costings as free! I hope those on benefits will have to pay too. I am sick of both my self and my husband working full time to support our family. When others can sit at home and get everything paid for.

- Do not charge extra. This will also add to Fly tipping in the area which is already a problem
- Real world logic should tell you that the experience of charging at recycling centres may sound a good idea in committee but in practice will cost us council tax payers far more in the long run.
- Will you be reimburseming residents for the fee we paid for the garden waste bin if you instruct a fee to now have it collected?
- As mentioned before.
- I've already mentioned my views, and I feel we as residents are being made to pay for the previous councils wrongdoings
- As a resident of Finedon it would be nice of our normal bins were collected on the say they were supposed to. The refuge collectors leave bins at the end of streets which mean that disabled residents have to collect them from others.
- Look to Wellingborough service which Norse provided. It did the job excellently within the council charge.
- If you introduce this extra tax/cost whelatever you want to call it I think as a community we should work as hard as possible to remove you from office

- This is all personal opinion. I only create garden waste during the growing season because I loath gardening but prefer my garden to look fairly tidy. So preferring the way it's done in Wellingborough is a purely selfish opinion. Other people will obviously have other opinions. Therefore, this survey is a good idea. Providing the council listens and is not just going through the motions.
- I feel for the people who are struggling to pay rent and to eat. Therefore adding another bill seems stupidity.
- I think garden waste should be picked up once a week in summer months.
- Please don't reduce collections to the 'growing season' only, it makes no sense given that the vast majority of pruning should be completed between November and April.
- We pay enough for council tax if bin men did not damage bins maybe I would agree to pay but they Chuck bins
- Bad idea to further charge people with the current cost of living crisis.
- I think the service should be reduced to the growing season only, and perhaps only every 4 weeks, and see how much that saves before starting charging
- Spend my council tax better. And stop waring it on new headquarters and councillors wages
- Is this only being considered because East Northants Council introduced a charge? If they had not presumably there would be no need for a levelling up charge to be considered. That defunct Council has a lot to answer for - the £4 million cost to North Northants council for the [Redacted] saga, which is going to impact us.
- Again I reiterate, currently our council taxa includes green waste collection (it is not free we already pay for it as part of our council tax).
If you wish to make green waste collection fair with only households using green waste collection paying then the only fair way to do this is to reduce the council tax payment for all and then introduce this as a separate charge.
- Stupid idea, if you cut the salary's on MP's and their termination payments at the end of their term in office there would be sufficient money to cover these costs.
- Really disappointed that this is even being discussed. The precedent has been set by not charging so it seems immoral that things should change?
- East Northants seems like such a small area compared to Kettering, Corby, Wellingborough and Rushden who already do not pay. So it seems logical to bring them into the same system.
- The whole survey is worded in such a way as to suggest you are just going through the motions and the suggestion that it becomes a subscription services has been assumed.
- Read my previous responses.
- Stop ripping us off
- The council should allocate their spending more responsibly and stop spending it on vanity projects etc.
- Silly idea which will cost you more money in the long run due to fly tipping.
- We pay enough for council tax
- How much does the Council expect. to raise if they charge ?
I suggest this money be allocated to Pen Green and similar projects in North Northamptonshire
- The service should be part of the Council tax.
However, it is fairly obvious the council will begin to charge, therefore.
£55 per year is too much.
£40 is on the margin of acceptability with a 50% reduction for more than 1 bin.
This should be applied over the whole of the north northamptonshire area.
The council should be looking to encourage recycling not putting barriers in place.

- It might be good to look at options for people in apartments and/or shared garden areas where perhaps they'd share one or two bins and might split the costs between residents (a matter for the landlord/owner to agree with the occupants). I think you should encourage gardening because of the positive health impacts and positive environmental impacts. It's better you collect from us than we all make multiple trips to recycling centres or people concrete gardens due to costs and hassle of trying to look after them buying in private help as individual households. I think the garden scheme could pick up real christmas trees chopped up small.
- The questions you have asked in this 'consultation' are geared to give only one result. It is therefore an unfair consultation. After putting together many similar surveys/questionnaires this one is clear you have agreed the data you need it to show and have built the questions to demonstrate your already made decision.
- If an annual subscription charge is introduced then the collection service should be weekly collections for the full year.
- Yet another example of local government and councillors incompetence and waste, forcing local residents to pay for it!!
- What a rubbish proposal
- Garden waste does not need to be collected March to November. A shorter period would suffice (April to October). It would also be possible to reduce the weekly collection to fortnightly saving fuel costs for the Council as many people have small gardens. This might also encourage more people to compost their waste.
- a further rise in house hold bills could lead those on low income into further poverty
- Keep the garden waste collections for free in Corby - IF it has to change make the collections between March to November. It is not the residents fault or Corby Council's fault that we now have to come under North Northants umbrella. Mismanagement by the former Northamptonshire County Council is responsible for these changes to charges - what do we pay council tax for?
- If the cost is going to be so bad per household make a collection available to cover more of any area I.e a recycling point on an estate
- To charge those households that at present get a free service would I feel increase fly tipping.
- If the council decide to charge separately for garden waste, will they charge separately for other services? Such as public toilets, the library etc. Many services I might not use personally but still pay for indirectly.
- If you lower my council tax. I would be happy to pay it.
- If anything, people should be being rewarded for keeping green space. People with wildflower areas, trees and bushes should be prioritised and not treated as a burden on the council.
- As above. Just another stealth tax. Council tax should be reduced by this amount if you introduced this charge.
- I would pay, however am not happy about it as already pay council tax which goes up every year.
- Charging for green bins is a bad idea for environmental goals. If you charge for any bin you should charge for a black bin, are provide environmental bins like green, brown and food waste for free. This will deter people from using black bins and creating plastic waste.
- The Conservative party is ruining this country.
- We had a perfectly good council before it should never have been changed. We certainly never had a say on the matter.
- This is a terrible idea, out of step with present thinking. Garden waste is a benefit to the council, it can be composted, turned into ethanol, incinerated to generate electricity. Don't let lazy, greedy contractors cloud your judgement. Don't be chumps like West Northamptonshire, don't repeat [Redacted] folly, we are better than that.

- I think bin collection should be free during the months March to November!
- Charging more is unfair. We already pay for the service. It's more fair to deduct the fee from non-users.
- I'm sure you are just trying to recoup all the millions of pounds "lost" by the previous Council. Why should we the public be made to pay?
- Will there be a reduction in Council Tax for those of us in Kettering and Corby who will now be getting a reduced service?
- A silly idea that goes against the notion that we should be saving the planet. Rather than an opt in, maybe consider smaller bins, bin collections for part of the year, or an opt out system. We already pay a high amount on tax, and there are not many households that can easily find extra money at the moment. The cost of living is way above what it has been and this seems to be just another way of getting more money out of people who just don't have it.
- The application of policies developed by ENDC may not be the wisest move when contemplating their track record with at least 2 of their illegal actions burdening NNC with heavy outgoings.
- I would suggest a single agreed date for payment. This is because in the past mistakes have been made by the council & my waste has failed to be collected stating non payment when in fact this was incorrect.
- I believe if everyone had garden waste collected it would reduce the amount that's dumped in places.
I don't think it's fair that surrounding towns and villages don't have to pay x
- Use Council tax income to provide Council services as it should be, this is just another form of taxation.
- Money, money, money! People can't afford all this. Do your job!!
- Just because there have been some areas paying, does not mean that all should pay. Flytipping is already a big problem, and garden waste is likely to be added to this problem for those who are unable to pay.
- We pay enough in council fees especially in rural areas who do not get the facilities that the towns get. I personally will use the black bin for anything I can't compost and that is a waste. Do your jobs councils and stop asking for more money!!!!!!
- Collecting for only 6 months but reduce the cost from £50 TO £25 would be reasonable.
- Just because some other councils charge for this does not mean it's a good thing. Do your job and supply us with a good all-round service
- During the growing season why not have the collections every three weeks. I do not always have a full bin and could easily accommodate this strategy.
- During the growing season I do not have a full bin every week. Every three weeks would be better.
- We already pay for this service in our council tax with properties in higher bands contributing more-will we receive a refund if you decide to introduce a charge?
- Gardens provide green havens for wildlife, including bees and other insects. If you pave a garden because you cannot afford the cost of waste collection, the temperature rises, wildlife declines and water runs off fast adding to flooding problems. Please consider the environmental benefits of gardens.
- I feel that the garden waste service should continue as now. If a subscription were brought in for garden waste, then before long there be subscriptions for collecting the black and brown bins as well. And this at a time when Corby has a very bad problem with litter dropping and fly-tipping everywhere. I say No to a charge for garden waste
- Corby has always been able to provide a top class service and shouldn't be penalised for now being part of NNC

- I only have a very small amount of grass
- I only have a lawn, no bushes or trees that need trimming, so I sometimes put my bin out monthly and sometimes 2 monthly, not every fortnight. So how would that work, some people would fill their bin every week. Would I have to pay the same as them.
- I only found out about this consultation because I subscribe to the Evening Telegraph. There will be many people with an opinion who will effectively be excluded from the process. The correct way to consult would have been to include paperwork with the bins as you do when notifying us of bank holiday collection arrangements. If this is what the new North Northants unitary authority considers to be local democracy you need to think again!
- I am not prepared to pay extra for a service I already pay for
- You're embarrassing! Go crawl back under the rock from which you've slivered from and stop trying to rip the hard working people of this county off.
- I have to pay in my council tax for services that I don't use (swimming pool, library etc). Why can't I opt out of the things I don't use to keep the (garden waste) service that I do use? I don't drive so will not be able to get to a recycling centre.
- In a democracy I thought that the majority won the day and not be forced to adhere to the minority as seems to be the case in this country at the moment
- I only have a lawn, no bushes or trees that need trimming, so my bin is only put out monthly and sometimes 2 monthly, not every fortnight. Other people would fill a garden bin every week so how would that work? Why should I pay the same as someone who has lots of garden waste.
- With the cost of everything rising, this is the last thing we need. People will just fly tip their garden waste. It's bio degradable, so why not? Or people will have bonfires which I know is illegal but even so....Please remember you are supposed to be providing a very necessary service for everyone's benefit and for the good of the environment. You only come round once a fortnight as it is so I would like you to just keep coming as usual with no extra charge. Thank you.
- This seems to be a short term money making exercise. Eventually it will be integrated to our council tax and still be collected separately. Look after our current services and improve them and the conditions that your workforce work within. They worked really hard over the pandemic and need to be appreciated
- cut senior council officials pay
- The bin collections must continue throughout the whole year. Trees do not finish shedding their leaves until early January.
- I thought that we live in a democracy and that the majority held the day and not the minority holding the day
- Would like to see waste sites operating 7 days a week with this county
Increasing the population so fast It is a top priority. there will be more fly tipping .
- I feel that in the current financial pressures placed on everyone , introducing another payment for households who have not had to pay before in not appropriate. I feel that it would cause more use of local tip and congestion around these areas .
- Just another tax on top of tax!
- Surely living in Kettering we already pay for garden waste removal in our existing rates. The cost was added to our council tax several years ago.
Is this a 'clever stealth tax' approach of this questionnaire?
Kettering is a fairly densely populated town and is a cheaper way of collecting garden waste than other less populated regions of the now consolidated North Northampton Council area.
Are you asking us to pay twice for the existing service?
- Does the Wood Street collection need to be done during the school run? (Though thinking about it I suppose it might actually be beneficial for safety)

Appreciate that councils are squeezed.

- Those of us in East Northamptonshire should be recompensed for the the months we have been paying whilst others have had the service for free
- Council tax has increased but our services haven't improved! Stop bleeding everyone dry!
- Please see above
- I do not want a compost heap in my garden, (rats etc)
- I don't call this a consultation. From the range of options it appears to be a done deal!
- People will just dump it elsewhere. I have a Spinney behind my house, that will be a prime area for dumping. You will simply creat a bigger problem.
- When are we getting the money promised by the govt
- The waste from green bins can be use as compost. The environment would suffer if you stop this.

Collections during Apr - Oct would be ok for collections.

- There needs one policy for the whole district. Why should I have to pay as a Rushden resident, while others a short distance away don't have to pay? Ridiculous (and is this legal?)
- This is a stupid proposal
- I feel that all areas of N.northants should be under the same payment scheme. If we are under the same authority then we should either all pay or no one should. It seems ony fair.
- Keep current service in place at no additional cost - no justifiable reason to change
- Your questionnaire is more focussed and designed based on the fact you're going to charge as it asks about pricing rather than views in the majority of questions
- Why did I only find about this when scrolling through Google, why was no notice made known to everyone.

I pay over £1200 per year to the council, that is enough just to have my bins emptied. What is the next plan charges on recycling and waste bins?

- Read previous notes
- This is a load of nonsense, the charges are obviously going to be made as you've already got away with it in other towns.
- It should be free
- As above and I will not help NNC to justify this idea!
- I don't think that Pensioners and disabled should have to pay as cost are going up more than their income is
- one suggestion I would make is Green waste bin collections could be suspended over the Christmas & new year period allowing Residents to put out their household waste Black & brown Bins (Corby area) instead both weeks .

We used to have a facility in Corby which turned Green waste into compost . I know there is a site in Alconbury Huntingdon which does the same as above , and allows the public to go to the site and help themselves to the end product (COMPOST) where does our Green waste go now ? and where's our free compost.

- As a resident of Wellingborough we have always received a very good service with regard to bin collections. We should not now be penalised because the county council has had to be split and we no longer have county councils.
- Do your residents a good turn and remove the charge all over Northants!!!!
- Zero cost to household
- If you want to make things fairer you should make the tax per band the same. Why does someone in Weldon parish pay more than someone in Corby for the same band house.

- Those of us with a small garden and no space to store the bin in the garden would be forced to have it out at the front of the house. This could then be used by a neighbour who doesn't have one. Therefore everyone should have one, mitigating this issue.
- There may be fly tipping if a charge is introduced.
- Please do not charge for the bins in future years.
- We have just had a huge rise in all our bills and feel that this would be the thin end of the wedge
- Whilst I would be willing to pay up to £50 per year for 9 months of bin collection many will not and I fear this will result in more flytipping. There are many services provided by the council funded through the council tax that are not used by all tax payers why not this one?
- Why complicate the issue, just include it in Council Tax. I pay Council Tax but get relatively few services this proposal just adds to the burden
- It is time that you look after the verges and roundabouts better as they have dandelions, and weeds blowing around, spreading everywhere and seeding in everyone's gardens - has the Council gardeners never heard of weed-killer?
It is very unsightly driving around seeing the verges and the roundabouts covered in these yellow "flowers" and gives a very bad impression to visitors etc.
- Green spaces, however small or large, or businesses, school children being encouraged to garden, we can't let this go. Waste will be created, and we need to maintain the way it has been collected, let's make sure we have a clean town (best it can) , if it has to come out of council tax its far better. Please think about those who can't afford it, moreso the issue's this would bring charging a subscription. People are doing the best they can recycling, lets not cause issues, by those who aren't able to pay subscription you also create cowboy rubbish collector's for a small fee, which guaranteed will be flytipped. Don't fix what isn't broken!
- Collections could be cut down to 1 per month rather than 2. Would encourage composting if more garden waste is produced or extra subscription fee.
- Survey is not valid as they leading questions.all leaning towards extra payments regardless.
- Just feel paing extra for this service is a bad idea all round.
- I think many like myself would just see the introduction of yearly payments as a way to make money rather than to save money to those who don't use the service. Currently the cost of waste disposal is covered through our council tax but no where in your proposal have you said that the cost of garden waste disposal would be removed from everyone's yearly council tax bill and then only those that subscribe to the service would be charged so how exactly is this being made fair for those that don't use the service? And for those of us that do use it we would be expected to pay double.
- Its not a good idea to increase bills , especially when dome people are already struggling.
- See above
- We pay enough money on council tax and taxes to the government also Corby had a massive balance in funds when we were forced into unitary fund. Which I understood. But the garden waste is just going to deface our towns because people will just let their garden overgrow .
- From the wording in the questionnaire, it appears you have already decided to charge and this consultation is merely customary.
- This should definitely be part of the service for which we already pay a lot of money
- To recap I am single and retired and am on a low budget. A fairer option would be for everyone to contribute and collections for 50% of the year which should then lower the subscription costs to us all or maybe give concessions to pensioners? That said it's a good service and I wouldn't stop as it saves me having to try and get it to a local tip
- We used to live near [Redacted]. A volunteer sceme called [Redacted] ran for a number of years before being absorbed by [Redacted] Council which was a pay for service and you were provided with 3 bags for garden waste. These were collected every other week (a rota of which

villages were collected on which week was given out at the start of each year in March). You could have extra bags at extra cost if you had a large garden and large collections could be booked for a one off charge. You could also buy the compost back either in bags or dumpy bags for large orders. These deliveries were free if you subscribed. Service ran well.

- Repeat! Stop cutting services and increasing tax!
- Would there be a discount for certain households eg single person, old age pensioners and families on benefits? With rising living costs, households are already struggling.
- Consider looking at how the other former councils managed to offer the service free of charge to their residents.

It is very interesting to note that this survey is heavily weighted to a subscription charge being levied, rather than a free service across the board. For example there is no opportunity to register a preference to pay £0. This suggests that the council are going to push ahead with a subscription fee anyway and that this consultation is a pure lip service and paper pushing exercise. Shame really as it is unlikely to reflect the true feelings of local residents

- I am against having a subscription charge as well as an increase in tax. I have 2 garden bins already and my garden is very high maintenance, it is quite a struggle as it is, I'm having to fork out money for a skip to get rid of my garden waste because there is so much, having an additional charge would just be negative. I'm a carer at home for a family member due to disability, my job is a support worker so my time is very limited. Having the council empty the bins with no additional charge as they are doing now would be a great outcome. Inflation costs are already having a negative impact on the community
- N/a
- NNC was supposed to be an improvement on its predecessor. The reverse appears to be the case.
- By reducing the brown bin collection to summer months in some areas and including the cost to all in the annual price seems the most straightforward and simplest approach and have a separate charge for additional bins as there is additional work for that household would generate the extra income the council is looking for.
- Very appreciative of all the work carried out.
- I think it would be very difficult for some people to pay for this service. Especially as everything is going up in price and lots of families are struggling to pay bills.
- If we do need to pay, we should be able to opt into so many collections, my bin goes out every 5 or 6 weeks, so I would be paying for collections I don't use.
- As this consultation is geared to a subscription model regardless of the answers supplied. We pay for this service through our council tax. I expect a reduction in my council tax to the same value.

It will lead to people fly tipping more, including myself.

Who's pocket is this going into. The council are not doing it unless there is backhanders

- I think this should be a service paid for through wider taxation as we as tax payers already pay high rates for our council tax each year compared to other local councils, along with rising costs across everything else. I currently have a brown garden waste bin and on 2 occasions this has not been collected anyway, despite me contacting my local council about a forgotten bin, therefore I wonder what I am actually paying for.
- Regarding fuel economy vehicles will have to travel a complete street even if to collect a single bin.
- We are already cutting grass verges and keeping village neat and tidy. Never see the council around here cutting grass.

We have larger than average gardens, so really need extra the extra bins to keep tidy. Council band E, I know several houses same as mine are in band D. Maybe council should be looking

at this type of situation to raise extra revenue. Treating people fairly and being consistent, I'm sure this is happening all over the county.

- If you are going to charge extra for garden waste disposal then council tax needs breaking down for each household for all services and costs taken off or added if that particular service is used or not.

Or just leave as is so everyone pays to their band charge whether they use all services or not.

- When making people pay more than they already do for waste collection the risk of an increase in fly tipping must be considered likely. Especially garden waste, as many would believe no real harm is being done as their waste is degradable. The cost of removing waste from lay by and hedgerows far outweighs any saved/gained from this proposed charge
- If it does not already exist, Council should introduce a by-law to prosecute those who block footpaths by permanently leaving their bins in the street
- We have already had an increase in council tax where's that being spent ?there's more potholes causing damage to cars more expense the cost of living has gone up fuel prices have gone up
- I'm extremely angry about this proposal. I believe the council tax revenue is not being managed correctly. We have been subjected to a significant rise in recent years and not seeing an improvement of services. For example, local groups are voluntarily picking up litter to improve the local area because it's neglected by our council! Instead we see 50 green signposts for walkways erected all over town. Absolutely unnecessary. Decision making is appalling and then we're asked for more money for a service we've always received.
- As only 1 of 4 areas currently pay for disposal of garden waste, surely to make all areas pay is not harmonisation but a money making scheme. At such a time when all households are feeling the strain of increases in all bills, the local authorities should not be adding to this.
- If an annual charge is your absolute only option why not let people pay this monthly. ?
- Very disappointed in how this is being handled. The implication, especially in some media outlets from those at the council this is about harmonisation and removing of free services to those that get them.

These services aren't free. They have been budgeted for and billed, and we're paying for them. I agree that different areas have some different services. But this should have been dealt with as part of the budgeting exercise that was only recently undertaken for Council Tax. It seems dishonest to budget, bill is, and then try to remove services you've agreed to provide.

In the commercial world that would be illegal and "bait and switch".

But with regards to harmonisation - other areas served by the council get different services, and harmonisation should mean harmonisation - rather than just taking away from some residents in some areas.

Especially when, at a cursory glance, those areas appear to have a higher non-Tory vote. One has to wonder if this is politicking?

However, for the reasons I've already stated, I don't think that this will save the money projected due to other issues with normal waste collections and potential fly tipping.

- The amount of council tax we pay, all this [expletive] should be included. WE PAY ENOUGH
- North Northamptonshire Council are completely out of touch with residents.
- Corby council does a good job on refuse services why should we as residents now suffer bcs of your terrible management of finances and resources!!!???
- This service should have been budgeted within the annual Council Tax charge.
- Will not pay for this service, will use my black bin.
- My property is alongside a public walkway. I maintain the shrubs along side my property every 6 months to keep the walkway completely clear. This generates a lot of garden waste and put the waste in the garden waste bin. I would not be able to maintain the shrubs to the same level which would impact on the public walkway.

- This is just another back door piece of Conservative money grabbing. There is no justification for this in any circumstances.
- I see this charge as a Trojan Horse and in time, especially under the current Tory controlled Unitary Authority, I can see additional charges for other services. It's just a start of increasing the Council Tax.
- I get the feeling this is already pre-determined and paying for removal of green waste will come whatever anyone says. There is no local democracy, especially now we have this bigger authority.
- Why are the government not providing enough of MY tax money to MY local council to pay for MY local services?
- You say that not everyone has a garden, but actually, this is only true for those people who live in flats. 90% of local households do have a garden.
If you absolutely must start charging, which as I've said previously, you should only do if we can also have an option to stop contributing to Adult Social Care, since not everyone uses that service. But, if you do start charging to collect garden waste, then I think that you charge more for those households who have multiple garden bins.
- By introducing charge would lead to more fly tipping, or neighbours using someone else bin without authorization.
- I don't believe we should be charged extra for the garden waste bin. It should be collected during season where gardening takes place. The council provide us with three bins they should collect all three bins as they have been doing. We pay enough in council tax and my understanding was it was all included.
- Keep the waste service provided as expected by the taxpayers and not slowly continue to remove all services we have as should be provided by the council for our high rates of taxation.
- Costs need to be considered of people not wanting to pay for service and putting their garden waste into their black bin. This means bins will fill up quicker and it will cost the Council to empty these bins more frequently.
- I suspect the amount of tax used per head of population for Corby residents is less than other parts of the county and this is yet another way to charge Corby residents more tax, due to inefficiencies elsewhere in the county.
- I currently pay the subscription. I think the fee is high, it should be lower. If people cannot afford the charge they may resort to fly tipping which I'm sure costs the council more to deal with. I appreciate that not everyone uses the service & may therefore feel its unfair to have to pay through their council tax but there are services I am paying for that I do not use.
- I only became aware of this consultation on the 'Nextdoor Ap'. Where did the council advertise this consultation?
- I don't agree with a subscription model unless I have a discount in my council tax, as I pay for this service through my council tax !
- Nothing further to add
- I pay council tax take my garden waste or come and do my gardening.
- How much has this survey cost?
- Start thinking with your heads.
We pay enough for a tinpot service and should not be charged more
- The tax paying public did not ask for the councils to be amalgamated so why should they have to now get penalised and pay a bill theyve not had to before over something they never asked for in the first place!.
- Please, NNC must encourage people to look after their gardens by preserving the present rhythm and financing of the Green Bin Collection Service. No extra charge must be levied. NNC

must not be the catalyst that interrupts this established service for some people, therefore causing some of the problems. Encouraging tidy gardens can only ever be a good thing.

- Please see previous answer.
- The council need to carry in with the current system of garden waste disposal. If any household needs an additional bin and has more garden waste than one bin can take, they can pay for the disposal service.
- I would have no choice but to pay, because I have a garden. And I object to the fact that I would be paying and then have my bin clogged up with other people's garden waste.
- Maybe a small monthly fee rather than a big bill all at once . I certainly would prefer that there was not a charge but if I had to would prefer to pay monthly especially with an already limited budget
- It is obvious that due to financial mismanagement the County of Northamptonshire has had to become a Unitary council. Even considering the outrageous weekly salary paid to individuals to 'oversee and assist' Northamptonshire County Council pre-Unitary clearly those councillors (many still re elected!!!) are unable to make informed decisions. So why should CORBY be expected to pay for their inefficiencies.
- Our council tax already includes waste services. Are we going to get a reduction in council tax if we don't use it? I doubt it.
- To incorporate waste collection into the council tax banding is fair as all households are then contributing to local amenities
- I strongly disagree with any fee for disposing of garden waste. I also believe recycling waste should be collected weekly, not fortnightly, if you want us to recycle more.
- With global warming plants are growing earlier so any seasonal collection service should start sooner than March i.e. Feb.
Being able to put Christmas trees out for collection probably increases the rate of recycling.
- People have more and more out goings and are struggling to make ends meet and you want to add too this.
- People will not pick up council tree waste which will look untidy and be potentially dangerous and slippy on paths and roads when it freezes in the winter. People will let trees/bushes grow out of control as they can't afford to pay the charge. There will be more neighbour disputes. People will fly tip as they can't afford it and feel justified as it's compostable waste.
- Sick of the constant rise in taxes and reduced services.
- Rather than charge why can't the council reduce the amount of collections for garden waste? Corby has never paid for the service so why introduce the charge now? Let's keep our town the best place to live
- I am [age] and living on the State Pension and in view of energy price rises, etc, I can no longer afford to pay for garden waste collection.
- Paying in excess of £2000 in council tax to live in a pot hole ridden, un bus serviced rural parts of North Northants ,and you want to charge us more .You have got to be joking.
- We have a green bin for garden waste which is included in the council tax bill.
- It's outrageous what you are considering. Money doesn't grow on trees.
- You could also charge those household that are running businesses from their homes for rubbish: recycling collection as they are using their household bins for business use. One house in our street already has 3 blue bins / because if all of their business waste.
- I pay nearly £2,500 per year in council tax for next to no return, now you suggest charging extra to empty my bins. Will you be making bin collection operatives redundant if we all refuse to pay? Customer focus and value for money should be the priority, but sure this is the case
- I want it to stay as it is.

Pensioners are already hard done by, so you should stop taking their pension, from them.

- How do you think in the current financial climate I can find even more money to sustain something I have always previously received. The whole proposal of extra charges is disgusting in the least. Review your current costs and facilities and give precedence to your community
- This proposal is likely to negatively impact on many people who's main means of exercise and enjoyment is looking after their garden. Penalising those people, many who live on a pension is grossly unfair as they already contribute towards other services that they do not need or use. We don't use schools, social services or social housing so if selective charging is introduced, our council tax bills should be reduced according to which services we do use.
- Trying to add an extra charge to something that's already included in our council tax, to the already excessive sharp increase to the peoples taxes is nothing but insulting
- See previous comments
- I simply can not afford another out going.
- Over the past 20 years I have lived in East Hunsbury, Rushden and Kettering and at no stage have I been required to pay for garden waste collection. As such, I had assumed that my collection was funded within charges raised by Council Tax by councils that have now been re-designated as a result of inept management. May I assume, therefore, that if a subscription charge is brought in for a service I've received inclusively and I don't subscribe that I will get a reduced council tax bill?

I might add, that every area I've lived in within Northamptonshire has had differing services regarding all waste and recycling services with different bins - a fact that I'm aware exists all around the country. I fail to understand why the same systems are not undertaken throughout the land, and would suggest that such financially and environmentally important services should be conducted at a national level - with management on a local council basis being needed over standardised equipment, facilities, etc.

If you wish me to compost at home and 'encourage' this to happen by withdrawing a service I've received at no cost for the last 20 years, will you be providing me with a compost bin?

If you are merely looking at the books and realising that as a now larger council your garden waste collection system needs better funding, you should just say so and not try to conceal it by saying it's being standardised.

- If you start to charge for grass / garden waste I'm sure most areas will grow wild
- I can see fly tipping being more an issue to ensure there is more cost on the council from people
- To bring this charge this year is ridiculous people are struggling with all the other rises in living costs. The council tax constantly rises but the services get worse rather than better.
- Why can't the council offer discounts off the council tax for households who do not use the service rather than make it a subscription? It is already covered by the tax people pay at the moment, it would be good, for once, to see the council five back rather than just keep taking
- I think it's important to harmonise the charges levied in the unitary areas of North Northamptonshire. Residents can choose whether they wish to subscribe for collection of green waste or dispose of it themselves. Kettering and Wellingborough have easily accessed recycling centres so it may well be that these areas would not have as high a take up for the service.
- I have two grey bins from when I moved in three years ago, never used them. They remain full of earth and rubble placed in them by the previous tenant. I physically can't empty the bins, you won't empty them so they sit untouched and unused for three years. I certainly will not pay for a service I haven't used and have no intentions of ever doing so, by all means collect the bins from my front garden as I can't even move them. I clearly don't want or need a service that I've never used so I will not be paying for.
- As stated we pay for this as part of our regular council tax payments, don't add a charge and continue as now although you have obviously decided to charge so this is a pointless exercise

- This questionnaire is clearly constructed to provide evidence to support charging whatever the person completing it feels
- No
- Budgets are tight enough at the moment without increasing the outgoings we have to pay
- Don't do it
- Community compost bins could be a solution. They would provide people with somewhere to dispose of garden waste who don't have access to home composting or can't afford to pay for a subscription based service.
- I will not be able to afford it and will not pay for green bin so my waste will go in a black bag in my refuse bin increasing landfill. I can't say I've ever heard anyone complaining about bins being included in council tax and that doesn't amount to £55 a year. Also just because one area charged why should three others start charging why not change it in the area that charges
- Would it not make more sense to reduce the collections to March to November?
- You have already put up our council tax by £12 a month which is £120 a year and now you want to hike it another £50 because we have a garden that we have to maintain, terrible
- Spend our money wisely and also get the best service at the right cost!
- I will not pay for
This service and this survey is heavily biased and loaded with leading questions so you can manipulate the data to suit. Disgusting
- Please think this through and consider all those on low incomes. Also consider where people may end up putting their garden waste. The thought of hundreds, maybe thousands of garden bonfires around the neighbourhood is quite frightening!
- Why target garden refuse collection of which is environmentally friendly if processed correctly. Why not charge for black bin collections or general recycling waste by the amount collected and reduce rate bills by the saving.
Same as utility bills - pay for your usage .
This is a dirty scheme that targets county residents
- I don't like subscriptions but there are needs sometimes where it is needed. But there should be a scale, if you have a large garden and use the service every week then you should pay a higher rate (£50 a year), but if like me where I don't use it very often there should be a lower rate (£25 a year). I have artificial grass in my back garden & we only have to mow the front garden so we would only use the service once every 3 months.
- Please provide a food bin service as well!!!
- The cost of living is high enough at the moment where are people supposed to get even more money from.
- We're against the proposal to pay a subscription charge at more than £40 per year as we currently are not charged directly. If it was reduced to £25, we may consider this charge.
- This questionnaire appears to have a bias towards this new charge being a certainty rather than a possibility. I was under the impression that our council tax already covers the collection of garden waste so I'm surprised about this matter however, if additional charges have to be implemented than I feel we (as a household) would have no choice but to pay but I would be keen to see the council incorporate this into everybody's council tax rate rather than separate payments.
- Being without transport means we are unable to access the tip so needs must use the fortnightly garden waste collection service. The council tax has risen 5% already this year, pensions have risen 3%. People need the waste collection service to prevent street dumping of this material. Council compassion and practicality is required.
Please continue the year round free collection service.
Thank you.

- Since 2016 our council tax has doubled. It's paid for out of taxed money so the amount I have to earn is more. I just don't see the benefits of all that money reflected in the where I live. I suspect a lot of it is going on admin and pensions - what percentage is actually paying for e.g. the guys that collect the waste (who we value highly)
- Have any council members got any interest in waste collection services that are privately run ie directors or friend who are directors share holders
- Will not be cost-effective as will require dealing with fly tipping incidents
- I think that there shouldn't be a charge for anybody full stop . We pay enough council tax as it is.
- I think food waste/disposal is something that affects every household. I would prefer there to be more emphasis on collecting food waste so that it doesn't go into the black bin. I think this should be given higher priority than making changes to garden waste collection.
- Keep it free for everyone and encourage all north Northamptonshire residents to keep their towns litter free from fly tipping
- This service has always been provided here we were the first area to trial it and now you want to take it away we pay enough tax to you and we get less and less services
- If you decide to charge us for this service. Then I think you should make it a yearly service.
- I feel I already pay enough for my council tax and if in future I was charged for garden waste collection, I feel this would be a form of stealth tax.
Council tax bands are higher for larger properties, therefore more likely to be higher for homes with gardens, therefore I feel we should not now be charged even more for the garden waste collection service.
- It's obvious from the questions asked here that this is a fait accompli just like every other "consultation" undertaken by Zombie NCC. (Remember the sham consultation for deciding on the unitaries? Or the one for whether the council should declare a "climate emergency"?) So why fill it in? Good question! Council staff are stuck between angry residents on one side, and useless politicians on the other. If you are a staff member reading this, I hope the day finds you well and you are managing to get along with the utter horror of working for incompetent political masters.
- I think garden waste collection is best between 1st March and 30th November. It is unlikely to be used between 1st December and 28th Feb by most households. The cost should be shared by everyone to reduce the need to drive to tips which adds to global warming.
- I was recently in conversation with a council employee. I said "You work for the new council don't you?" "Well I go there!" was his reply!!
- Stop charging everyone more money for services we already pay our taxes for
- The current efficient household waste collection service in Kettering is excellent and a credit to the local Council. It would be a shame if a reduction in the service results from these proposals. If this also leads to a charge for Blue Bins where the public have successfully been encouraged to sort their waste for the convenience of the disposal services then we will be undoing much of the good work that has been achieved so far.
- With inflation being what it is and wages not rising in line with it people are struggling as it is.
- the recycling should be open more hours to accommodate our needs. Closing Mon and Tues is ridiculous and not opening til 10.00am unhelpful to people who want to offload their waste before starting their day.
- I do not wish to pay for a service I will not be using but as fellow residents seems to have a service they are prepared to pay for and changes to cost/regularity are for them. However, it should apply for the whole council area.
- Carry on collecting as you do now but only between March and October to cut costs. It is absolutely disgusting to ask us to pay extra for a service when we already pay for Council tax.

One garden bin per household to be collected every fortnight and if households want an extra bin then they should pay for it

- you try living on a very limited pension with all the cost of living increases & very poor local service ... bad enough we have to pay so much increase for a 3 rate police force We (I) can certainly do without this rip off rate rise
- If we are now North Northants it makes perfect sense to me to "Level Up".
- That is to make it an inclusive charge for the whole of Unitary Authority as we have enjoyed since we had the recycling service.
You have convinced the population that using our different bins and recycling our waste is a good thing. Please don't lose this tradition.
- I have come across this questionnaire accidentally and I find it very discriminatory That other residents know nothing of this as they are not internet users.
- Just a 'thank you' for the service I presently receive ... I know i pay extra but I do try to prioritise what I spend out and cannot see how I would I manage without this.
Thanks again for all your help - greatly appreciated.
'Less-able' (I'm not 'dis' anything - other than 'dis'respected' at times, as I used to joke with my son!) resident residing in Raunds ...
- Look out of the box
- Why can't you consider smaller local based shared bins, maybe one per village?
- I find it hard to believe my council tax has gone up so much and then this scams just going to make things worse. Let's call in what it is. Day light robbery
- It could be hidden in other bins
- Please don't minimise the highly important need to increase recycling in order to contribute to the aims of reducing global warming, thanks
- I know for a fact that certain areas of Northamptonshire have had to pay for their brown bin collection for a quite a while, things changed when the council's merged and not all for the better. As a resident of Irchester I don't see why we should have to pay for this service when we haven't had to previously, if anything other areas should get the same service as us and not the other way around.
- Please don't charge. We cannot afford it.
- This was supposed to be a consultative questionnaire designed to assess the feelings of the population on additional waste collection charges. I would expect the document to be unbiased in its format and question structures to try to achieve a true representation of the populations stance on this issue. Unfortunately; this questionnaire and supporting documentation represent the argument for introducing the additional charges and not the pros and cons for both sides of the discussion to enable informed decisions to be made.
If you want to introduce some serious cost saving practices I would recommend that all senior local government officer positions are filled by personnel with a minimum of 5 years private sector senior management experience. The objective being to maximise the return for every pound spent using the experience gained in the private sector which is unfortunately not available in the public sector !
This is not a consultative document designed to assess the unbiased opinions of the local population but an attempt to railroad a desired conclusion to meet a specific result.
Also I note with some cynicism that the results will not be released until after the local government elections.
- I feel that an annual charge for a fortnightly service that only runs between March and November is a bit much. If we are to be charged then it should at least be weekly during those times.

- I have 2 green bins for garden waste as I have a large garden. I bought the second bin from the council a number of years ago. It was not 'provided'. I will definitely not be paying for 2 bins to be emptied if this is introduced when I know others will just fly tip their waste!
- Level up
- How will you know if a bin at the kerbside has been paid for and not left but someone to doesn't subscribe to the garden waste service
- Don't start charging fly tipping will 100% increase
- For the council to implement a system where some households pay for the collection of garden waste and some do not, would no doubt mean that MORE council admin staff will be required adding to more staffing costs ??
Most councils after collecting garden waste make this into compost and sell it back to us gardeners, therefore you are making money.
- Consider small amount for small gardens if the service is too expensive people is not going to paid for it.
- This is a shocking idea in general and the former East Northants council who introduced this should be ashamed of themselves. Hardly likely to help the environment.
- Have been very satisfied with what I have now
- Collection service is needed all year round
- Please don't let this turn into a revenue collection exercise as it will end up turning into a disaster
- I hope you will take on board my views, but I doubt you will. This is going to come whether I object I'd agree..but I will be most unhappy if it's brought in. I will be extremely angry if it's brought in before this time next year..so please reconsider doing this. I am now widowed and battling to keep my finances from nosediving. Please don't put additional strain on my budget. I am trying my best to recycle everything I can. Don't punish me for doing the right thing.
- Garden waste cannot be singled out as a service to be paid for only by those who use it any more than adult social care or childrens services, schools etc. Council tax revenue is to be used for garden waste in the same way as other refuse services. Are those who read newspapers to be charged more for their blue bin, or those who discard more bottles because they drink wine, or perhaps a family of six should pay more than a couple because of the extra volume? Perhaps those without a garden should be offered a rebate instead of an increase proposed for those who already pay for the service. That is if this proposal is in the interest of fairness since they have been paying for a service they havent used.
- Nothing
- The green waste can be turned into compost which can be sold back to local people. The Council should want to ensure that green waste is part of a general zero carbon plan for the area. If all residents have to travel to the recycling area with their green waste, this increases car journeys and relies on residents having cars in the first place. A small domestic garden may not have enough room for composting so green waste collections are helpful. If you live in a flat, there could be communal recycling bins.
- I think it is a load of rubbish, because you will make us pay no matter what.
- I live in the area covered by the former Borough Council of Wellingborough. My garden waste is currently collected between March and November each year. Ideally I would like to have the same access as the old Corby and Kettering councils offer i.e. all year around. If that is not possible, then I would like to stick to the current March to November collecton period. On no account do I support the idea of introducing an additional fee for the collection of this material. I strongly believe that the council should be collecting garden waste in the same way it collects general household waste and recycling waste (cardboard/paper etc) I pay enough council tax as it is and simply do not have the resources for paying extra just to collect garden waste. The

council should continue to fund the service as it does at present and not have to keep using taxpayers money to deal with legacy litigation from former borough/district councils.

- You could benefit from ECONOMIES OF SCALE saving much on ADMIN COSTS if no extra charging. Keep it simple.
- Littering and fly tipping is becoming an ever increasing problem around Corby. NNUA should be making more effort to keep the town tidy.
- In NNC's 22 February 'Update on Garden Waste Service' report it stated: "This consultation will allow residents to share their views on the future provision of the service. This is particularly important given any decisions will affect all residents". Despite stressing the importance of all residents being able to give their views there was no mention of the consultation with the annual paperwork sent to residents last month!

Instead it has only been publicised via local media outlets, social media and the Council's website. This means that the many residents who don't look at these will have been unaware of it. There is a duty on public authorities to act fairly in the exercise of its functions. NNC has failed to act fairly in respect of this consultation by not ensuring that all residents are told about the consultation, rather than just those who find out about it by chance.

One section of the consultation states that a subscription service means the Council only drives to properties that have opted to pay for the service and that this saves fuel and is better for the environment. This statement is not backed up with any evidence. Data should have been included about how many roads in the former ENC area the Council doesn't have to drive to. Without this data the statement is purely hyperthetical and not necessarily true in reality. In any case a no charge service could still require residents to opt in – thus achieving the same thing.

- See above
- Please sort out those who make business out of rubbish collection and then leave it for you to collect in the middle of public places.
- The whole tone of this 'survey' from the outset presupposes that households will be charged. At no point does the survey indicate the potential benefits of a universal and free service. The survey has been written with an inbuilt bias that completely invalidates the whole basis of consultation.
- This is clearly a money making exercise as the obvious harmonizing solution would be to go with the majority service provided at the moment. ie free kerbside collectionions
- Blame it on covid
- It seems that this is a way for the council to make extra money by charging more
- Reduce senior councillors' salaries and churn savings into budgets.
- It's currently paid within our taxes please keep it thus way
- This is a blatant means of exceeding the council tax cap & I think it's a [expletive] cheek. NHANTS council were deemed to be incompetent to manage their budget and this replacement entity doesn't appear to have anymore control either.
- Not everyone can afford another bill, with rising costs at the moment. They won't want to choose between Heat, Eat or having bins collected
- Is there an option to collect food waste together with garden waste all year round. Some councils do this to create bio waste energy as an income for the council. See [Redacted] and [Redacted].
- Why is everything south focused?
- Could collections be brought in line with Wellingborough so only some of the year to save money?

I would be more supportive of this charge if it means smaller rises in council tax going forward. If a charge is introduced I would like a cap to be placed on the amount that can be charged to prevent large annual rises.

- I believe that in an age where policies are in place to make us more green, it seems counter productive to charge for green bin collections which can be made into compost for use. If you are to charge for any bins, it should be the black bins to encourage people to be less wasteful and recycle more.
- I assume you will be reducing the council tax in-line with the reduced service?
- Why should some get the service free and some pay
Not fair
- Thank you.
- I vote a definite NO to subscription based collection.
We have not enough income to afford it, so would have no option but to not subscribe.
- Can we have an update of refuse in which bin ie cardboard ONLY in blue bins.
- You mentioned that the free recycling for all those residing throughout Northamptonshire except East Northants have had free collections up until now? Do you intend to refund us in East Northamptonshire areas for the annual fee we have to pay before bringing us all in line with charges? I'm more than happy to pay for a service, but it appears we are being charged twice as this us coming out if council tax monies! That is not fair.
Should you decide to continue with the garden waste collections, give a thought to nesting birds throughout spring and summer! I trim back my hedges in December/January so that I do not upset any nesting birds. I therefore use the services all year round.
Finally, I hope that you are going to use the services of the Environment Agency et al to discuss the impact of your survey?
- I'm shocked that no data has been presented on how the current service is used. Or that based on analysis of usage that no options other than the which on of the current systems should be adopted.
It's really not good enough to say one part of the county pay a surcharge, one has part year collections, while another has all year round. There will be different dynamics at play and different ensuing behaviours even within a single process model depending a range of social and economic factors. This is just lazy thinking.
The questionnaire encourages emotion rather than rational thinking about how to best service the need of the community.
If Corby for example has been able to provide the service then you have to ask the question why couldn't others.
- Maybe a reduced rate for those on low income or those on Universal Credit could be considered as they won't be able to afford a subscription but it unfair as they should be allowed to maintain their gardens and have waste collected.
- We are already paying for a fortnightly service through Council Tax. Why should we pay an additional charge for the same service. This is double taxation. East Northants had a lower Council Tax and did not include this service, but charged users of the service, that was their choice. We have always paid for this service in our substantive Council Tax payment. I strongly object to having to pay twice.
- NNC is not struggling financially. The level of reserves is significant and given the cost of living increases at the moment not sure that it's
- GO FORTH AND MULTIPLY BECAUSE WE DO NOT WANT TO PAY. END OF 😡
- Finally, use this opportunity to make the service for the entire North Northamptonshire residents fair. This after years of inequality. Moreover, ensure the final outcome is seen to be fair and not open to challenge.
- It is good if you can have garden waste taken away for £1 a week. Rather than going to tip. A lot of people in East Northants don't pay for their waste collection.

More about you

Q. Are you responding to this questionnaire as an individual or on behalf of an organisation/community group? Please tick (✓) relevant answer

There were 8,105 responses to this question.

	Response number	Percentage (%)
As an individual	8,081	99.7%
On behalf of an organisation/community group	24	0.3%

Organisation/community group respondents

Q. If you are replying on behalf of an organisation or community group please tell us the name of your organisation and your job title/role:

Name of organisation:

There were 15 responses to this question.

- [Redacted] Neighbourhood Association
- [Redacted] Parish Council
- [Redacted] Town Council
- [Redacted] Village Neighbourhood Association
- [Redacted] park
- [Redacted] Management Limited
- [Redacted] Town Council
- [Redacted] Area Residents Association
- [Redacted] Boarding Cattery
- [Redacted] village committee
- North Northants [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted] Parish Council
- [Redacted] Church Council
- [Redacted] Church

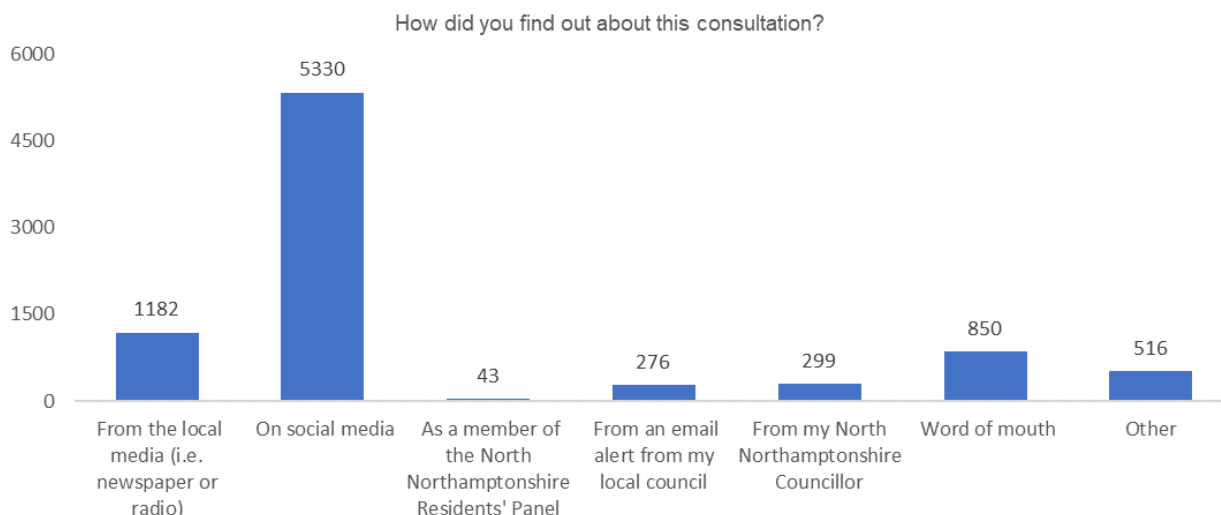
Job title/role

There were 15 responses to this question. We have not listed the job titles / roles of respondents within this appendix in order to ensure respondents' anonymity is retained.

About this consultation

Q. How did you find out about this consultation? Please tick (✓) all that apply

There were 7,902 responses to this question.



	Response number
From the local media (i.e. newspaper or radio)	1,182
On social media	5,330
As a member of the North Northamptonshire Residents' Panel	43
From an email alert from my local council	276
From my North Northamptonshire Councillor	299
Word of mouth	850
Other	516

Other:

- Browsing the website
- Saw it on the website when looking for something else
- By email from the organizer of the local resident's assoc. (HARA)
- Neighbourhood watch
- internal memo
- From seeing it on the NNC website
- Headlands Residents Association
- [Redacted] from HARA
- Searching on North Northamptonshire Council website for something else
- north northants website
- I have been actively searching for it online
- Parish Councillor
- web site
- Not from the NNC where I currently pay council tax
- Insulting. Personal questions are not relative to whether garden waste is paid of or not.
- Disgusting that this has not been widely circulated
- From our Village e-mail group
- Should be more widely advertised to reach a wider audience rather than limiting your response demographic
- Village web page on Facebook
- Facebook
- Went to log on to citizens account
- From my parish council
- Not from council as they obviously don't care to let you know about it

- Your website
- I found it when trying to book a blood test
- From another environment conscious person worried about this proposal.
- Website recycling
- It was posted by a friend. You have not advertised it!
- Banner on NNC website.
- N/A
- Email
- Local councillor
- Disability support group
- We rely on social media to keep us informed
- Some of the previous questions have no relevance to this survey.
- Our local councillor who supports us greatly
- A friend told me about it ... then, I had to Google it ... otherwise, I wouldn't have known.
- Looking at council website for another reason
- parish council.
- Why on earth are all these demographic personal questions relevant
- When I paid for my bin on the phone
- Via a village contact group
- I am a North Northamptonshire Councillor
- If somebody in my village had not told me about the questionnaire I would have missed it. Hardly a fair way of assessing the situation.
- Went to the website for other reason
- neighbourhood watch group
- Email from neighbourhood watch rep.
- On Council website
- online
- Logged on to council website
- NNC employee
- Council website
- Village circular email
- Accidentally found it when viewing web site to work out how to renew my garden waste subscription, oh the irony
- What on earth has my sexuality got to do with my garden waste! Absolutely ridiculous
- web site northamptonshire council
- What has the last few questions got to do with garden waist??????????
- NNC website
- website
- Looking up online to see if we are still having to pay for the garden bin collection
- On the website
- Came across it by accident while looking up council tax rebate .
- Council website
- On NNC Website
- website
- On the website while searching for something else
- North Northants 150rebate website page
- YOUR WEB PAGE
- Visiting council website
- reading the council website
- purely by chance on Face Book, as the council has failed again to inform the whole community of an important issue.
- via tax bill
- Council tax letter
- NNC website

- council tax bill
- NNC website banner
- From the NNC website
- Work for wnc
- Council website
- On the £150 rebate site
- NNC website
- Through Facebook
- Visited site to find out about energy bill rebate
- I knew it was coming having seen what is happening in Oundle.
- Saw it when checking council tax charges
- From a link on the council website while looking up some unrelated information
- Website
- happened to see when went to website for something else - not well publicised
- when logging in to my NCC Library account
- NNCC Website
- looked up on website
- website
- On the NNC website
- North Northamptonshire's website whilst looking for council tax
- council website
- Council Website
- Council website
- From the North Northamptonshire website.
- From [redacted].
- Searching this website for another purpose
- Why does the matter? What does it have to do with garden waste?
- Came across it online as accessing the northants council website
- Residents association circulated
- By accident
- From Market Harborough website
- on the council website
- Website
- Gardening WhatsApp Group
- From council website while looking for other information
- on council website
- I was looking to check my council tax band
- your website
- Searched for how to apply for a disability grant and details were displayed on the screen.
- On this website
- via the North Northants website
- From the secretary of the local residents association (HARA) of which my wife and I are member
- Link on website
- You sent me a bill
- On North Northants website
- Council website
- website
- Saw it on website when looking for waste collection calendar.
- I certainly wasn't told about it by North Northamptonshire Council
- On this website
- Local residents association
- From the Council's website
- council website
- On the North Northamptonshire website

- North Northants Council website
- council website
- Parish Council Secretary
- On the website.
- Council tax bill info
- weekly staff bulletin
- Work for North Northamptonshire Council
- intranet
- I was looking on the Council website in respect of something different
- Parish council e mail
- Work for local government
- Via employer
- Work - NNC is my employer
- From looking on your web site to find out how to get £150 rebate.
- I work for the council, so from the Weekly Staff Bulletin
- Council tax bill
- I am currently employed by the Council and used the link from the Weekly Bulletin from Comms.
- From the North Northants website
- Council Tax demand notice
- From visiting the council website for a different matter.
- NNC website
- followed up info on council charge notification
- Email
- North Northamptonshire website
- On the north northants council website
- New it was under review but was unaware of this questaire and fell upon it when trying to find out what decision had been made - As a paying member of the current council scheme it would have been nice to have been informed about this review and that a question was available to give our views
- Council Staff
- Council tax bill
- From Town Councillor
- On the North Northants Council website
- North Northamptonshire website
- Logging onto your website for information about another matter
- Was about to complain about potholes when this came up
- Looking up Energy Bills rebate
- On council website
- Council website
- Local residents association
- By chance. Looking on the website for something else.
- Council website
- Why were we not informed of this consultation. You could have added the details into the letter with the council tax bill to ensure no further postage charges are incurred by the council
- Found it while Googling tax bands.
- I work for NNC it was in my emails
- Apethorpe community council rep
- From a banner at the top of your website
- Work email
- Visiting your website
- Looking for info on bin collection day
- Parish council advisory
- On your website
- on the council website

- looking at something else on the council website and came across it
- Trying to access the north northants website for other reason
- I was desperately bored so decided to look at the council website
- Parish council
- MY GRAND DAUGHTER FILLED THIS IN FOR ME
- On council website
- I am employed by NNC
- Council website
- Found it on council web site
- Parish website.
- Please note, your "religion" categories do not include "other" and are therefore not inclusive. There are other religious persuasions that I would have chosen.
- When looking up the contact details for something else on the website
- Visited the Council web site to try and find out when my bin collection days are and stumbled across it by accident!
- HARA
- browsing on the NNC website
- by chance
- Council website.
- North Northants website
- I just happened to go online to claim a reduction in my council tax as promised by Boris, and happened on this survey.
- Visiting north Northamptonshire Council website
- Checking waste collection dates on the website
- North Northants Council website
- On your website
- Your March 10th letter
- NNC website
- Website
- From my rates communicatio
- Website
- Council banner on their website.
- I was looking for something else on the website.
- On this actual website.
- From the gov website
- Browsing council website
- Internet
- Local parish council
- Phone feed
- Internet
- From the council website
- By visiting North Northants website for another matter.
- Google
- This website - reporting a missed bin!
- Well the council aren't exactly sharing and should be contacting all otherwise it is not a consensus
- Not acceptable- should have heard from council
- Our village website
- Town Council, 2 of our Unitary Cllrs need lessons in how to use email.
- Whilst on the council website for another matter
- by complaining on your website
- Nnc website
- North Northamptonshire staff email
- Was on your website searching for something else couldn't find and saw link to it

- North Northants Council website
- Parish magazine
- North Northamptonshire Website
- An email from the secretary of our local residents association.
- Letter
- I work for North Northamptonshire Council so saw it in our communication blogs
- It is on your webpage.....flagged red.
- NNC employee
- On website
- Promoted by the council tax for the next year
- Looking at council website for information regarding £150 rebate and saw a link to the questionnaire
- website
- North Northamptonshire Website
- On the website
- Parish council information email
- From this website
- Went onto NNC website to check out the 150 rebate referred to on the council tax bill
- village meeting chairman
- Parish meeting chairman
- Top of the Web page
- Personalised news from google
- Council website
- Northnorthants Web page
- I was looking to change garden waste service from from [Redacted] to local council and discovered it on Council web site
- Deatails with council tax bill
- Your website whilst looking for other info
- Via council tax demand
- Website link
- Website
- On council website
- on website whilst paying council tax
- NNC website
- The council website
- On council website
- Corby news online
- Browsing on the North Northants website
- Parish council
- Website
- on north northants website
- Parish Council
- Kettering folk not happy bout this.
- From my council tax notification
- Trying to report a pothole & saw it
- Message from family member
- Village WhatsApp group
- Village WhatsApp group
- Sadly, not NNC directly
- came across it by accident when looking for something else on the northants website
- council web site
- By chance
- In with council tax bill
- Errr, from your own website. Which isn't an option listed above!

- on the council website
- Visit the council website to try and pay for garden waste service unsuccessfully
- Looking at council web site
- work email NNC
- Logging onto the website to look at something else
- Council website
- Stumbled upon it looking for another council service
- NNC employee newsletter
- Browsing the website for other information.
- Website
- From the NCC website, re recycling electrical items
- Council website
- North Northamptonshire Council website
- stumbled on it
- on the NNC web site
- I'd heard talk of this on social media by actually discovered the details by accident when looking at my council tax bill.
- website
- From the north Northants website when I went on it to look for something else. Why was notification of this not put in with the council tax notice which goes out to all. Disgrace.
- On the website
- Website
- Newspaper link to the council website
- Link on council website
- Via the council website
- Harborough FM website
- Browsing the internet
- Looking at website
- Council website
- Went online to order new waste bin
- banner on my online account
- Spotted it when I logged on to pay my Council Tax. By the way, I don't think that is good enough since I would not have found it otherwise.
- on your site whilst researching council tax rebate
- North Northants Website
- online web group Nextdoor where neighbours connect and share information etc.
- went on North Northants web site to pay
- Was on the website for another reason
- It was a head-line banner on an email from a Council officer on an unrelated topic
- North Northamptonshire Council website
- Google news banner
- Neighborhood watch
- Council website
- You should have put a label on the bin
- Google
- Link from Ringstead Neighbourhood site
- By advisor in waste department
- By chance, it isn't well publicised
- From the NNC web site
- I happened to look at the council's website by chance. This was the first I had heard about it.
- North Northants website, its not well publised
- Link sent to me by my MP
- Parish council.
- North Northants Council website

- By looking at the council website.
- From the neighbourhood watch emails
- Council Website
- HARA
- At a Parish Council Meeting
- when renewing my current subscription
- A leaflet drop by our local Councillor
- A Liberal Democrat focus communication.
- Went on website for another reason
- Focus bulletin.
- Looked at website
- From a local Parish councillor
- By accident on the website
- LibDem Newsletter
- COTTINGHAM parish council website etc
- Your web site.
- Just came across it on your website while looking for bin collection days from end of march 2022
- Electronic notice board in Oundle
- Came across it randomly
- As part of a 'social' newsletter from the Parish Council, which was primarily concerned with possible celebrations to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. It was added as a footnote with a copy of the web address to the site used here.
- Flyer from my local councillor
- Parish notice board
- Saw it on the website
- staff
- No contact by my local council
- Liberal Democrats focus leaflet.
- From council website
- From my Parish Council
- Leaflet from new Liberal Democrat councillor in the Oundle ward.
- Liberal Democrats leaflet through the letterbox
- Leader's Update
- From your website
- on the North Northamptonshire Council website
- Focus leaflet
- Focus leaflet
- When renewing my garden collection from nccc
- Leaflet dropped through letter box
- Really difficult to find why is a sticker notput on the nbins?
- Accessing council website for council tax information
- Village news booklet
- Corby Conservative Newsletter
- From your website.
- allotment news
- I phoned council for something else and happened to mention brown bin collections, they told me.
- from local allotment association
- From the allotment monthly newsletter
- Chased through the website until I found it, not the most accessible way of consulting the general public.
- Lib Dems 'Focus'
- Lib Dem newsletter
- village newsletter

- Liberal Candidate [redacted] in a newsletter.
- Parish council meeting minutes printed in our local monthly magazine.
- Leaflet through the door.
- Website
- Found it when looking for something else on your website
- A friend forwarded the link to your questionnaire.
- found on NCC web page whilst looking for something unrelated .
- Headlands Area Residents' Association
- Very difficult to find this link without the ET
- Your website
- Residents Association
- Reporter
- Cottingham and Middleton page
- Lib -Dem councillor's circular
- An alert from my new Liberal Councilor
- From a local community WA group.
- Village WhatsApp
- by chance when accessing the council website for a different purpose
- Flyer from my local councillor
- postal flier
- Flyer from [redacted]
- Looking for something else on the council website (a service not available in north Northamptonshire but only available in west Northamptonshire!)
- NNC website
- Email from In my Area, local newspaper online service...
- Parish Council
- **HOW CAN YOU NOT DIRECTLY CONSULT WITH STAKEHOLDERS - EXISTING PAYING CUSTOMERS OF THE GREEN COLLECTION SERVICE.**
- Not really advertised much which is usual when there will be a negative, response
- Website
- Found it by accident on your website
- Parish newsletter
- Staff Intranet
- Spotted on website after seeking information about how to resurrect service after no reminder received and subscription lapsed (East Northants)
- From Focus leaflet
- Flyer from Liberal Democrats after being voted in? Only recieved April 10 so just in time to complete the questionnaire
- By accident saw it on the Council website.
- purely by chance
- Neighborhood site
- By chance. This consultation was not widely publicised and will not be representative of the views of the population for which the authority is empowered.
- Nextdoor app
- Neighbourhood scheme
- Neighbourhood app
- On your website.
- Neighbourhood group
- from website
- From my local Kingswood neighbourhood scheme. Here from a Northamptonshire councillor, you must be joking.
- By chance
- From my local village newsletter - a small, but very useful monthly publication produced by volunteers in the village.

- Newsfeed on Nextdoor
- Poorly advertised by the council
- Why did the Council not contact me directly about this important matter ?
- Didn't know anything about this until I received a notification through the "Next Door App" Not widely known or advertised.
- via nextdoor neighbour
- Neighbourhood app
- Cottingham Parish Council.
- an email alert from our Parish Council.
- Council Website
- When paying an online bill. Seems to me this is being slipped through without publicity.
- I only became aware after looking for something else on your website!
- Internal comms
- A Focus (Liberal Democrat) flier.
- on Google as you failed to advise people of the consultaion!
- News in your Area
- found it by accident
- Kept very quiet I assume on purpose
- Neighbourhood email
- Passed on by neighbour.
- from KBC
- Google news
- from KBC
- Complete accident, I saw no indication that consultation was ongoing
- This change has not been heavily promoted to service users, which I feel is unfair considering the change will effect many. I only found out about by chance.
- Just by chance on Google
- On line paper
- Internet article
- searching GOOGLE NEWS
- GOOGLE NEWS
- If I didn't have the ET I wouldn't have known about it so a disgraceful consultation process!
- Email from a local news source
- First heard of out it on 15 April on Google random search! Why wasn't it mentioned with Council tax demands?
- Magazine
- Google news stream
- Goggle
- By accident! Looking on-line at local newspaper. Not very well publicised
- A item on Google news.
- It came up on the new app on my phone
- News article
- Phone
- Joke if you think it was a councillor, found it in Google
- Internet
- I saw it on the council website. I hadn't heard about it from any other source.
- Comment at Town Council meeting
- A news article on my phone for the local area
- Did not know about the consultation
- Nothing through the door to alert us. Just social media. Ridiculous and unfair
- Push feed
- A news clip on my mobile for a local newspaper
- At the last minute. this has been very poorly communicated indeed.
- Google

- Search engine
- Was it supposed to be secret
- TV
- Random google local news feed pop up
- not notified by council
- Where I work.
- From the Oakley Vale site
- Nextdoor ap
- Transparency may be have been a better idea.
- Council website
- It seems to have been very quietly conducted. I have heard no reference to the importance of this survey from Radio Northampton.
- I don't remember.
- Local web site
- On a what's app group. Otherwise I would not have known about it.
- By accident on line
- It is appalling that I only discovered that this consultation was ending today via a neighbour. We should have been informed by the council undertaking the consultation, or is not informing users a cynical ploy to make sure no one objects.
- By luck it was very poorly advertised!
- Kept quiet until the day before closing
- At Peter's Kettering neighbour
- It is really poor that this has not been publicised- this effects me so I should have been told about it, not find out about it from Next Door app
- Shocking really, as a Councillor, I should have known about this questionnaire
- Why were residents not contacted directly about this? I found out on NextDoor
- Very few public announcements made by the council
- Poor notice given by council. Each household should have had due notice.
- Only found by chance - residents should have been advised directly.
- and not very well advertised
- I was looking for something else on your site when I noticed this ... I was lucky it was still current.
- It popped up on Google search
- Purely by accident on its final day. This consultation should have been properly advertised
- Apparently this has been kept secret by the Council, I heard from a friend.
- Google news
- I looked it up as I have heard only rumors it would be nice if everyone was informed
- I saw it on the internet as I always do as these things are always carried out covertly, which is disgusting
- 'In your area'. Why wasn't this consultation sent out to all residents to respond to. Nobody knows about it. But that is obviously the intention so that nobody replies!
- Council website alert banner
- Knew that this was being considered.
- Just read about it by chance.

Appendix 2: Written responses

Feedback received via letters / emails

There were 140 written responses received.

<p>I object strongly to this even being considered at a time when utility prices are rising at an unprecedented rate, cost of living is rising and wages benefits stagnant! People are already being plunged into poverty, evidenced by the growing use of foodbanks and rising numbers of homelessness! This situation is only going to get worse! This service is already paid for through our Council Tax! Shame on you!</p>
<p>Please leave the collections as they are. If you start charging 3 things may happen: People filling others bins People fly tipping waste which will cost to remove and cause environmental damage People will burn it, this will cause environmental damage We have a good system now, and pay a great deal of good money for the service in the way of council tax. There should be no charge or change.</p>
<p>I wish to strongly object to adding a garden waste charge. The service is worse since the councils merged and now we are being expected to pay more. Very poor</p>
<p>We already pay for to much Council Tax so don't support bolting on additional services for a fee. This should be part of our already huge bills and please don't use the wording 'Free' as it's not.</p>
<p>It should have been free too us who live in East northants as soon as the councils joined we should be refunded since it became north northants</p>
<p>Why would I pay again for a service I've already paid for, no way would I ever pay for it again, <u>either scrap this stupid profiteering</u> or <u>my garden waste will go in the black bin!</u></p>
<p>I would object to paying subscription to get my garden waste removed ...as I know that people use other peoples bins .. to get rid of their green waste When their own are full ... composting can be a problem to some residents...I think Corby runs a good service BUT If we had to do limited months free of charge ...it would have to be that option..But no subscription</p>
<p>Hi I live on the [redacted] Kettering and have trees down the side of my house which over hang into my garden as well as plenty of trees in my own garden. I am still recycling the leaves from when they drop in autumn so I do not wish for collections to stop in the winter as where would I put them all. I even had to clear the front pavement about a month ago as it had got covered in wet leaves which had been there for months and were dangerous as someone could easily have slipped and done some permanent damage. I had so many people comment on what a good job I had done. Obviously I think with the council taxes that I pay this should not be left to me to clear pavements. Why change the system now just up the collections in Wellingborough to make it fair.</p>
<p>No pay enough Council Tax as it is and you won't lower it for people who don't have gardens ! and not so well off with gardens can't afford to pay more like us pensioners 😞 especially with all other bills going up ! Also some will burn garden waste or dump it, not good for the environment 😞</p>
<p>I think we pay enough as it is in our council tax. You will see an increase in fly tipping in my opinion</p>
<p>In this day and ages with household bills continuing to rise I believe garden bins should be free of charge. It is presently unfair that most do not pay for garden waste collection. If the garden waste is disposed of with a reputable composting company, monies could be recouped via sales and pay for the collection.</p>

Hi I live in Kettering and at the moment we pay no extra cost for collections.I would like it to remain free .but would not be to disappointed if we had to pay a small change.or only pick up garden waste from Mach to the 1st of November
The service should remain free, charging will just encourage more fly tipping and bonfires
I think to charge me for collection of garden waste would be unfair as I fill several bin loads with leaves from trees planted on council land near my house. I would also say to charge for any waste collection will only add to fly tipping. This would cost all us taxpayers more in the long run. I do feel with current levels of service (Highways to be one area that springs to mind) maybe a rebate should be considered for failure to provide a reasonable service. This should be written into any contract when using private companies to provide any service to local authorities. With an annual appraisal by an independent body. Hope this helps with your consultation.
We were this service as a means of disposing of garden waste, which we were led to believe was to beconverted
I don't think anyone should pay for this who pays council tax. People that work always struggle as most of us are on basic wage and cost of living is gone up. I personally would not pay . People will just fly tip even more But with garden waist
As a tax payer like many residents of Northamptonshire north, we should no be charged in addition for this. Is that not what the council tax is part paying for? How can you justify the millions wasted on the cannal warf at the bottom of midsome medow, but have tolhe [redacted] to then say you are a bit short on your annal budgets. This council, rebrand or not, having worked at the place you are the biggest waste of money in the public sector I have come across so far. Prior to working with you i was with [redacted] and was shocked at how inadiquate you wre but wasted money on joke projects where you cut money on essentials sucj as social care, child protections and education. If you want me to come in and sort you out, all you had to do was ask. Stop wasting my money, and my children's future by blaiming you bad management on the climate emergency.
I want to voice my opinion that we should not be expected to pay extra for collection of this. Being unfairly banded as a band f when our neighbours are d, and with being a band f paying slot more we do not get any extra services gif this money. Council tax is already going up year on year. Everything else is increasing also. The councils and government are making it impossible for regular middle class workers to afford to survive all these increases. You should consider other options of saving money. There are plenty of other areas where the council is wasting money, such as paying thousands to lay new paving areas in the town centre which is totally unnecessary waste of money.
If you're going to reduce the frequency of collections, or introduce charges for kerbside collections, there needs to be a much better system than the current HWRCs around the county where queues are often atrociously long. If you don't do this, there will be bin bags of garden waste in the black bins and garden waste in black bags thrown into hedgerows and lay-bys.
I am writing to you today to give my opinion on garden waste collection and I think it's absolutely disgraceful that we could be expected to pay extra for this service. I have a large garden that generates a fair amount of waste and would hate to hate to start burning my waste on a bonfire which would not only cause distress to neighbours but would create a lot of smoke into the atmosphere. I also believe it will cause people to fly tip especially when the tip isn't open every day. We pay enough council tax to provide this service and feel we in Kettering are going to be unfairly persecuted for the mismanagement of Northampton council and the huge payout for East northants disgusting behaviour of a landlord and his loss of livelihood. So please accept this as my opinion and I hope you consider all the implications.
I wish to add my comments in to the opinions asked for on a recent article I read regarding garden waste.

As an Irthingborough resident I am quite shocked to discover that towns within the same district do not pay for their collection of garden waste as I do? I assumed everyone would be charged the same.

It is therefore my opinion that all residents in the same council catchment should have the same rules apply to their waste collection either paying for it or a free service included within our council tax payments.

With costs on everything increasing I can think of nothing worse than the council adding another!

This is going to lead to even more fly tipping which I often see on the quiet road to Harrington, more garden waste and tyres are being dumped there more and more regularly.

We all pay for services 'we don't use' whether it be those without children paying for schools, never using the library or never calling 999. Some are services we all need to pay for, if we use or not, like the emergency services. Others will always be called into question, like why we have so many consultations on the regeneration of Desborough that cost lots of money and NEVER go anywhere! Why the council offices in Kettering have more flowers planted outside than the whole of Desborough etc etc

If you use the pay for what you use - people will want all other services on a pay as you use basis.

Also I believe that the council are paid for the fertiliser the garden waste produces, why would I pay you to take something you are paid for?

As a resident of [redacted] for many years this has always been included in our council tax and I do believe should continue. I am a single parent and find these times hard as I get no financial help and currently work 2 jobs and struggle to pay the council tax as it is let alone having an additional charge on top. I also believe that this would increase the fly tipping around the area, which is bad enough at the minute as it is. Also what do we get in the village for our council tax, the police we never see and we do get a lot of crime in the village but like people say what's the point the police won't come out to us. I think with the way that the council use to be run is the correct way helping people to recycle their garden waste, as I know I will be putting it in my black bin if I have to pay for the brown garden waste bin

I agree with the council trying to go carbon neutral. The issue I have if you started to charge for the service (times are very hard at the moment) people just would not pay and you would then create 1000's of people driving to the recycling centres or just fly tipping. I believe you need less collections over the winter but do need one in January to collect real Christmas trees. So run April to October maybe?

I totally disagree with charges for green waste as we already pay for this as part of our council tax. Council tax as per usual is rising again with reduced included services. Green recycled waste is recycled as compost which is sold on to community where does this money go to?

Please see my concerns below from last year. I think charging extra for the service is only further increasing inequality, the response I received from my local councillor shows how out of touch they are as they suggested that it was just 70p per week, residents in old ENC have seen a sharp increase in their council tax rate (7%) to "harmonise" it with the rest of the area but nothing else seemingly changed. It seems to be the council's position to draw every penny from rate paying residents whilst offering lots of services such as free bin collections for the recent illegal camp set out just outside of Woodford, how is that fair? I have attached the letter received from the council confirming free collections for the site that pays no council tax.

Set against a cost of living crisis I feel this charge is wrong and the service should be included as it is for Kettering, Corby and Wellingborough areas.

[Redacted copy of additional correspondence referred to above available upon request]

Regarding your proposal for possible charging for the above, as I and many other pensioners have very limited income, we cannot afford to pay any more.

As things stand we already have to apply for council tax assistance, so any further outlay in our outgoings will not only cause you more expense in this item, but you would have to adjust our council tax support, a no-brainer.

In summary you should standardise all collection to the borough of Wellingborough policy as very little garden waste is created in the winter months
I believe that it should remain free. As a lot of people will refuse to pay the extra costs. Garden waste will end up in either the household or recycling bins. Or worst dumped all over the place. I think instead charge a very very small amount for compost bins for maybe a couple of years. To get people use to using them. And give the incentive to offer to buy back bags of compost. Ask local companies to also buy it. If it works then start charging for the garden waste bins.
I have and pay for garden bin yearly, happy to do this I don't think everyone should pay through council tax unless they have bin.
We already pay for this why are you robbing us with a second charge
My views are that we pay enough for council tax now without having an additional charge put on for garden waste to be collected. We have had our garden waste collected for years without the additional charge why start now when the cost of living is going up more that what wages are. By doing this additional charge you will encourage more fly tipping more unsightly gardens and those that do there gardens will either put it in the black bin, burn it or fly tip so would wnd up costing you more money in the long run
I live on an estate in Wellingborough where bins are placed in a central location for collection. How would it work for garden waste if only a few houses decided they wanted to pay for the service. I would be happy to pay for the service, but I cannot see how it would work on my estate.
I live in [redacted], kettering and each house has a large front green and car pull on to cross over to your driveway. At present, the residents cut the grass monthly to keep the close looking nice, even though it is the Council's responsibility. The Council cut the greens once last year and I have known years where the greens havent been cut at all. In effect, our close would be paying the Council to remove grass cuttings from our bins which is their responsibility to cut anyway surely?
Don't you take enough money from the elderly- another increase... how are we supposed to meet this charge along with all the other increases this year (amenities, water, TV, food, petrol) what else do you want to charge for. We don't get any better service. All this will do is increase fly-tipping
I live in Earls Barton and use the garden waste every fortnight for the available period. I would not want to pay extra for the service & am happy with the Mar-Nov time.
By removing the service currently provided you will only encourage fly tipping of garden waste across the town. Plus i also suspect you will not be re-funding the cost to council tax payers for the withdrawn service as you view it as a soft target. The policy needs to be the same across all areas of the county so agree this needs to be addressed. However, reducing services provided as a cost cutting measure is short sighted and will lead to future issues, which are currently preventable.
Hi, as we use to live in [redacted] we found that we had to pay a £40.00 a year bill on top of our council tax which we found a reasonable amount to pay so would not mind paying a same amount with this council.
I am writing with my thoughts on the 'charge' for garden waste collection. We all pay council tax already, bin collection is part of the service we pay for within this charge. We should absolutely NOT be paying any extra for this service. With the rise of food, bills, petrol/diesel and LACK of wage and pension rises in line with inflation, people are already massively struggling to juggle between paying bills and putting food on the table. This extra TAX has got to stop now. People should be having a reduction in council tax not an increase + extra charges.
To charge for green waste is totally ludicrous and a lazy way of raising funds to just waste by attaching labels to bins to notify of any changes! Green waste is totally recyclable and you have a sellable product at the end of the

process.

BLACK bin, landfill rubbish is what households should be charged extra for.

I would like to say how amazing our rubbish collection service has been over the last 2 years. Managers driving lorries whilst there was a lot of absenteeism, unfailingly polite and providing a vital service.

I am not paying £55 a year for a bin that I don't use I don't have grass or leaves So I will not be paying the cost

I recently completed the Garden Waste Collection Service Consultation 2022 survey. I felt the questions regarding prices and collections were skewed to appear as if the answerer agreed to proposal of introducing separate garden waste collection fees. Any analysis of the completed survey will show that x number of people agreed to fee of £x amount or collection of x number of times per year/period and will not reflect maintaining the status quo or of the option of bringing former East Northamptonshire residents' fees into line with residents from other previous local authorities, eg., Kettering Borough Council.

The survey should also have asked do you want to:

keep the service as it is

Bring east Northamptonshire garden waste collection into same system as other previous local authorities

Have nominal Council Tax increase across NNC to cover cost of allowing ENC to have same collection service as other previous LAs

I am sure there are other questions that should have been asked to allow a fairer reflection of the wants and needs of NNC's residents and Council Tax payers.

I would request that you reissue the survey with a more varied range of questions to allow a proper response to the survey.

Please add these comments to your end results and to any final report following the publication of such results.

I have not included my personal details as these were not required for the survey.

I live in the Kettering area.

I can't access the questionnaire about this subject but would just like to have my opinion taken into account.

I live in Higham Ferrers and I pay £55 a year to have my garden waste collected every fortnight. This service is invaluable to me otherwise how would I get rid of my garden waste. However, now that North Northamptonshire has taken over I find it is unfair that other places that are with the same authority get their garden bins collected free.

I feel that all places that come under North Northamptonshire should be made equal as far as bin collection is concerned. I am not after a free garden waste collection (although that would be wonderful), however I feel that there should be a smaller charge across all the towns and villages in North Northamptonshire. Maybe half of what I am paying now, which would be around £27 per year. This would make it more equal and fair.

Further to your article on garden waste collections I would like you to consider the following Negative impacts of paying for the service

- more flytipping

- people not paying and placing garden waste in the black bin causing landfill to be filled up with products which can be recycled

- people have unsightly gardens and refusing to cut grass as having to dispose of cuttings

- detriment to people as being unable to pay for other things due to having to pay for a service (higher living costs but living wage does not increase as the same amount as costs being paid out)

- bin lorry taking longer to collect bins as binpeople would be checking collecting correct bins.

Why would you be charging for a service that we already have. It seems you want to charge more for less services. If the bin service is a pay as you go service I believe e more flytipping would happen causing a hirer cost to the council having to clean up the flytipping and also causing out countryside to become more unsightly.

I hope you take these into account when making the decision and I hope the decision is still to keep a free brown bin collection service.

Hi. I feel that it would be more appropriate to collect garden waste from March to November. Far better than charging for something I feel I'm already paying for in my council rates.
No I don't think we should pay for green bi garden waste services on northamptonshire it will only encourage people to put the waste in the wrong bin, or fly tip or use a bunner bin or cause full long ques at local tips all of which have an environmental impacted.
Further to the garden waste bin. We should all be entitled to free garden waste bins. Not just some towns?. Im disabled. So if this continues mine will start going in the rubbish bin. We pay enough in council tax to cover this?. We get [expective] all else! Not even a dioctors appointment anymore. The roads are full of potholes no police to been seen anywhere. Got disgusting here in irthlingborough. So free garden bins please here in irthlingborough. We pay enough!.
Given the current climate, I think that many people are struggling financially, which includes myself. If there was a charge for the service, I would have to opt out.
Garden waste should not be charged as its always been included in our council taxes and if it were stopped you would probably see less recycling and probably more fly tipping which would end up costing the council more
I would like the council to continue with NO charge for garden waste but happy to have a reduced service (March to November). I think charging people will increase the possibility of using more of the black waste bin which would be detrimental on the environment in the longer run.
hi, in regards to the garden waste, I feel it would benefit the whole of North northants as a 1 to have a free collection once a fortnight, it would benefit the old, the disabled.
Hi, the brown bin service in the Wellingborough area works well for garden wast. However as it excludes vegetable peelings etc. households which don't have a need for compost have to put the vegetable wast into the black bin, which, apparently has its own problems.
I do not agree with the proposed charge of upto £55. I believe council tax should cover this cost, also I worry about the amount of fly tipping that will occur around Corby. This could cost the council thousands to clean up and there is already a problem with dumped rubbish and litter I over Corby which is already out of control. The Council don't seem able to clean up the town now. So I totally disagree with a payment for this service.
I can only stress in the strongest terms about the foolishness of the proposal to.charge an additional tax to remove garden waste. Please think about the additional cost of removing fly tipping at our expense! Where do you think I will be able to find this additional stealth tax ? In case your not aware of the reality of our current situation I'll list a few for You. Increase in cost of fuel for heating. Increase in cost for Fire and Police! Increase in transport cost for all food and clothing! Increase in cost of water! Increase in cost of council tax! In fact I can't think of anything that had not increased in price. I'm too old to go to work . My bank account is being raided by the government, where do I find the funding for this additional tax? I can only request that you think about the wider implications of introducing yet more stress to those of us living on a pension and lower income.
I pay monthly for the above and am willing to do so in order for my fortnightly collection to continue. Surely it would be a much fairer system for everyone to pay and not just North Northants!!
We currently pay for 2 garden collection bins which are collected every other week this works well, but why do we need to pay extra for this service? We think with the high rates we pay, this service should be included in our rate payment? Thank you for fulfilling our weekly waste collection.
There should absolutely be no extra charge for garden waste collection ..We all pay enough already through the community charges .This would only create more of the haves

and the have nots! If one can afford to pay then the bin will be emptied and if not it wouldn't be .Totally unfair .
If one part of the council gets it free we should get it free treat us all the same
We have a small garden and a compost bin which will be enough to compost our garden waste. The brown bin is not needed by us.
I object to a charge for the green bin collection. What do we pay our council tax for ? As for paying for the consultants if you cut that out. you could provide a service for a good couple of years . Plus you are making money out of the recycling ,selling the compost .
It seems you do not want people to comment on this as you can charge what you're like as the form is not available online without having to go to the library. With modern-day technology why is this form not widely available online so you can click fill in the form and be done. Also as the cost of living is going up charging extra for the bin is just another council tax and you will find people may start putting green waste in the black bin. To me this is another way of overcoming restrictions on how much the council tax can go up and as I am a pretty high council tax payer increasing tax is not really fair
I would like to comment about the proposed charges for the collection of garden waste. I appreciate that nothing is free and if a service is provided then somebody has to pay for it. However, I have a large garden which generates a large amount of garden waste. That fact is already reflected in the higher Council Tax that I pay and I object to being charged again for the same service. Furthermore, I live in a leafy avenue (again, and pay a higher tax to you because of it) but the council refuses to maintain the verges, so I collect the leaves which fall from council trees planted on council verges but not maintained by the council, and place them in brown bins. I don't mind at all doing this for you, but I do object to being charged by the council to collect your own leaves! I was however advised by the council two weeks ago that if those leaves were on the road, then the council would be obliged to collect them. So, clearly I need to rake all of your leaves from your verges and place them in your road. If the proposed charges go ahead then I can see other residents doing this with garden waste, which the council are then obliged to collect. Is that really what you want?
We have been in Kettering for [redacted] and appreciate the opportunity to see our green recycled leading the production of compost that benefits everyone. If you start charging we will have to give up our grey bin as we cannot afford the extra cost. We already pay a large amount for council services and this feels like an additional tax on what should be encouraged as a good green solution to green waste. It would be disappointing to see more fly tipping in the local area just because grey bins are being charged for. If you charge and you get a low take up you will still need to supply a lorry and crew so potentially no cost saving to the council. We are also experiencing high levels of inflation that are unprecedented in recent time, any additional charge would be highly unpopular with your voters and would be reflected in less votes at the next election
We have just received our latest council tax invoice totalling over £2800. AS a retired couple of [redacted] years respectively we feel most strongly that this sum is enough to pay without incurring further charges. Also, we mow the grass in front of our house. This would discontinue if we had to pay to get rid of the grass. WE live on the edge of your catchment area and feel that we get very little for our money anyway so feel it would be rather insulting to charge us for garden waste collection. one last point, we believe there would be a significant increase in fly tipping if a charge system was implemented.
1. There are only about three months when we do not need garden waste collection. These could be November, December and January. 2. We could pay for two collections a month, for nine months, making eighteen collections.....perhaps twenty would be easier to control. 3. I would happily pay for 20 collections per year, for up to 3 bins per collection.
I wish to register my objection to the perspective charge on green bin collections. Changes will encourage fly tipping in an area already suffering its effects.

I am writing to comment on the possible surcharge on garden waste. I feel that a lot of people who will be affected could be pensioners or low income households. Gardening is good for your mental health and physical health and can produce a lot of waste at certain times of year. To add a surcharge for those who cannot get to the tip or dispose of it themselves would be counter productive to those households. As it would cause both financial and mental strain in those who garden for therapeutic reasons. It would also possibly cause gardens to fall into an overgrown state. I think it is a better idea to not collect as often during December, January and February when there is typically not so much waste. Generally households with larger gardens pay more council tax anyway and to add another charge on top would not be appropriate at this time. I think people would just put it in another bin for collection and if they did take it to the tip it would cause more congestion and more individual trips or more fly tipping as people use the cheapest and/or unregistered people to clear their garden waste. It's a joke that the tip is closed on certain days anyway to be honest. But that's another story ! I am opposed to this surcharge but it would be interesting to do a survey of a cross section of households to see how many households actually need this type of collection to see how much impact it would actually have rather than guessing. I think the council has an obligation to remove this waste and should look at reducing the service in off peak gardening times as this would instantly reduce cost by a third, there also needs to be a look at how much it will cost in admin to carry this out as you proposal at the moment.

I currently use the Garden Waste collection service and, being a Corby resident, get the service free of charge. I believe this should continue although I agree it should be restricted to the months March to November to cut down on costs.

As a lady living alone ; have am already forced to pay privately for my [redacted]; I never had [redacted] I live in a village so almost no local services bar the odd bus so the only services I get from all the taxes and council charges I make is my NHS needs and my rubbish collected. Top £ for my car tax, I pay 40% of my Income plus NI to the government and over £2K, of what I get net a year, to you. I offer a huge amount of my spare time to litter picking and village maintenance activities that should be done by the council but are not. Your highways guys openly admitted last year that our [redacted] should be maintained but no one was ever going to come; so I took it on to rescue it! I see at 1st hand the fly tipping that the current restrictive rules at the recycling centres creates; it must cost 3 times as much to pick stuff up that's been dumped, but because you are not allowed to be take stuff to the dump or you have to pay, like for hardcore, and some items you can even pay to be collected as a large items like carpet. As a result Hardcore, Tyres, carpet and tree cuttings are already the worst offenders in terms of large dumps in the countryside. People are struggling to put food on the table; so what do you expect if you charge or won't accept. When are you going to wake up and realise that having comprehensive free recycling (in terms of paid for by current tax) will make it much easier the maximise recycling and minimise dumping. Yes people in the towns have less garden waste than people in villages with more garden but people in town have more local facilities in other ways so the benefit from the council tax should balance out I feel that any further changes like charges to collect green waste is unacceptable and we will FOR CERTAIN also see more fly tipping grass and tree cuttings dumped on verges, into water ditches and in passing bays on quiet lanes as people won't or can't pay.

We pay enough Council Tax, going up the maximum each year without fail, with no discernible improvement in the quality of the services we receive. Given the current challenging macro and micro economic climate, I am dumfounded that you are considering introducing a charge for collecting garden waste. If introduced, I suspect you will see a commensurate increase in garden matters deposited in the black bin, which would be very bad for the environment.

I live at [redacted] is a tree lined road and consequently my garden is subject to detritus from the tree which overhangs my garden throughout the year. This can be in the form of blossoms, seeds (it's a sycamore so the helicopter type) leaves and twigs/branches. I would say that half of my garden waste is due to the tree. Because of the time I spend clearing up after the tree and the bin space it takes up I would begrudge paying for my garden waste to be collected.

The survey poses two choices, neither of which are acceptable.
The option to give East and Wellingborough the same service as currently enjoyed by Corby and Kettering is not offered.

I think it's inappropriate to charge extra for garden waste removal... charges will increase fly tipping ... Those that pay for the garden waste removal should come in line with Corby ... Who at the moment does not pay extra... It will also add Extra use of the tip for those with cars... or congestion ... more consumption of petrol diesel etc etc... IF changes have to be made limit the pick up in winter. From November to February... no extra cost...

I have been a member of your Garden Waste Service for many years now, and would like you to tell me why, when you changed to North Northants Council you didn't implement a Garden waste policy that is fair to everyone in your Council area?

I am referring to the fact that members of my own family and some friends, who only live a few miles away from me don't have to pay for their Garden Bins, yet I am expected to pay the same as usual.

Don't you think, it would be a lot fairer to make everybody pay a smaller amount?

Especially with all the other Bills we have to pay increasing almost daily.

It is for this reason that I won't sign up for Direct Debit. You would be able to increase my payments, whilst others don't have to pay at all.

I still need to have the Garden Waste Bin, so I will begrudgingly sign up for another year.

I look forward to you trying to explain how the Council have come to this very unfair decision, and hope that you rectify this issue in the very near future.

I have been sent on a link to complete a garden waste questionnaire but cannot seem to find this readily available online; so thought I would pass on my comments.

I currently live in Raunds and so pay £55 per annum for my garden waste bin, which has potential for collection once every fortnight along with my recycling bin.

Personally, I am happy to pay the £55 annual fee as I have a garden full of plants, so being able to have the waste collected regularly makes most sense to me. With rising costs of living, this is an annual charge and so can be budgeted for in months approaching the payment due date; I would however appreciate the option to pay monthly so I don't need to think about the direct debit renewal on an annual basis.

However, neighbours of ours who are less into gardening, and who have mostly lawn or a few potted plants have perhaps been put off by needing to pay for a bin they'd use only a handful of times per year, regardless of if it were a half/yearly payment or included in their council tax.

In terms of environmental impact, the latter should be minimal anyway as they would only need to make a trip to the local waste centre a few times over the summer months...

equally I am happy for my close neighbours to use our garden waste bin for their lawn clippings etc as again this reduces impact.

An alternative would be for North Northants council to investigate the electrification and repurposing of their waste vehicles, garden waste included (especially if the latter were on shorter, more efficient routes).

Recently I discovered that a company near Silverstone, Northamptonshire ([redacted] was their name - further info can be found here [redacted]) was taking existing/end of life/second hand diesel refuse lorries and converting them to run on electricity, tailoring the vehicle for the routes required, but keeping costs the same as a new diesel equivalent/replacement.

While electric vehicles have a different set of environmental impacts, they at least are less polluting in terms of air quality and particulate matter run-off, fuel production etc., than diesel; and are quieter when operating so have less impact in terms of residential noise; which would be of benefit with many people now working from home.

Additionally electric vehicles have less maintenance associated (due to fewer moving

parts), are generally cheaper to refuel even with rising energy costs and can be powered from renewable sources. Upkeep or hire for a fleet of such vehicles should also therefore be more cost effective at least in theory!

In summary: I am happy to still pay for my brown bin, but would like to be able to pay for this monthly rather than annually (as an opt-in); but would urge North Northants Council to investigate other cleaner options than a noisy and polluting diesel lorries to collect household rubbish.

I believe [Redacted] Council have started to invest in such technology and we ought to, to especially with U.K. Net Zero deadlines looming closer. Every little helps!

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opinions and I hope that a fair for all system can be found soon!

Personally the existing Wellingborough schedule and no extra charge is the most appropriate for NNC.

This aligns well with Garden growth and activities.

A paid service will increase the levels of garden waste fly tipping in rural areas.

The first two years of the unitary council have yet to show any financial benefit to residents and have only shown cost increases. Some benefits should be shown from the harmonisation of services. Council tax has risen more since the forming of the Unitary Council.

I object strongly as an oap that I pay for it to be collected when others don't I will in first do as others have said they will do

As a resident of [redacted], I use the green bin for some lawn cuttings and some pruning of bushes, plus a little other green waste for recycling. I do have a garden compost bin as well, which I use.

At present we get our green waste collected and removed and the cost of this is presumably included in current council charges.

During summer months there is obviously more waste than there is in the winter, with March and September being busier, due to pruning and garden tidying.

When I first moved to [redacted] there was a skip service in the spring and this was located in a local farmyard. The use of green waste bins did make life easier.

As a pensioner, it is not that easy to make ends meet with the current problems, so I would be very reluctant to continue with a green waste bin if it was going to be an additional cost.

I would put all waste in the black bin and burn the prunings of raspberries etc., in the garden.

However, as this cost is currently included in the Council Tax charges, removing it from the standard charge and having it as a separate charge would be reasonable and I would be prepared to continue using the service, as I am obviously paying for it at present.

Should it become an additional charge I would probably ask to be removed from the list.

At present, this service is something we all pay for, but there must be some residents who do not use a green waste bin and who do not require one. Therefore it would be democratic to consider removing the charge for EVERYBODY, then analysing the number of people who wish to continue using the service and dividing the cost between them. This would result in a reduction for those properties who do not use the service and a small increase overall for those who wish to continue with it.

I am doing my view on North Northamptonshire Council Garden Waste Service for the Consultation by post as I don't do online. To me everyone that has a Garden Waste Bin should either have it Free or we all Pay. I have just received my new Bill of £55 for this year - it says it to be payed by 31 March. If the Consultation goes to a free vote would I have my money back.

I have been informed by [redacted] that you are considering charging for Garden Waste Collection. I write to inform you that I will not require this service if it becomes chargeable for the following reasons.

- 1) I live alone and [age] years of age and disabled, using a [redacted]
- 2) I live in my present home as I need space to move about safely and in any case could not afford to move
- 3) I have to rely on neighbours to put my waste bins in and out
- 4) I cannot get to the public refuse tip as I have no family locally

- 5) I think you would find it would cost you more to clear up the flytipping than you would gain from charging the community for garden waste
- 6) Once again you are depriving the elderly of an essential service if you go ahead with this plan

Well I just think this is another way to get more money from the already high council tax we pay and feel this is another money making exercise that we already pay in our taxes this will create more fly tipping at more costs to clear up at the tax payers expense

I have lived in the ENC area since [redacted]. A one point I [redacted] I waste management and away found the recycling and waste county wide disjointed as every district had their own system, making it confusing for residents.

As a resident of ENC I have always found it frustrating that I have had had to pay for garden waste and relatives and friends I other areas of the county had a free bin service. One e en had x2 free bins on request. I have always maintained the system should be the same nationally or at least county wide.

I was shocked last year to discover that when renewing my bin the old system still remained, I was charged as was former ENC area BUT ENC no longer exists. I find it shocking that we ate jow under NNC and not treated the same. Forward thinking plans should ha s been made to make this uniform before NNC was established. Any charge or rebate should really be backdated to this time. It is mot residents faults that the council has jot addressed this.

One thing I do find extremely frustrating is that with ENC there is mot an option just to pay for 6 months. I have asked staff time and time again just to have the service from March to Aug/Sept as I pay for 6 months that I don't use. The answer is always the system is 12 months the or nothing. Which not very very flexible and means the council is wasting theirs and public resources. Due to this I often take out for a year let membership lapse and take up agl when I need it. When I do this it often takes weeks for the council to process and set up again, dispite being being on their list and having a bin. So I end up with having paid and an overflowing bin but not colle tiom for 4 weeks which is again poor. The council also needs to remember that [Redacted] also operate in area. I used them once as they were cheaper than the council but moved back to the council when their prices increased.

As a single mum £55 a year is a lot to pay but with an established garden and trees it is an essential. I try to only book when I need to and let things lapse through the winter when I can as am not prepared to pay through the winter when I dint need it.

After all the years of paying o feel those in the Northants area deserve a free in service at least for a few years. Certainly there should be an option of booking through the summer/autumn only. It is I threshing the old Wlingborough area that offer bins for free, sometimes x2 for a household do mot collect in winter ti save costs. ENC who harge just pass this charge to the customer when it is not needed.

By making the waste service accessible to ore in ENC it e courage people to keep their garden and land presentable. I have had to lea e thibgsvin past as could not afford a bin which frustrated me and lead to complaints from the neighbours. With a free or more reasonable bin this would not have happened.

Thank you for resolving this matter. As you can see the system has frustrated me for a while especially with rising costs.

Good afternoon my message is why does only Rushden have to pay for garden recycling, I have lived in Kettering and Corby and never had to pay for this service before, as we are one Council across the North Northants area this should be free to all people who live in and around Rushden, this would stop some of the fly tipping of this wastage

I only have three comments to make.

- 1.) Happy to continue with the current old EAST NORTHANTS Contractor.
- 2.) pay for annual service which has been satisfactory for many years now at around £50.
- 3.) CARBON FOOTPRINT must be lower through less traffic queuing at local centres and equate to user saving fuel and time!

[Redacted] Parish Council writes to formally object to the NNC proposals that will:

1. charge residents for Green Waste Collection.
2. limit collections to between the months of March and September.

We do so for the following reasons:

- a. Paying for collection service flies in the face of North Northants claimed environmental credentials.
- b. Asking residents to pay for the service would not be supported by [redacted] Environmental and Sustainability Policy ... [redacted].
- c. Cross subsidisation is a fundamental principal of society and exists on all levels. For example, those without children contribute towards the education costs of those who do.
- d. fly-tipping and the subsequent cost of clearing this will increase.
- e. waste going to landfill will increase as households will put green waste in their black bins rather than paying for the service.
- f. burning of garden waste will increase, not all waste can be composted domestically. Even small twigs for example need shredding prior to composting.
- g. Smaller households find it difficult to dispose of their green waste.
- h. The imposition of a not insignificant charge takes no account of those who do not have the ability to pay.
- i. Nor does it allow for those who do not have the means of taking green waste to a Local Authority tip.
- j. Running Green Waste Collection's for a limited period from March to September or October does not take account of the fact that a large portion of the clearing and tidying of gardens is done during the winter months. It has been common in recent years for summer bedding plants to be still flowering into early November due to the delayed onset of the first frosts.
- k. It also takes no account of The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended by The Crow Act 2000 which makes it an offence to disturb nesting birds (including those engaged in nest building) from 1st March to 30th September thus limiting any significant pruning of trees and hedges to the winter months.
- l. We would also point out that many households have green waste such as Christmas trees and other decorative foliage to dispose of in the early days of the New Year.

Finally, we make the point that the survey appears to have a bias towards charging for Green Waste Collection which manifests itself in several ways.

- j. The scale of potential charges starts at the relatively high figure of £40 per year. This is as high as the [redacted] Precept for a Band D property which is one of the highest in the whole of Northamptonshire.
- k. It mentions a potential cost of providing the service but seems to equate this as a potential saving which it is not. The potential saving will be significantly less once the not insignificant administration costs, the additional landfill costs arising from green waste being put into black bins, the additional costs of running the household tips due to increased green waste collection and the increased costs of dealing with additional fly tipping are all factored in.
- l. Whilst concentrating on negatives the survey does little to mention the benefits of extending a free at the point of collection year-round service to all.

I'm writing to you to say 'No' to extra charges to collect our garden waste. We already pay enough in Council tax and yet more charges hike as from April.

If you want to cut on waste a few pointers. The cycle land outside our house, hardly ever used, as people use the service road as usual. The bollards are knocked down daily and teh wasteful new council with their new vans logos et etc have to send men to put them up and mend them every week. That's waste. Also our Road is not being cleaned because of the said bollards, the narrow lane et etc. That is Waste. A lof of older people live here and they paid tax all their lives and they are being hammered, where is justice?? I'm willing to meet you and you're invited to call for a cuppa. My [relative] and I can explain better face to face.

I'd like to view my points on the above.

I have a garden and obviously generate garden waste, however I do not need my bin emptied every fortnight (as it stand currently) maybe once a month - 6 wks.

I am happy with the current March-Nov service.

At a time when everyone will be affected finanically due to higher cost of living. I think

introducing a charge for garden waste should not happen.

If a charge is introduced, many will resort to flytipping - we have several areas nearby where this happens already - a clear up of this costing councils and taxpayers huge amounts of money.

Also if charge is introduced - many will simply use the household bin - as will I.

So on the basis of my bin being emptied 5-6 times a year, I would like the service to be free.

As last Friday as I put my brown bin out for collection here in Wellingborough to expect it to be emptied?

Because corded earlier on which you did on 16 March this year in which was a fortnight ago? As I had no reason why that you did not turn up?

But reading in the paper the evening Telegraph there was a large item about the bin not in emptied in the sense of people not paying for their garden waste of £55 a year?

Although this must be a problem for you and specially for the councillors as well. But it has nothing to do with Wellingborough where I live? Because we are under another agreement where we not have paid for us to have it taken away by the council? In which is the Wellingborough Council between from March to November as then is closes down to March the following year?

So as far I'm concerned, I have no problem with that and also with not paying for that in our council property tax. In which has gone up this year nearly £60 on my property anyway. As I have read this articile still confused while we are involved in your problems of people not want to pay the £55? But why are you punishing us to live in Wellingborough because this service run for gardeners is a valuable service. To in taking garden waste away during the season and that is what is designed for.

But I lived in the other town of Northamptonshire like Kettering or other in which was mentioned. As I would have kicked up a stink about it? But there as I did when I first heard about idea of yours of levelling up to them not levelling down. But because of legal difficulties as you faced, we are under a different contract here in Wellingborough. So, I have sent to with this letter a copy of what I sent you last year in which I believe was November. When it was decided to go ahead and let people pay £55? But as I said before because we are Wellingborough people. So, when not in the same agreemnet as the rest of the county over this garden waste bin collection. As the way somehow is been put over to us we won't get one until at least July this year to have been taken away?

So please can you make a statement in the press of your intentions what you're diong about Wellingborough. Because I heard a report said is against the law no to take garden waste away from houses? In which you are serving as I could go on for a lot more but I feel I said my piece specially with the other letter.

[Redacted copy of additional correspondence referred to above available upon request]

I am writing to put my view about the garden waste bins, as I understand it there is to be a review payment or none payment for bins.

I am at the moment paying for my bin to be collected and other areas do not.

This is not exeptable as I think all regions should be free or pay.

the east northants reporter says there is consultation over the future of garden waste collections - but their link to an online questionnaire doesn't seem to work. of the options they give i would favour free collection - but to save costs the old wellingborough plan of not collecting through the winter months seems sensible.

I have reviewed the Equality Screening Assessment in relation to the consultation about Garden Waste Collection and am concerned that no consideration has been given to the wider health benefits of gardening, both physical and mental health. The health benefits of gardening are wide ranging and well known and ignore them in relation to such a policy change is concerning.

I would expect stakeholders from other policy areas, including health and public health to have provided input into the assessment.

If garden waste is chargeable then existing and future gardeners may be less inclined to undertake gardening and this will have a detrimental impact on the wider health of the population covered by the authority. A change in policy in this area is likely to impact costs in other areas.

Please don't start charging for the collection of garden waste, we have enough Fly Tipping around [redacted] now, just imagine what it will be like if you start charging. People will just dump it anywhere, instead of having to pay and that will cost the council alot more, having to drive around collecting random piles of garden waste on country lanes and in fields.

Then you'll be putting the Council Tax up again to cover it!
Think of the environmental impact it would have and the impact on wildlife.
Surely we pay enough at the moment. The cost of living is a stain on most families now, we can't afford to pay more.

Why not make expand your composting units and sell the compost to the general public or to allotment associatios, to bring in more revenue.

Please think very carefully before making a decision, it willl impact on everyone's lives, if the wrong decision is made and cause ot of upset.

It would appear that North Northants Council intend to introduce a charge for kerbside collections of green waste.

I am one of your constituents and oppose this strongly.

The reasoning given for introducing this charge is that prior to the amalgamations of the local councils, to form the current body, East Northants had such a charge in place and therefore to “ level up” everyone should pay it. I don't think that is the levelling up needed. The option of suggesting thy stop the charge in that area is not in the survey questions

The point is also made that it is unfair for those without a garden to pay it. That does not stand up to scrutiny. Those with gardens are in higher Council Tax bands and pay more council tax in any event.

I believe that we will see an increase in fly tipping which already blights the County or people will fill their black bins with the waste (which is already happening in [Redacted] and in East Northants where such charges exist) therefore defeating recycling efforts.

I don't believe they would do anything simple to improve the recycling system with the extra income such as opening the recycling centre 7 days a week. People who live near existing sites already see increases in fly tipping on days they are closed which are not consistent across the county

As you will see from the wording of the survey it seems they are determined to bring this in otherwise why ask how you would prefer to pay it?

At a time of a rapid rise in the cost of living, even a pound or so a week makes a difference for those struggling to make ends meet on incomes fixed or otherwise and it will be likely to hit pensioners hard. It will also be increased each year as it does elsewhere

It is hardly a vote winner for local councillors. Are they hoping because we don't have local elections this time people will forget?

I and most people I know see this as a stealth tax. Given that most people working for the new council are the same as the old County Council they are likely to squander any additional income in any event

[Redacted] Parish would like to raise an objection to the proposed £55 pound charge for green bin collection. The main reasons are [redacted] residents feel they have already been required to pay for a service charge of up to £350 per house over the last 10 years. Residents have had a reduced level of service due to highways not being adopted and all green areas not being managed by any local authority. Residents have had to pay full Council tax over this period.

Also stopping homes from having this service provided is going to add to the problems of fly tipping on [redacted]. Residents have seen an increase in electricity bills an uplift in Council Tax. Fuel is still at record highs and the cost of feeding a family just keeps rising.

The [redacted] Parish council and residents feel this extra cost may push more families towards breaking point and towards food banks. The fact this is on any agenda at this time is worrying for all.

Residents have already highlighted they would just use general waste bins to remove this from gardens. So how does this feed in to green goals over the next 5/10 years.

I am an [redacted] year old. Most of the garden waste I put in my green bin is from. A very very large council tree that is just a couple of metre's over my fence. I have asked the council several times to sort it out, but all they do is remove a few branches every few

<p>years!! I have already filled 9 black bags this winter from the mess from this tree which is a terrible job for me. I have [redacted] and find this job very painful. I would in no way pay for this to be taken away!!!</p>
<p>I live on [redacted], we do not get hardly any services up here, but still have to pay council tax, this added expenditure is just another thing for us elderly people to have to pay for, our pensions have not risen sufficiently for us to pay more. This is disgusting.</p>
<p>I am an old age Pensioner and unfortunately, a widow. I rely on the Garden Waste Service and have been paying £55 each year, for several years, over and above my council tax. This is so unfair as half the county get the service for free. Most are far more [illegible] than me and can get to a recycling plant! I should get the service free too. The council must be making money on [illegible] collected compost which should be considered and so far never mentioned. If this free service is not continued or extended to ALL, I can see more waste going to land fill - or worse, [illegible] tipping.</p>
<p>Hi here are my comments about garden waste. How do pensioners or people with no means of transport dispose of garden waste? This is crazy to stop collection. Maybe best practice would be to keep the refuse collections going from March to November as there is less gardening going on then. This service is vital to keep going.</p>
<p>We feel that the charge for emptying the green bin will cause many people to fly tip garden waste. I live in [redacted] which is next to [redacted] Forest and already this week have seen garden waste fly tipping in the forest, and this has happened in the first week of the new scheme! Surely a better way forward would be to continue garden waste collection (uncharged) through a period of high usage (ie April - September) and charge for collection through the Autumn/Winter period, when the possibly uptake of this service would be lower.</p>
<p>We are already paying for the collection of our domestic waste through the council tax, which includes our domestic garden waste. In the light of problems already present with fly tipping, the last thing people need is to have to pay further charges to have their garden waste collected. Not everyone has access to a motor vehicle to get it to the local recycling centres. So by charging more to collect it is just asking for it to be dumped in inappropriate places. I say "NO!" We pay enough!</p>
<p>I think the idea of paying for bins is grossly unfair i pay enough for my house rates. We also have no bus service compared to the towns.</p>
<p>My feedback would be that collections should be available between 1st March to 31st October. Every other week. I would dispute the additional charges on the basis that surely you would of costed this already in the budget and applied it to the current tax charges residents of the county are already paying. Especially when i think of how much the rise has been since a unitary council has taken over running of the council? I don't think asking residents for an additional surcharge on top of your yearly tax is going to be popular. Perhaps an opt in? Or out? To those who use the service it is covered next year in their yearly cost. Spreading this over 10 months for an extra £5 for example would not be such a huge extra cost. Bit this would come with some pitfalls on people who don't pay. Would need their green bins removed or that bins are tagged, so you only collect from paying residents. Then of course you will perhaps have people disposing in bins that are not theirs, or worse local fly tipping of Garden waste</p>
<p>Sorry, but having just seen my council tax rise £40+ a month this year for band B I feel charging for garden waste is a nonsense. Why do they even collect between Dec and Feb as surely no one is out cutting their grass and pruning the bushes as I certainly do not. I feel they should stop during these months and concentrate their efforts elsewhere like emptying normal waste bins as I have to email each month to get the one outside our house emptied even though it is on a school and college pathway so lots of foot traffic. Get the basics right before you introduce extra charges</p>
<p>My opinion would be that a service during the growing season without charge might be the best option. I compost kitchen waste and small plants from my garden. I don't have many larger shrubs/trees but composting larger branches needs machinery to break it down.</p>

Moving to a subscription service will lead to longer queues at the recycling centres and ultimately more fly tipping if trips to the tip are counted.
We are definitely against paying extra for garden waste we all ready pay loads of council tax
The current system needs to be council wide and I do not consider £55-00 too much for residents who desire garden waste collection to pa. Naturally I would like it free but realise the expense involved. I do consider it essential that is North Northants council is one council and nit divided up into different areas when we only have One Council. Therefore it needs to have the same rules for all.
I feel that it is not good to make people pay for their greenbins to be emptied for a price. It is disgraceful the only way you can help people is give them free compost bins instead with a leaflet on how and what you need to do it.
Why should some people pay and others don't , it is not a fair system and we pay enough in rates as it is the only service we get at [redacted] is refuse collection
We pay £1800 per year council tax which is more than enough, not sure why we changes to North Northant's council as it's not an improvement for Corby as far as I can see. Rebranding all the vehicles must have wasted a lot of money.
I think everyone who wants a garden bin collection should pay £35 per year for an all year round collection.
We pay £55 p.a. now we have moved to Rushden and also paid for this service when we lived in [redacted]. I suggest that everyone in North Northamptonshire pays the same amount but at a smaller rate. Perhaps £30 p.a. with no service December through to February.
This is just wrong and pointless as people with half a brain will just opt out of using this service and dump there green waste in their black bins. We pay far to much for poorly ran and mismananaged council services as it is and this is just a way of increasing the tax take. Absolute joke
I am opposed to any kind of payment system as we pay enough council tax in th NN17 Area...i can understand a time during the year that garden waste is not collected... everything has gone up.. We are paying through the nose and every where else...we cannot afford it.
It wasn't the publics choice to merge authorities. Any cost involved should have been accounted for but certainly not at the expense of those who pay large council tax bills. The free garden waste collection service is excellent and if stopped, fly tipping will increase in addition to that already dumped at the road side.
I would not be happy to pay for my garden waste to be collected in the fortnightly collection. At this time with everything else going up I would not be happy with another expense.
I would be in favour of a March to November garden waste removal. These are the times when it is most needed. It would save the council bringing bin lorries out when they aren't needed. It also save the environment with less pollution. I don't think we as council tax payers should pay extra as this comes under our monthly tax we already pay.
I would like to comment, as a retired widow living on my own, I don't think it's fair that any charges should be made for the same households no matter the size. I recycle my waste at bottle banks and at the local tip, I also have a waste disposal. I rarely fill my bins, and my gardener takes away my garden waste. I already pay council tax for band D, which i believe is high enough for a single homeowner. Please, when making your decisions, take into account, pensioners, and those that are already struggling to survive.
Council tax has gone up along with National Insurance fuel,gas and electric food,water, mortgages , rents. People have not had a wage rise in years.This is not a time to add to peoples misery by charging for garden waste.Many people would not be able to afford this extra cost and will lead to fly tipping across the county.

<p>You already getting too much for nothing. Roll on next election.</p>
<p>I have lived in [redacted] for [redacted] and had my garden waste collected originally weekly then to save costs the council changed to fortnightly. The cost of this service is included in in my council tax. To consider charging extra for this service is just another tax increase on a service we are already paying for. I guarantee 100% that the council will decide to increase my council tax.</p>
<p>I do not agree paying any extra charge, for my Green bins to be emptied.</p>
<p>I prefer to have my garden waste collected and paid for through my council tax as at present , as I have [redacted] taking rubbish to a recycling center is not an option for me and I would wish to avoid more paperwork and direct debits etc Please try to keep this as simple as possible for elderly and infirm people , extra forms mean we have to ask for help from others to cope with them and to move the bins</p>
<p>I believe in the present economic conditions, there should be no charge for emptying green bins. Or the charge should not be levied on senior citizens.</p>
<p>I started to complete the online survey but abandoned it because it is not a genuine survey and designed to lead the respondents into guiding the council into determining the maximum level of charge that people will accept (as long as it is at least £40). I believe that the service should remain free and operate during the gardening year as it does in Wellingborough (March until leaf fall). If an annual charge is introduced it will result in an increase in garden waste being put into general waste and an increase in fly tipping and thereby increase costs. The charge would effectively be a stealth increase in Council Tax apart from the residents of the former East Northamptonshire District who have already seen a significant increase in their Council Tax in the levelling process. I find it preposterous that a charge is justified because not everyone uses the service because Council Tax supports a large number of services that are not universally taken up. For example, I do not use the library service and have not had children but am happy to contribute towards those services.</p>
<p>Another money making scheme for the council. Just waiting to be charged for the air we breathe.</p>
<p>I'm not paying for you to collect my garden waste.</p>
<p>Continue with £55 yearly.</p>
<p>Please keep the free service, I cycle a lot and am tired of seeing fly tipped rubbish in beauty spots. If you start to charge for garden waste collections I believe more will be just fly tipped.</p>
<p>People are struggling enough. Have a bit of compassion Councils work for the people. We are not lucky enough to have gold plated pensions We are skint</p>
<p>All the council is doing by putting a price on this collection is making fly tipping a option for some</p>
<p>Although composting may well be the best way to dispose of garden waste, not everyone will have the space or inclination to do this. I suspect garden waste will go into the general bin and end up in landfill. Or will be fly tipped thus exacerbating an already growing problem. Surely the council can continue to produce and sell compost. Hopefully, the collection will continue as it is, we do not want to see gardens filled with plastic grass! I live in a conservation area and have to look after several trees in order to enhance the street scene. These have already cost us thousands of pounds to maintain. We gather up leaves on our property and from the road side. We already pay nearly £3000 a year for councils services, please don't increase this.</p>
<p>Why is it corby Kettering Wellingborough get there waste for free but others have to pay also the drivers still have to go out regardless for those that have paid surely the journeys</p>

would be more beneficial for many collections not few also public can take the garden waste themselves causing more emissions... I had the subscription b4 but hardly used it as not always filled it but i had a full bin that was sat there and collections/subscription had finished... not only that i have seen other brown bins full just sitting there is that good for the environment?? Not only that people can't get rid of garden waste themselves due to many reasons health not to be able to get into car onloading offloading etc etc... Please reconsider this for them that truly need your service especially as people are tidying up their garden for summer coming hopefully it will be best for everyone or if not used then cut the service.

As we all know the people of Corby get this service but I think as our council tax has gone up massively since north Northampton county council forced their way into our borough that it should be included in the council tax but again as we all know for sure as the consultation for them taking over the Corby council this consulting is only a tick box exercise and we will all be paying the extra £55

Regarding charging residents for the collection of garden waste ,
We Totally disagree that charges should made for this service the council charge more than enough already without getting on the bandwagon just because everyone else is putting up prices and seem to be ripping off the tax payer.
Regards those now in the North Northants system they should also have bins collected free of charge (it's not free as they are paying their Council Tax) these have all gone up and our pensions are in real terms down .
Do the right thing for our residents in North Northants and keep the status quo NO CHARGES for garden waste.

Hello, just filled in your Consultation Form regarding garden waste where you are proposing to charge people to empty the bins that we already pay for in our Council Tax. The form is a disgrace as the questions are loaded in your favour. This is completely dishonest in my opinion.
You really need to look at the bigger picture of what this will create if you start charging people for garden waste disposal.

If you start to charge me for my garden waste. I will put it in the black bin as I am on state pension even £50 a year is still to much. £50 I need

I do not agree to being charged for the collection of garden waste in the Wellingborough area as I think the Council tax I pay as a pensioner is already high.
(Our Brown bin is still outside since Friday and do not expect it to be emptied this week so what are we supposed to do ?)

Opinion is sought concerning garden waste collection which as a resident in Irchester I have enjoyed previously rom March to end of October for FREE.
To collect all year round is a waste of money (excuse the pun). If this waste is not collected it will incentivise fly-tipping, and if a charge is required I believe a proportion at least should come from increased Council Tax. It will NOT increase home composting as I for one do not have the space

Garden waste. I am I favour of the collections being free but only collected when popular like the wellingborough system.
No more tax rises (subscriptions).
Thanks for the feedback option.

My comments/opinions are as follows:
The service is fine.
Corby, Kettering & Wellingborough have made no charge for the service for the financial year just ended - despite their average Band D Council Tax being over £200 less than for the neighbouring areas of NNCC.
Council Tax charges are proportional to the size/value of each property and the likely equivalent demands they place on council services - including the garden waste service.
The introduction of a charge could result in more 'fly-tipping' - this appears to have happened, when for example, re-cycling centres close down.
Households may only need the service between say, March & October.
Thank you for your attention.

I offer an opinion in this matter of Garden Waste across the North Northampton Council Area.

I am an avid gardener and environmentalist. I encourage where possible, a whole range of fellow citizen of all ages to get out and about in their localities and where available in their own gardens and reserved socialising areas.

The contribution of gardening to work-life balance is amazing whether on your own or in company of others.

Like so many activities across our communities, it is possible to generate lots of waste. Having a civilised and well resourced system of waste disposal is part of a mature and adult society, whether it is in your own town centre; local neighbourhood or on your doorstep.

I encourage the creation of simple recycling/composting bins in each and every garden or socialising space. They don't have to be smelly or invasive if constructed positively. My compost bins are quite extensive and take much of the kitchen waste, and are our 'garden engines' each season creating much nutriment for garden and plant growing activities.

I utilise my garden 'green waste' bin each fortnight, and place within it the woody or invasive items that I cannot safely compost. Debris and litter from the local streets and gutters, automatically goes in where vigilance both pays off, and the community remains tidy. Wayward 'Dog' excrement occasionally has to be disposed of.

I utilise the Community Amenity Points and bulky and heavy items, but try to minimise my visits on ecological grounds and environmental journeys.

It works, even when I take excessive garden waste for some elderly or less fortunate neighbours.

I do not want to see the possibility of charging for 'Green waste' collections across the area.

It's counterproductive and could lead to 'notable' sites and areas of waste littering.....a springboard for all sorts of debris in our communities.

There exists the technology to weigh people's refuse bins, and charge householders accordingly to their 'household' waste.

It doesn't take much to envisage unscrupulous citizens dumping waste across their neighbours bins under the cover of darkness; with impunity.

Let's bring everyone on board with an increased education and familiarity with environmental awareness, keeping it very necessary on one's own doorstep.

Council Tax should repeatedly justify the costs of services.

Garden Waste disposal is not to be a separate additional cost open to unlawful noncompliance and exploitation.