

**Proposal to Charge Residents for the Green Waste  
Collection Service  
Feedback on Consultation**



Sefton Council



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## Executive Summary

The option to charge for the green waste service was considered by Cabinet on 31st January 2013. Cabinet recommended this as an option for approval on 28th February as part of the Council's Two Year Financial Plan and Revenue Budget for 2013/14, and this was approved by full Council as part of the overall budget.

The consultation methodology went to the Public Consultation and Engagement Panel and was approved on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and Street Scene opened a public consultation that ran from 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 until 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014. The consultation asked:

- Whether they used the service
- What level of charge residents would be prepared to pay for the green waste service
- When they would prefer it to be collected
- How they would dispose of their green waste if they did not use the green waste service.

There were a total of 1,404 responses to the questionnaire, plus 33 letters or emails from residents.

The results of the consultation were that:

- The majority, over 88% of people who answered question on charging were only prepared to pay the minimum 50p per week charge for their green waste service, £23.00 per year
- Most people would be happy to have their green waste collected on a Saturday or a Monday
- Of the people who said they would dispose of their garden waste in another way:
  - Around 10% would be prepared to compost their waste at home
  - Just under 43% would take their garden waste to the local civic amenity site
  - Just over 46% would dispose of their waste in another way, which would include:
    - Use of their grey domestic “residual” waste bin
    - Fly tipping
    - Burning

A large number of people refused to answer the question on how much they were prepared to pay. Taking question 1 as 100% of potential respondents, only 33.96% of people responded to question 2 whereas 90.7% went on to answer question 3. This 66.04% drop off rate between the first and second questions suggests dissatisfaction both with the question asked and with the principle of having to pay.

From the verbatim feedback from question 4 and from email and letters received, a sizeable majority of people do not wish to be charged for collecting their green waste, including a number of those who actually gave an answer to question 2.

10.83% of respondents that left verbatim comments considered that they were already paying for the green waste collection service through their Council Tax, or that this was a “stealth increase” in taxation.

In the verbatim comments, a number of disabled and older people with infirmity said they would be unable to pay for the green waste service due to both their limited means, which would also prevent them using transport to take their waste to a Household Waste Recycling Centre, and their disability or infirmity. The responsibility would then fall upon friends, family or carers, who may be unwilling to accept the additional burden of transport costs or time taken to compost green waste, leaving them with no alternative means of waste disposal.

A number of residents offered alternative proposals. These included:

- Collect green waste monthly instead of every two weeks
- Reduce the collection period so the service operates between March and October
- Have an on-demand collection service, so residents pay only when the green waste bin is full
- Invest in other forms of waste recycling, such as comingled waste recycling
- Reduce the salaries and allowances of elected members and senior council officers
- Reduce the number of elected members and council officers
- Improve internal council efficiency to reduce costs
- Charge residents who over fill their waste bins

The results of this consultation will now be submitted for consideration by elected members to inform their decisions regarding this proposal.

## **Background**

The proposal to charge for the collection of green waste in Sefton forms part of the £51 million the Council has to find as part of the budget reductions required by the Government are a very difficult challenge, and follow the £64 million already saved in previous years.

Sefton Council is required to collect refuse from all properties across the Borough, and does so via sack collections at certain properties and fortnightly grey ‘wheelie bin’ collections at the majority of properties. The Council also currently operates a non-statutory, or discretionary, ‘Green Waste Collection

Service'. At the moment, residents who receive this service are issued with a 240 litre green wheelie bin. This is used to collect grass clippings, tree and shrub prunings, weeds, dead flowers and leaves. These bins are emptied by the council on an alternate weekly basis (every other week) and the contents are recycled or used to produce compost.

The Council currently receives a payment for diverting green waste away from landfill, but there is a charge per tonne for disposing of this waste at composting facilities, as well as the significant cost of collecting the green waste from individual properties. The payment received for providing the green waste to another organisation does not meet the cost of collection and the payment for disposal.

The option to charge for the green waste service was considered by Cabinet on 31st January 2013. Cabinet recommended this as an option for approval on 28th February as part of the Council's Two Year Financial Plan and Revenue Budget for 2013/14, and this was approved by full Council as part of the overall budget.

This consultation seeks the views of residents on what level of charge they would be prepared to pay, when they would prefer to have their green waste collected, and how they will dispose of their green waste if they choose to no longer use the service.

## **Proposal**

The proposal is to:

- a) Charge for the collection for "green" or garden waste from residential properties in the borough
- b) Offer the service to any household within the borough that is willing to pay for a green waste collection service, including areas where the service is not currently provided.

## Summary of Feedback

There were a total of 1,404 responses to the questionnaire, plus 33 letters or emails from residents. The results were as follows:

### **Q1: How many people use the green waste collection?**

Of those that were surveyed, 97.84% use the Council's green waste collection service to remove their garden waste. There was minimal take-up of the consultation from non-users, indicating that there would also be minimal interest in using a chargeable green waste service.

### **Q2: How much are people prepared to pay for their green waste collection?**

The majority of people who expressed an opinion said that they would prefer the option of 50p per week, or £23.00 per year. Some 88.54% prefer this option, whilst 5.10% prefer 75p per week, £34.50 a year, and 6.37% prefer the £1.00 per week, or £46.00 per year option.

However, 66.04% refused to answer question 2 when compared to the number answering question 1. Only 33.96% of respondents answered question 2. This suggests dissatisfaction with both the question asked and the proposal to charge for green waste collection. Verbatim comments from question 5 of the survey, and from residents who have either written or emailed the Council, have indicated that there is little support for the introduction of this charge. Of those that expressed an opinion, 10.83% believe that the green waste service is paid for from Council Tax.

### **Q3: What time would they prefer their waste to be collected?**

Most survey respondents are happy with their green waste collection being either on a Saturday or a Monday. This was supported by 97.33% of respondents. However some of the verbatim responses questioned whether this was an effective use of resources, citing overtime payments as possibly increasing costs.

### **Q4: How would residents dispose of their green waste if they did not use the green waste collection service?**

Some 42.95% said that they would use their nearest household waste recycling centre or tip, 9.97% would compost their garden waste at home, and 0.43% would use a wormery.

Some 46.66% said that they would dispose of their green waste by other means. Of this group:

20.87% place waste in the grey or residual waste bin for collection  
3.85% would fly tip  
3.35% would burn their waste

### **Alternative Proposals**

Questionnaire respondents and residents who wrote or emailed made a number of alternative proposals on how cost savings could be made. These included:

- Collect green waste monthly instead of every two weeks
- Reduce the collection period so the service operates between March and October
- Have an on-demand collection service, so residents pay only when the green waste bin is full
- Invest in other forms of waste recycling, such as comingled waste recycling
- Reduce the salaries and allowances of elected members and senior council officers
- Reduce the number of elected members and council officers
- Improve internal council efficiency to reduce costs
- Charge residents who over fill their waste bins

### **Post Code Analysis**

Just over 50% of the respondents were from the PR8 and PR9 areas. Therefore it is possible that the majority of household waste recycling centre use, waste burning and fly tipping may take place in these areas.

### **Conclusion**

The results of this consultation are that:

- The proposal to charge for the collection of green waste is opposed by the majority of consultation respondents.
- Over 10% of respondents think that the green waste collection is included in their Council Tax charge
- Non users have shown little interest in taking up the chargeable service
- A minority are in favour of the minimum charge of 50p per week.
- Most respondents are happy to have their green waste collected on either a Saturday or Monday
- Some respondents express concerns over the use of Council resources and the potential overtime costs of a Saturday collection

- Just under half of respondents would take their garden waste to a household waste recycling centre rather than pay a charge
- Just over 20% of respondents would use their grey domestic waste bin to dispose of garden waste

In the verbatim comments, a number of disabled and older people with infirmity said they would be unable to pay for the green waste service due to both their limited means, which would also prevent them using transport to take their waste to a Household Waste Recycling Centre, and their disability or infirmity. The responsibility would then fall upon friends, family or carers, who may be unwilling to accept the additional burden of transport costs or time taken to compost green waste, leaving them with no alternative means of waste disposal.

A number of residents made alternative proposals to the introduction of the charge. These included:

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# Appendices

## Appendix 1 – Overview of Consultation

The overview of consultation table below shows which groups were contacted.

Operational Services		Change Proposals 2013/14 – Overview of Consultation				Street Scene		
Key: Activity Completed ✓ Activity Cancelled ✕								
Version 1.2						Signposting to eConsult		
	Change Proposal	e-Consult	Forum /Meetings	Contact Centre	Hard to Reach Groups	Letter/email	Posters/ Leaflets	Twitter/ Facebook/ Press release
	<i>Charging for Green Waste</i>	Questionnaire loaded on to e-consult ✓ 24/03/2013	None	Contact centre to collect enquiries and forward to officers. Posters, leaflets, email all to contain contact centre number. ✓  Informed 21/03/2013	Email to Sefton CVS CEN facilitators advising of consultation ✓ 05/04/2013	Sefton CVS newsletter to community groups ✓ 05/04/2013  Councillors ✓ 09/04/2013  Email to Friends of Parks Groups ✕  Email to previous consultation respondents ✕	Libraries ✓ 09/04/2013  Leisure Centres ✓ 09/04/2013  Leaflet drop to 15% of current service users ✓ 4,800 sent out 09/04/2013  Random leaflet drop of non users on existing green waste collection routes - ✓ sent out to 1,741 non users 27/03/2013	Twitter to raise awareness

## Appendix 2 – Consultation Questionnaire Responses

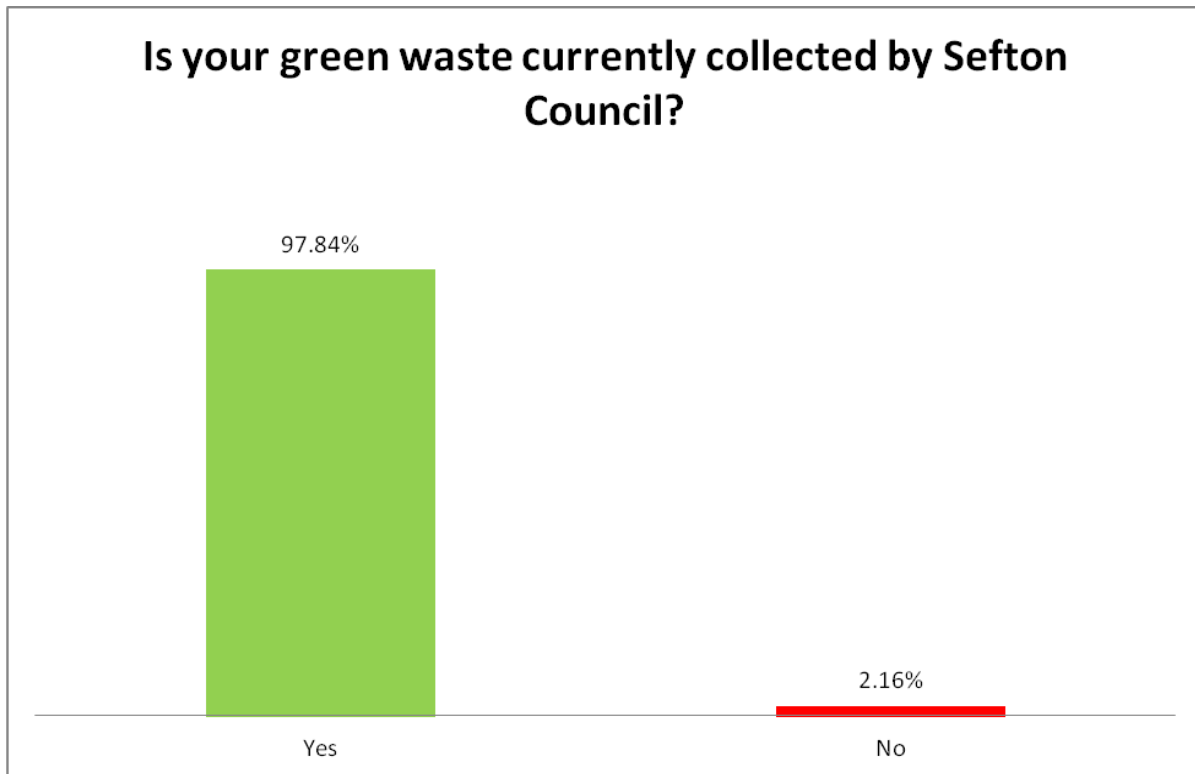
	Online	Offline (paper)	Total
<b>No longer providing refuse sacks for residents</b>			
Number of users who have completed the questionnaire	1070	88	1158
Number of users who have partially completed the questionnaire	246	0	246
Number of users who have responded (partially & fully completed the questionnaire)	1316	88	1404

In addition to the online responses above, a further 33 responses were received from the public via email or letter. The majority of these were against the proposed charge.

Details of the feedback from the questionnaire and other responses are shown in Appendix 4.

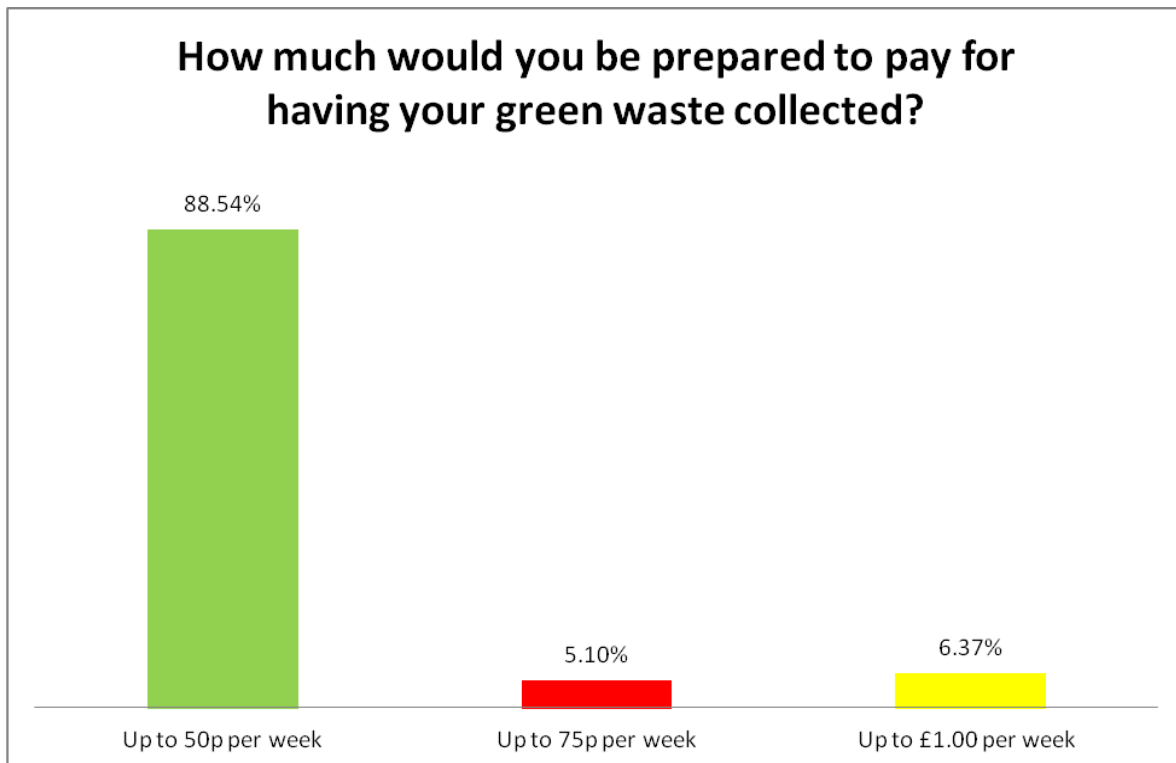
## Appendix 3 – Analysis of Questionnaire Results in Detail

### Question 1: Is your green waste currently collected by Sefton Council?



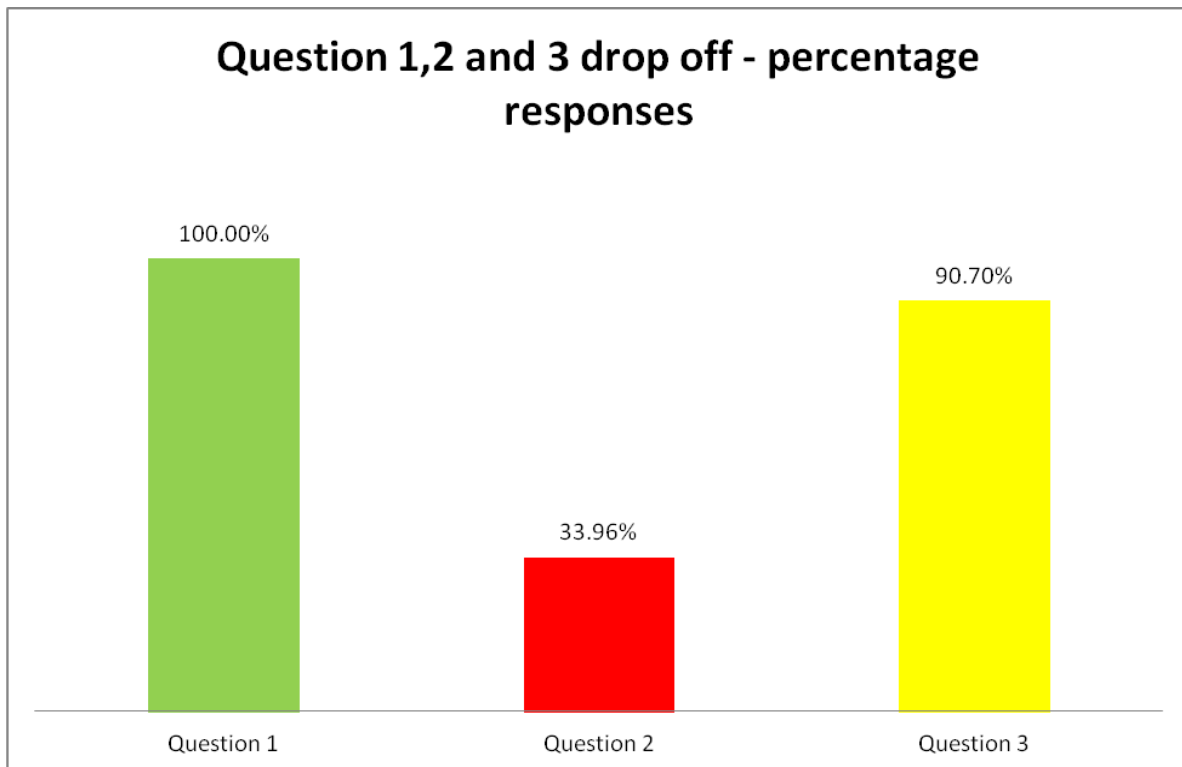
Of the 1387 people who answered this question, 97.84% of respondents were service users. There was a low response from non-users who were leafleted, indicating a low level of interest in taking up the option of a chargeable green waste service.

**Question 2: How much would you be prepared to pay for having your green waste collected?**



From the 471 respondents who answered question 2, 88.54% said that they were prepared to pay up to 50p per week for the service, whilst 5.10% said they would pay up to 75p per week and 6.37% said they would pay up to £1.00 per week for a green waste collection.

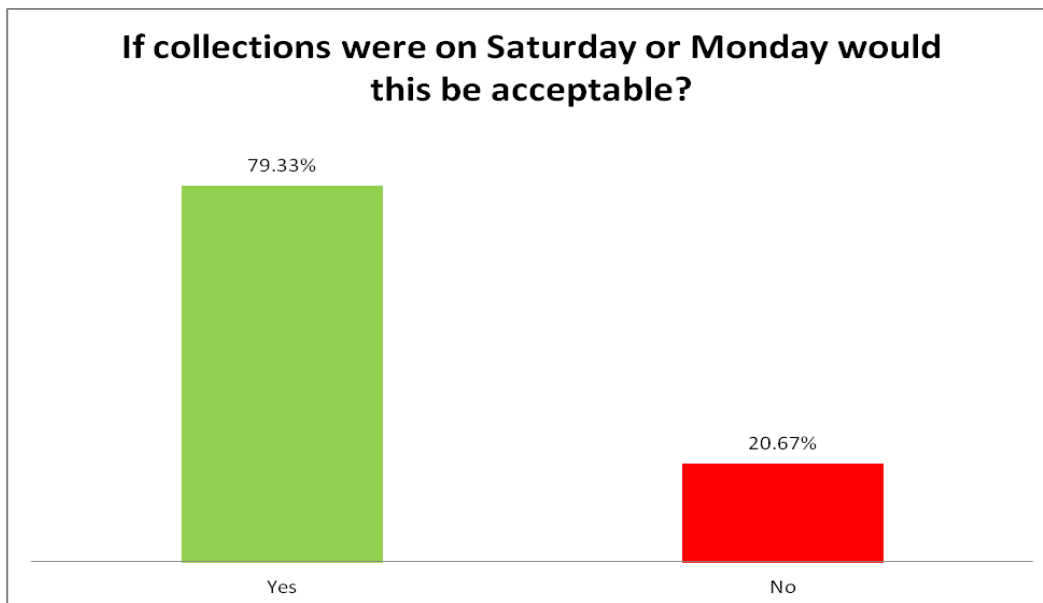
However, when compared to the questions either side, there is a large drop off in the number of respondents to this question.



Taking question 1 as 100% of potential respondents, only 33.96% of people responded to question 2 whereas 90.7% went on to answer question 3. This 66.04% drop off rate between the first and second questions indicates dissatisfaction both with the question asked and with having to pay for the service.

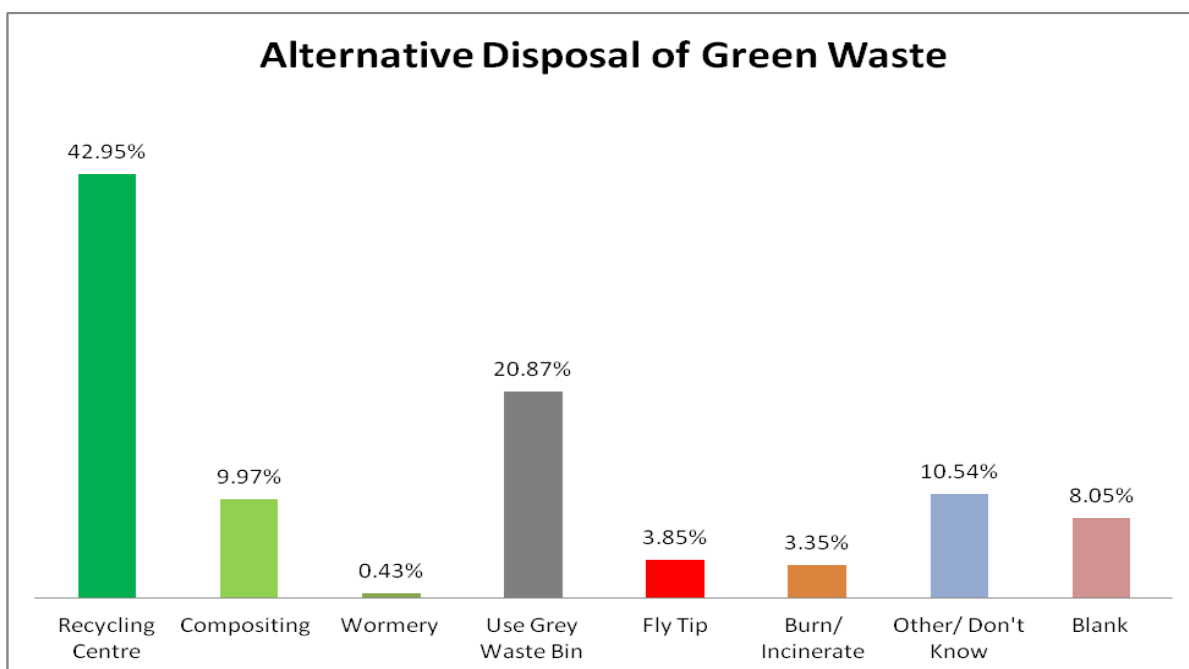
From the verbatim feedback from question 4 and from email and letters received, a sizeable majority of people do not wish to be charged for collecting their green waste, including a number of those who actually gave an answer to question 2.

**Question 3: The current service is provided during the week (between Tuesday and Friday). If collections were provided on a Saturday and Monday would this be acceptable to you?**



Just short of 80% of respondents were in favour of having their garden waste collected on either a Saturday or a Monday. Some of the verbatim comments received from respondents questioned whether Saturday collections would be an effective use of Council resources, citing increased overtime payments as an issue. 1258 people answered this question.

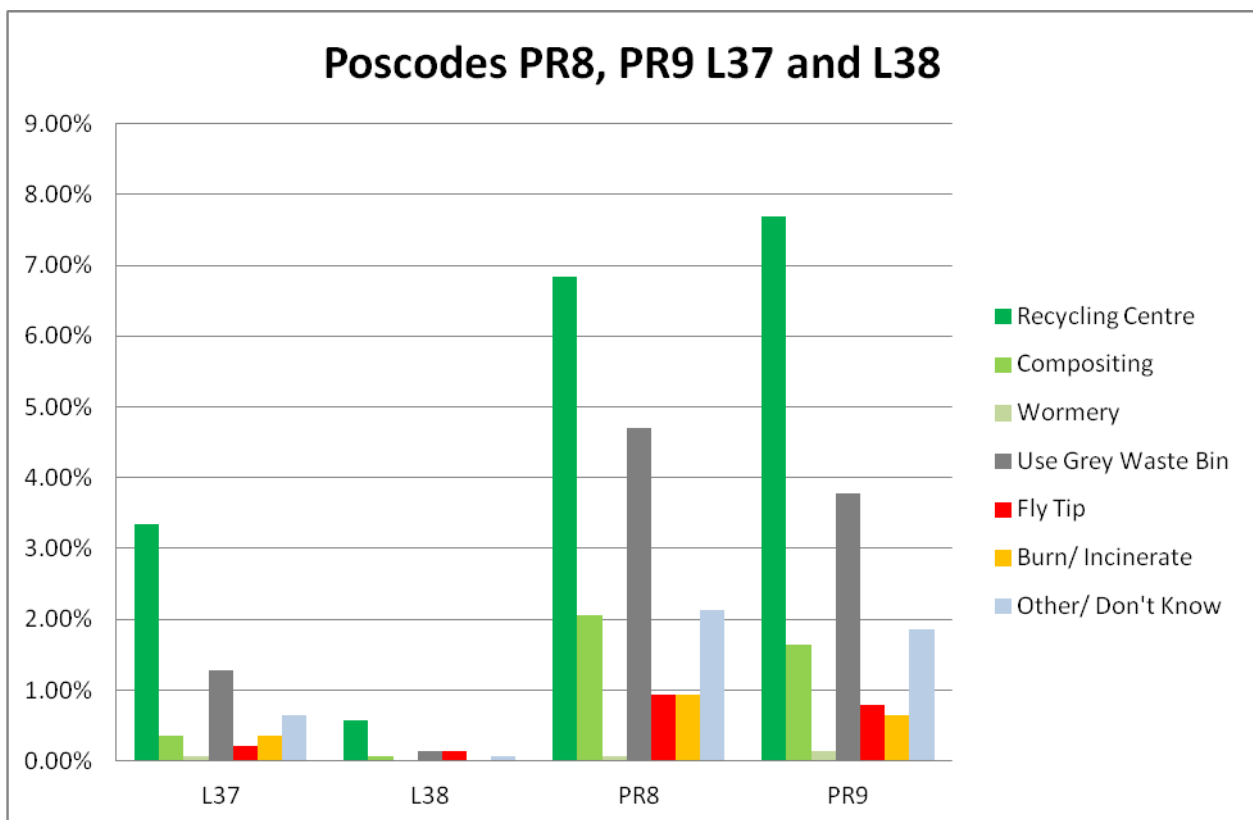
**Question 4: if you would not pay to use this service how will you deal with the garden waste produced at your property?**



Using data from all 1404 respondents, some 42.95% of said that they would take their waste to a household waste recycling centre if they did not use the service, 9.97% said they would use a composting bin, with 0.43% using a wormery.

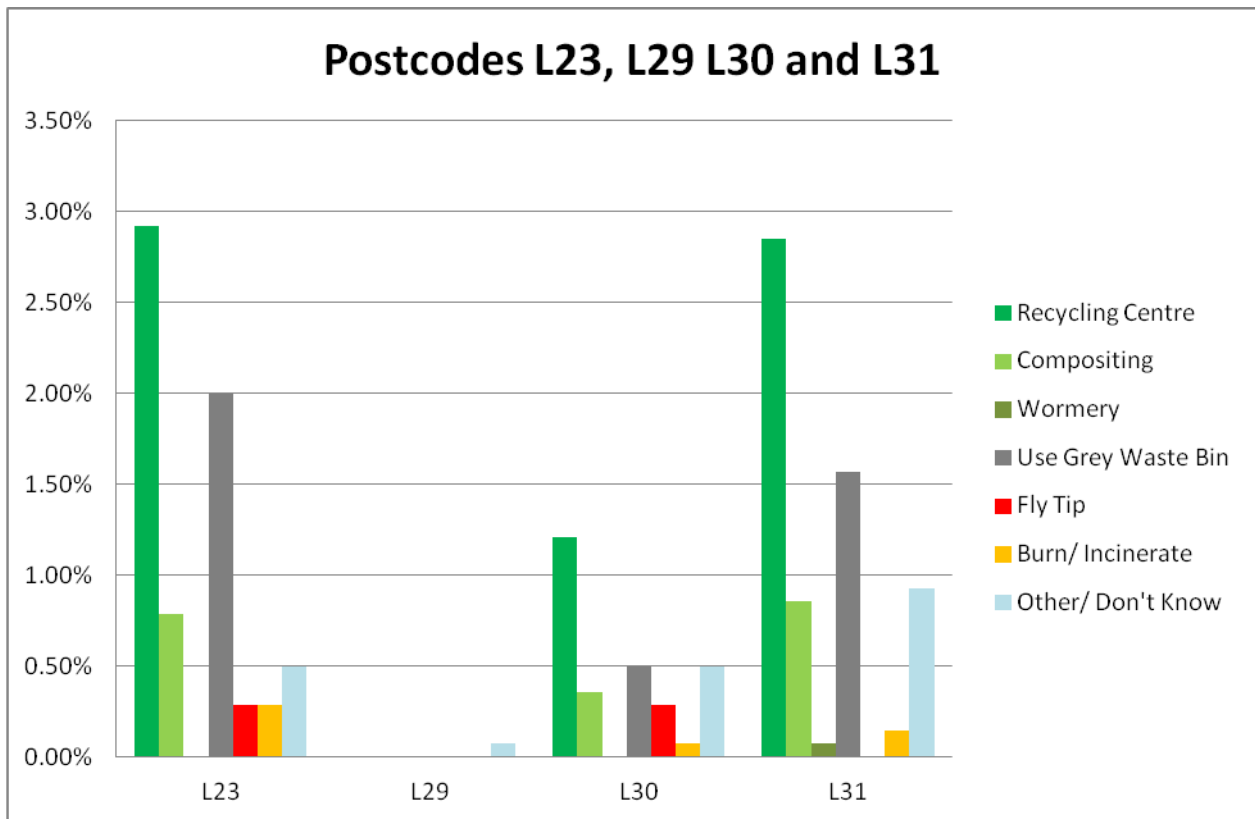
Of the 46.66% of respondents that stated “other ways,” 20.87% said that they would use their grey domestic waste bin to dispose of garden waste, whilst 3.85% said they would fly tip it and 3.35% said that they would burn it. 10.54% said that they either did not know how they would dispose of their waste, or would use other means such as sharing green bins or asking others to remove their waste for them.

### Alternative Disposal of Green Waste by Postcode



In the north of the borough, there is likely to be an increase in green waste going to recycling centres. 7.69% of all respondents, who were from the PR9 postcode, would take their waste to a household waste recycling centre, as would 6.84% of all respondents from PR8 and 3.35% from L37.

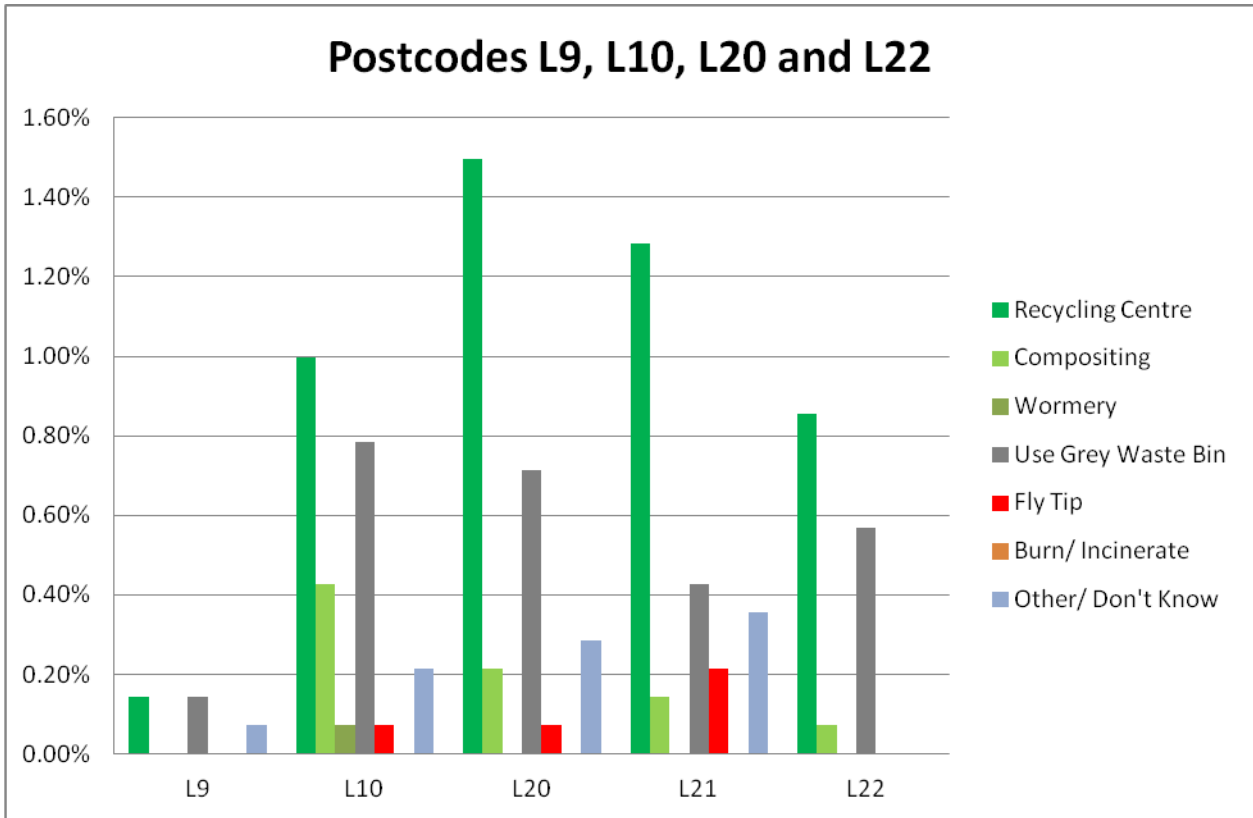
People from the PR8 postcode were more likely to use their grey bin to dispose of green waste. 4.70% would use their domestic waste bin, compared to 3.77% of respondents from PR9 and 1.28% from L37.



In the central area of Sefton, there would be less green waste going to recycling than in the north of the borough. The most green waste going to a recycling centre will come from the L23 area, some 2.92% of respondents stating they would do this. This compares with 2.85% in L31 and 1.21% in L30.

It is a similar picture for the use of grey bins for disposal of green waste. 1.99% of total respondents from the L23 area would use their grey bin to dispose of green waste, compared to 1.57% of people from L31 and 0.5% from L30.

Only one person from the L29 area responded to the survey.

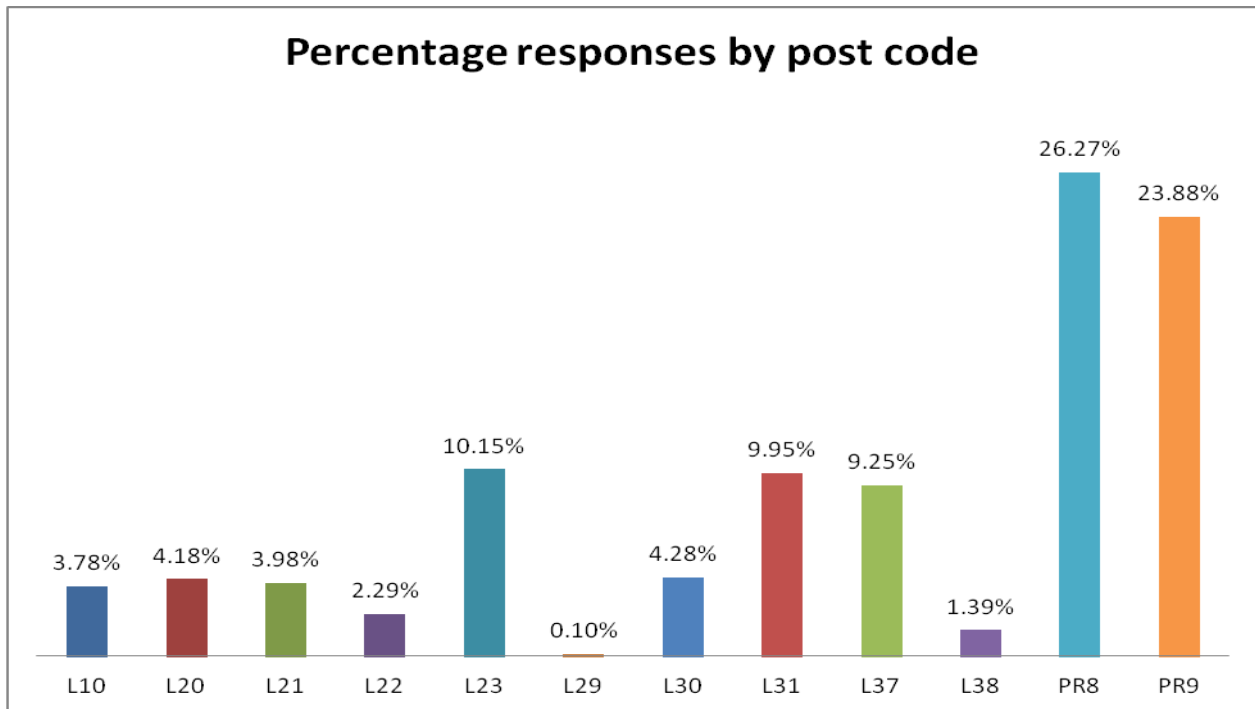


In the rest of the borough, 1,50% of respondents would take their green waste to a recycling centre, with 1.28% from L21, 1.00 from L10 and 0.85% from L22.

Respondents from L10 are most likely to use their grey bin to dispose of green waste, some 0.78% saying they would do so. This compares with 0.71% from L20 and 0.57% from L22.



## Overall Distribution of Respondents by Postcode



Just over 50% of respondents were from the PR8 and PR9 areas. The most respondents, some 26.27%, came from the PR8 area, followed by 23.88% from PR9, and 10.15% from the L23 area. All areas of the borough were represented in the consultation.

## Appendix 4 – Other Feedback from Consultation

Thirty two emails and letters were received as part of the consultation, along with verbatim responses from question 4 of the questionnaire, which asked what people would do with their garden waste if they did not use the green waste collection. These responses also contain useful qualitative data and have been included in the consultation.

Respondent	Opposed	In favour (no option selected)	Option A (50p per week)	Option B (75p per week)	Option C (£1.00 per week)	Comments Received
Public feedback via website and hard copy questionnaires (responses)	x		✓			<p>Drop-out rate between Q1 and Q2: 66.04%. This indicates a high level of dissatisfaction with the proposed charge.</p> <p>The results of Q1 are therefore based on feedback from 33.96% of respondents.</p> <p>Option A – 50p per week: 88.54%            Option B – 75p per week: 5.10%            Option C – £1.00 per week: 6.37%</p>
Mr DW 02/04/2013		✓				Yes, I would be prepared to pay a nominal fee, what is the proposed amount?
RTO 02/04/2013	?					Confine collections to summer months May Sept once per fortnight. Cancellations would lead to fly tipping and misuse of grey waste facility.
GW 02/04/2013	x					Re your letter about paying for garden rubbish. I am not prepared to pay JAN to DEC for a service I only use about 3 times a year. I do not have a green bin, but have sacks and phone you up when I have garden rubbish to be disposed of. I would be willing to pay for disposal if and when needed. I have a compost bin. Once a charge is levied for 12 months the only way for it is to go up yearly.

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						Things are bad enough.
Mr CS 10/04/2013	X					<p>I am a resident of the Borough of Sefton and have just received a postal flyer regarding the Council's plan to start charging for the collection of Green waste!</p> <p>I wanted to offer my opinion, by following the suggested route of visiting the online consultation pages. But the shortcut to the aforementioned webpage is incorrect! After some searching, I did find it, only to find that it is a questionnaire with little reference to the actual proposal!</p> <p>There are more questions on Age, Ethnicity, Religion, Sexuality and more amazingly, Current Gender!! What can any of this have to do with emptying a bin?!!! Also, apart from a box in question No5, there is nowhere to give an opinion on the form, so it's a bit one sided really!</p> <p>More to the point, I understand that in this present economic climate, everyone is trying to save costs wherever they can. But you can only 'whittle' something down so far, after which it will eventually disappear! Maybe this is the ploy?</p> <p>We are already paying to have our green waste removed. We cannot be expected to pay for it twice!.....Where have I heard this said before?!! If this proposal goes ahead, it will encourage even more fly-tipping!</p> <p>A few days ago, I was driving, not</p>

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						<p>only through the Sefton Borough, but also through Liverpool City. I could not believe the amount of Litter everywhere! If I had been showing friends around my City, I would have been embarrassed, and ashamed!</p> <p>Cutbacks, performed in the wrong manner, to the most basic of services, can only have a more detrimental impact to the very fabric of society!</p> <p>Instead of taking the easy route of 'passing the buck' onto the residents, find ways of improving the service! Maybe it 'may' cost a fraction more to implement, but in the long term, it 'may' just pay off!</p> <p>To move forward, you have to invest!</p>
Mr GL 04/04/2013 (via Cllr Dutton) and 09/05/2013	x					<p>04/04/2013</p> <p>Dear Councillors,</p> <p>I am somewhat concerned at the suggestion that there will be a charge for the collection of garden waste. There is a major problem countrywide regarding waste collection and its disposal. Every encouragement needs to be given to recycle waste material. Any charge for the collection and disposal of garden waste is, therefore, a deterrent to such recycling.</p> <p>As a household we make every endeavour to recycle. We use the kitchen disposal bin, we collect our papers, bottles, cans etc. We even flatten and collect all our cardboard which we periodically take to the tip,</p>

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						<p>when in its vicinity, along with our shredded paper. Driving to the tip can hardly be described as green.</p> <p>As a result we have the minimum amount of non-recyclable material in our grey bin. We could if necessary manage a monthly collection of the grey bin! Whilst there may be a cost involved in collecting garden waste, I am sure that there is a far bigger cost involved in collecting and disposing of non recyclable waste. Do you not have to pay a land fill tax? It is in this area that there should be more emphasis on the costs involved. It fact it could be argued that a charge should be made for the amount placed in the grey bin.</p> <p>I am told that in some areas residents are given 'bonus points' for the amount of waste that they recycle. These points can be used to obtain discounts in local shops and restaurants – now there is an idea for you!</p> <p>09/05/2013 Many thanks for taking the trouble to write to me to explain the difficult position in which the Council finds itself. I must apologise for not having replied to you sooner.</p> <p>I have spoken to many residents in Formby who had not the slightest idea of the Council's intention to charge for the collection of green bins. Of those who did know only few knew of the online consultation. Almost without exception there was a</p>

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						<p>resentment at the prospect of having to pay for the collection of the green bins. Indeed the opinion seemed to be that they may not then go to the trouble of separating out food waste, tins, bottles and papers etc. This would inevitably lead to an increase in the contents of the grey bins with the consequent increase in Land Fill Tax.</p> <p>Perhaps the Council is shooting itself in the foot!</p>
Two pensioners (Litherland area) 10-04-2013	x					<p>Dear Sir or Madam,</p> <p>We have just received your letter on green waste collection. All we can say is why pay your rates because what's that money for. We are pensioners we don't have cars so we can't go to the tip with the waste. All the streets and gardens are going to look like tips as where else can people dump it. They cannot afford to pay as money every where is tight or haven't the government noticed. So all we can say is as are streets and gardens will not only look a mess we will be overrun with rats. And as lots of people try to keep gardens neat and tidy it will be a waste of time because we won't be able to pay to get the waste removed. So we will all be living in all run down dirty areas. Because you are also charging for big household stuff to be collected. So now we can't afford to have anything collected and we won't be the only ones. I really don't know what this country is coming to and why we pay council taxes.</p>

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						PS: Been in this house since 1947, had 7 kids and always tried to keep gardens neat and tidy. So what now God knows.
Ms JR 12/04/2013 (via corporate complaints system)	X					<p>Upon hearing about your consultation to charge householders under Sefton Council a fee to empty the green wheelie bins, I am appalled.</p> <p>I will certainly not pay this charge and think that the Council's decision will certainly encourage fly tipping which, indeed, is contradictory to its initial encouragement to Sefton residents to re-cycle.</p> <p>Neighbours and friends in the area are of the same mind frame and I am confident that there will be a majority vote or decision not to pay this charge and return the wheelie bin in April 2014!</p>
Mr GK 12/04/2013	X					<p>Hi, I have just read the Leaflet on the proposal to charge for the 'Green Waste' Bin collection which you want us to PAY FOR!!!! YOU ARE HAVING A LAUGH AREN'T YOU IF YOU THINK I, AND THE REST OF THE RESIDENTS OF THIS BOROUGH, ARE GOING TO PAY FOR THIS SERVICE, I THINK YOU WILL BE IN FOR A BIG SHOCK. I, AND HOPEFULLY EVERYONE ELSE, WILL REJECT THIS DISGRACEFUL PROPOSAL WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT. WHAT THE HELL ARE WE PAYING 'COUNCIL TAX' FOR?</p> <p>THE MORE WE PAY, THE LESS SERVICES WE GET. OUR ROADS ARE FULL OF POTHOLES, WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILLED IN. OUR PAVEMENTS ARE A DISGRACE ALSO.</p>

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						<p>CUT OUT ALL THE WASTE IN THE COUNCIL FIRST, WHICH SHOULD BE THE TOP PRIORITY.</p> <p>I NOTICE THE HUGE SALARY OF THE 'CHIEF EXECUTIVE' AND ALL THE REST OF THE STAFF, ARE DOING NICELY. DO YOU THINK THAT WITH ALL PETROL, EATING, FOOD COST'S SOARING AND 'COUNCIL TAX' TO PAY FOR, PEOPLE HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY EXTRA FOR THIS SERVICE.</p> <p>I FOR ONE, WILL BE WRITING TO MY M.P. ABOUT THIS, IT'S A DISGRACE.</p>
Mr RC 15/04/2013	x					<p>Having just returned from an extended holiday visiting my daughter in Australia I was astounded to hear that Sefton Council plans to charge for emptying the green bins.</p> <p>When the green bins were introduced it replaced the weekly collection of rubbish in the black bins. This enabled the council to reduce the amount of rubbish it collects that goes to landfill, an operation that has a heavy cost to the council. So we could all see the logic, went along with it and have to contain non-recyclable rubbish to once a fortnight.</p> <p>We already pay for rubbish collection through the council tax so now we are paying twice for the service – and we have lost our weekly rubbish collection. Something is wrong here. It feels like our councillors are trying to pull a fast one.</p> <p>If we are to pay for the green bins to be emptied then it is no longer part of</p>



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						<p>the council tax service. So will Sefton be bringing back the weekly rubbish collection?</p> <p>If that isn't the plan – and one has to suspect that it isn't – we can all see what's going to happen here. Many people will decline to pay, there will be fewer green bins to be emptied and we will probably need a smaller team of refuse operatives so some of those hard-working chaps to turn up every week to provide such an excellent service could be losing their jobs.</p> <p>And what will happen to the green waste? Some people will pay up (reluctantly), others will take their green material to the tip themselves and the majority? They will probably dump it in the black bin with the rubbish, meaning more landfill and more cost to the council.</p> <p>It really is a badly thought through scheme.</p>
Mr MS 17/04/2013 and 30/04/2013	x					<p>17/04/2013 Question: - <b>How would I dispose of my green waste if I opted out paying for the service.</b></p> <p>I will let Sefton Council collect it as they have done. The price of the collection is included in my Council tax bill received from Sefton council. Normal bin service collections were once every week. When a green bin collection was included the service went to 2 weekly collections. No further increase in staff needed as the same number of bins were being</p>

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						<p>emptied. This service is second to none, it is very much appreciated by all those who use the green bin for garden waste. Sefton Council should bear in mind that fly tipping is becoming a big problem in Sefton, and I am afraid that this may lead to an increase in this unlawful act. If you can guarantee that the money saved would be used for services to the housebound/elderly of Sefton, then I may consider taking my own green waste to the recycling centre in Sefton.</p> <p>30/04/2013 With regard to paying for the green waste bin being emptied, can I ask, if the consultation period reveals that the majority of people do not want to be charged for the recycling of green waste, does that mean that Sefton council will reconsider charging for green waste disposal. Sefton council withdrew charging more for the use of football pitches because the majority of users objected. I look forward to your reply.</p>
<p>"Lewybob" 18/04/2013</p>	<p>x</p>					<p>Absolutely no! You have a cheek to charge residents, when you are making money out of the refuse collections.</p> <p>Having reduced them to once a fortnight I think you have a cheek. I cannot wait for the next elections to come around, you scum will not get back in. Liberals and Conservatives scourge of the working man. What next charging for the tin bin?</p>

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Dr JC 20/04/2013	X					<p>Dear Sefton Council,</p> <p>I don't think much of this plan or the survey.</p> <p>The survey is skewed in that there is no ' I am not willing to pay anything' option '</p> <p>Also there is no opportunity to freetext views within the survey. I consider that I already pay for green waste collection through council tax and this is just a way to increase your income.</p> <p>I am fortunate in that I pass the tip every day on the way to work so I will be able to dump my green waste there if necessary but I am sure you will find there will be a lot more fly tipping and green waste going into the black back collection. This will be detrimental to your recycling figures as more green waste will go to landfill.</p> <p>Don't embark on this false economy.</p>
"Mikemside" 30/04/2013	X					<p>I completed the on-line form but was left unsure with regard to whether or not it was actually forwarded to Sefton. Hence this email.</p> <p>Re Page 1 Q1 - YES my green waste is currently collected by Sefton Council.</p> <p>Q2 - I am NOT prepared to pay for green waste collection.</p> <p>Q3 - I would have no problem with a Saturday or Monday collection of</p>

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						<p>green waste.</p> <p>Q4 - OTHER</p> <p>Q5 - Re Q4 OTHER I would put my green waste in my Grey Bin and would expect Sefton Council to collect my Green Bin or pay me for its storage!!!!</p>
Mr DR 30/04/2013	x					<p>I have just completed your survey with respect to the green waste collection consultation process.</p> <p>A consultation is a two way process. There was no option to give comments or to opt for a zero charge. It was clearly designed with the assumption that a charge will be introduced.</p> <p>I'm afraid that the survey was therefore not fit for purpose other than for the council being able to claim in future that the council had consulted fully before charges were introduced.</p> <p>As a professional who pays large amounts of tax, both local and national, I find myself increasingly frustrated that I and others like me are seen as "cash cows" to be milked as necessary. I appreciate the fiscal pressures local government is under. However, household budgets are also under strain. I work in the public sector. My income has in real terms fallen by in excess of 20% over the last 3 years at a time when household bills are rising by more than the cost of inflation.</p> <p>The real problem in Sefton is the</p>

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						significant proportion of residents who are exempt from council tax. Until this is addressed the council will continue to struggle financially and will have to dream up increasingly obscure ways to charge residents with an income more.
Mr SC 01/05/2013	X					I refer to the consultation to charge me for removing the waste in our green bin. I disagree strongly with this. The service is, and should continue to be, included in the range of services covered by the council tax. This proposal is a ruse to increase income not regulated by the government's policies encouraging the efficiency of local councils.
Mr MK 01/05/2013	X					<p>I have just completed the on-line survey but would like to make some further comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I came across this almost by accident - are you intending to publicise this proposal more widely – maybe contact those people receiving this service to seek their views</li> <li>• The survey questions are somewhat limited and seem to assume that the proposal will be implemented and it is just a question of when and how much people will pay</li> <li>• I have not completed questions 2 and 3 because (a) I do not believe an extra charge should be made and (b) any collection day is acceptable</li> <li>• Introducing a charge for a service currently paid for in council tax would set a precedent for</li> </ul>

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						<p>additional charging for other services e.g. using the library going into the park or using the local "tip"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I suspect that many people would not pay for this service and would put their green waste in their grey bin - potentially overloading the grey bin and also sending potentially compostable material to landfill</li> </ul> <p>On a more positive note I would say I have been more than satisfied with the service provided since the introduction of the fortnightly (alternate grey and green bin) collections. I have read much criticism of the fortnightly collection nationally but I feel it works perfectly well.</p> <p>Rather than discouraging residents from utilising green bins by introducing charges I would suggest the 2 bins are kept and the introduction of a third "bin" for all recyclable materials i.e. glass tins and paper as already collected and also cardboard plastics etc - I know this systems operates in other areas thus eliminating the green box / blue bags</p>
Mrs PP 01/05/2013	x					<p>ALL YOU ARE TRYING TO DO IS BRING IN MONEYS WHICH YOU HAVE LOST BY NOT BREACHING THE GOVERNMENT'S CAP AT 2%.</p> <p>This is disgraceful. The paying public, not the huge number of scroungers that this council support who pay NOTHING , nor contribute anything to</p>

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						<p>Society in Sefton on large, have paid council tax which included waste collection weekly. You then reduced this to fortnightly &amp; introduced the GREEN BIN Collection.</p> <p>Don't tell me that the Council do not sell this waist to make a profit. If you don't then you are run by idiots who do not deserve the HUDGE payments they take from us (including you).</p> <p>Start charging the scroungers &amp; you will not need to charge us decent, law abiding &amp; working members of Sefton. This is an absolute disgrace.</p> <p>WE DO NOT AGREE WITH THIS &amp; WILL DEMAND YOU TAKE BACK THIS BIN &amp; REDUCE OUR COUNCIL TAX BY YOUR PROPOSED £40+ A YEAR (BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN PART OF THE COUNCIL TAX FOR SEVERAL YEARS &amp; THEREFORE BECOME PART OF THE SERVICE THAT SEFTON IS PROVIDING TO HOUSE OWNERS IN SEFTON).</p>
Mr RP 02/05/2013 (via corporate complaints system)	x					<p>DO NOT CHARGE ME TWICE FOR THE REMOVAL OF GARDEN RUBBISH!! I HAVE PAID THIS IN MY COUNCIL TAX – YOU REDUCED HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH COLLECTION FROM ONCE A WEEK TO FORTNIGHTLY, MAKING THE OTHER WEEK THE GARDEN RUBBISH COLLECTION. AS YOU HAVE SO MANY SCROUNGERS ON YOUR BOOKS, TAKE IT OFF THEM - THEY PAY NOTHING TO SOCIETY, ONLY TAKE, TAKE TAKE IF THIS IS THE WRONG DEPARTMENT, PLEASE FORWARD TO THE SENSUS*</p>
Aintree Village Parish Council	x					<p><i>Charges for the house collection of green waste</i></p>

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04/05/2013 (via Chief Executive)						<p>The Parish Council wishes to resister its opposition to any level of charging for the above.</p> <p>Could you please pass this letter to the appropriate section.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Ms JF 06/05/2013 (via corporate complaints system)	x					<p>I would like to register my objection to the proposal to charge £47 for emptying green bins. This is a valuable service, and if charged for more fly tipping will take place.</p>
Cambridge Road resident 11/05/2013	x					<p>We will certainly NOT pay extra for green waste collection. We already pay a ridiculous amount in council tax and will not be paying any extra. The council should look in house to make savings and stop hitting council tax payers. We have seen firsthand the waste of council contractors spinning out jobs to three days which should have been done in a day.</p> <p>No further charges!</p>
RW and SW 11/05/2013 and 17/05/2013	x					<p>11/05/2013</p> <p>We are writing to protest against the proposed charges for the Green Bin garden waste in the Formby area. We have looked at your consultation form but it is only a tick box and one's views cannot be inserted, hence this email.</p> <p>Before such a step is undertaken, in our opinion, the charge would be better implemented by charging residents who overfill their bins on a regular basis and not by chastising those residents who do actually</p>



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						<p>recycle. Are you proposing to give a reduction in rates to those persons who do not put their grey bins out on a regular basis, i.e. maybe once a month as ourselves, due to their dexterity in their recycling habits. Or maybe not charge for their green bin collection to compensate. We, ourselves, would not be prepared to pay any additional charges for the green bin collection as we already pay for this facility in our annual rates.</p> <p>We were also astounded to see that Sefton Council have introduced keep fit equipment all over Sefton, i.e. Southport Promenade, parks etc. How can that be justified when libraries, meals on wheels, and other essential services are being cut to the minimum. There is no justification for the keep fit equipment. In affluent times this may be a good idea but not in the present economic climate at the expense of the more needed services. How much will this project cost, taking into account the cost of refurbishing or repairing vandalism damage which would almost certainly occur due to the equipment being installed in public places in the open. There appears to be no sense in wasting money on such a project.</p> <p>Coming back to the question of charging for green bin collection what do you expect people will do with their garden waste, they will certainly not pay the £46 being proposed and most will not even bother to compost it. No, it will probably end up in inappropriate places whereby the</p>

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						<p>Council will have the task of removing it. Cost effective, we think not!!!</p> <p>There is also the question of what cutbacks the Counsellors themselves are prepared to implement, i.e. take your Chief Executive's wages for instance, which in our opinion, is far too high, even higher than our own Prime Minister, is he/she prepared to take a reduction to assist or are any of the other Counsellors prepared to reduce their expenses as well. We have seen nothing to suggest that, so why do</p> <p>17/05/2013 I have looked at the online consultation questionnaire which, in our opinion, it is only formulated to give Sefton Council the answers they require to approve the green bin charges, in no way, is one able to completely voice their opinions of these proposed charges, for instance, the first question asks how much would you be prepared to pay. By ticking one of these boxes, a person is then agreeing to the proposed green bin charges, even though, as we have already stated, we are not in favour of these charges, as these are included in our annual rates bill. If we were to fill in your consultation questionnaire we will be registered as agreeing to your proposals. Even if the minimum charges are agreed, this is the thin end of the wedge and the next thing we know Sefton Council will be increasing this on an annual basis. There is also no section in the questionnaire where one can air their</p>

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						<p>views. What has happened to democracy!!!</p> <p>We also note that towards the end of the questionnaire there are personal details required, albeit one does not have to answer. Could you please tell us what these details have to do with a consultation regarding proposed green bin charges.</p> <p>Could you please acknowledge that our views have been noted and that this email will be placed before the officer who is responsible for dealing with the consultation. If you cannot do this then can you please furnish us with the name of the officer who can respond to this.</p>
Mr GW 18/05/2013	x					<p>Your consultation form does not consult. I am totally opposed to any charge for green waste collection, a measure introduced by Sefton. We were told at the time it could be done at no cost to the council. This is simply another tax.</p> <p>Are you going to charge for normal waste collection which was weekly. - No. It's included in the rates, so do the same with green waste</p>
Mr GG 19/05/2013	x					<p>Hi. I thought I'd concisely email my views on the proposal to begin charging for collection of green waste.</p> <p>I'm a 26 year old Crosby resident and felt the need to express my absolute disgust at this proposal.</p> <p>I believe charging would cause thousands of people to opt out of</p>

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						<p>recycling completely.</p> <p>Recycling needs to be encouraged not discouraged. If anything I believe that recycling services should be increased to include cardboards and plastics as is the case in many other boroughs.</p> <p>We are a four person household and thanks to Sefton councils recycling collection and our own efforts in taking plastic and cardboard to local recycling centres, we have managed to reduce our black bag waste to an absolute maximum of 1 bag per week.</p> <p>By encouraging recycling and improving current recycling services to include cardboards and plastics I strongly believe that the frequency of black bag waste could be decreased.</p> <p>Please please please do not start charging for this important service.</p>
GL and SL 19/05/2013	x					<p>I have perused the Councils on-line consultation.</p> <p>It has no provision for consultees to make comments and does not appear to directly ask whether one would be prepared to pay for the service and if not why not.</p> <p>I am therefore writing to you to set out my views. The collection of Green Waste should be free. If the service is not free some people will simply fly tip. This would be reprehensible but will happen. The Council will be left with the bill for clearing fly tipping.</p>

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						<p>Not everyone with a garden has a car and access to the civic amenity sites. The elderly and frail may not be able to cope with the physical effort of unloading waste and putting it in the appropriate receptacle.</p> <p>I have the following questions about the consultation.</p> <p>Has there been any distribution of leaflets? In Ainsdale we have seen none.</p> <p>Has any estimate been made of the cost of administering payment for collection?</p> <p>Has any estimate been made of the potential increase in fly tipping.</p>
Mrs I McG 21/05/2013 (by letter)	x					<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am writing to express my disgust at the proposed charges for the collection of the green recycling bin. It was the Council's insistence that we all become "environmentally friendly" (which I am in favour of) and have bins and a FREE fortnightly collection, but now it is suggested we pay for the privilege which to me and many others seems totally unfair.</p> <p>My green bin does not need collecting every fortnight so for me to have to start paying for this service would be wholly wrong – I am a pensioner and to waste my money like that for no good reason would be a sin and I am sure I am not the only one in this position.</p>

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						<p>To make matters worse, I had to read about this diabolical idea in the paper, I have received no letter from yourselves, yet the article reads that 15% of households have received them.</p> <p>I await your reply explaining the reasons/excuses for such an appalling idea.</p>
Ms PH 04/06/2013	x					<p>Having read the Champion about charges for the green bin I feel I need to write my views, I agree with the article, as you recycle the green waste and sell off as compost to the public this is my Understanding, correct me if I am wrong, so if this is right it should cover the cost of emptying our bins for 6 months of the year and not every household has green waste, bear in mind some people will fly tip their green waste putting more pressure on your employees and more costs.</p>
RW and MW 30/05/2013	x					<p>Please find below article from last week's The Champion newspaper regarding seven Council staff earning in excess of £100,000.00. This amount of money being paid to employees in the public sector in the present economic climate beggars belief!!!</p> <p>We would appreciate our feedback being included in the consultation and the final report to the Council, including the above, but you know as well as we do that Sefton Council have already decided the outcome.</p>
Mr LR 31/05/2013	x					<p>I have tried to look at the consultation but could not understand it. As your</p>

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						<p>name appears please would you be kind enough to answer the following questions, I am not in favour of the charge:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If as predicted only 30% will take it up will you lose 70% of the Green Waste Subsidy?</li> <li>2. How much is the annual Green Waste Subsidy at present?</li> <li>3. How much does the service cost per annum?</li> <li>4. If the 70% take their green waste to the tip will it be able to cope?</li> <li>5. Who gets the Green waste subsidy on the waste taken to the tip?</li> <li>6. Will you withdraw the 70% of bins not paying?</li> <li>7. If so, what will you do with them?</li> </ol> <p>Many thanks.</p>
Mr SH 08/06/2013	x					<p>The introduction of a charge for Green Waste collection would be a retrograde step – from both a financial and an environmental viewpoint.</p> <p>Financially, I cannot see that there would be any real savings as men and vehicles would still be required to cover the same (or even a larger) territory. Some council tax payers may be willing to pay a small amount of collection charge but I cannot see</p>

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						<p>that this would be sufficient to make the scheme self-financing.</p> <p>Able-bodied car drivers will be able to visit the Recycling Centre but waste will be put in grey bins, fly tipped, surreptitiously put in neighbours green bins (causing much trouble) and even (as one of my neighbours has said) burnt on a bonfire. Sefton is not a smokeless zone but it is really a retrograde step for the Council to 'encourage' smoke pollution.</p>
UK Independence Party Sefton Branch 15/06/2013	<b>x</b>					<p>I strongly oppose Sefton MBC's proposal to charge for collection of Green Waste. My reasons are as follows: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Collection and recycling of Green Waste is environmentally friendly; it is common sense that as great a quantity as possible of compostable/otherwise-recyclable waste material should be composted/recycled.</li> <li>2. If charging is introduced, the very likely consequence is that many of those who currently recycle their green waste via the Green Bins will, instead, begin to throw their green waste in with their "general" waste. That waste goes to landfill. The EU's Landfill Directive means that increased charges will be levied – payable by British taxpayers - for the burial of that additional waste. These additional costs would clearly be at odds with the aim of this proposal.</li> <li>3. Those who wish to act in a socially responsible manner should not be financially penalised for that wish, nor</li> </ol>



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						<p>should they be encouraged to abandon their positive attitude toward the environment.</p> <p>4. If Sefton Council stops collecting Green Waste, then those who are determined to be good citizens will, in the case of those who have cars, be forced to regularly drive to the tip/Recycling Centre to dispose of their green waste: this is bad for the environment and will also increase traffic-congestion, as well as leading to indirect additional costs (fuel, wear and tear on the car, etc.) to those people.</p> <p>5. Following on from point '4', what would those who do not have access to a car do? Take bags of Green Waste onto buses?</p> <p><b>Proposals</b></p> <p>1. Collect Green Waste only once every four weeks (reducing from the current once-a-fortnight schedule). <b>This will halve the number of collections.</b></p> <p>2. Only collect Green Waste during the months when plants are most actively growing, i.e. from March to September. <b>This will halve the number of collections, again.</b></p> <p><b>The implementation of both of the above steps will mean that the current 26 collections per year will be reduced to 6 or 7. Whilst certain fixed costs will remain, substantial savings will be made under my proposal.</b></p>
Mr GH 16/06/2013	x					The proposal to raise revenue by charging for green bins is foolish. Many people will just fill their black

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						<p>bins with garden waste; this then costs more to go to landfill. The increase in non-recycled waste costs will therefore be more than the proposed charge would be likely to bring in. This will cost the Council money, not raise revenue.</p> <p>Please think about the inevitable consequences of this proposal!</p>

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# Seven Sefton Council staff earned over £100,000 last year, new figures show

...but at least our town hall 'rich list' is falling says Taxpayers' report

by David Raven

SEVEN Sefton Council staff earned over £100,000 last year, new figures show. Each year the Taxpayers' Alliance publishes a report entitled the Town Hall Rich List, which uses each council's own accounts to determine the highest salaries of senior bosses. The report, published this week, shows that during 2011/12, seven senior staff in Sefton Council earned over £100,000 in remuneration packages, which is a fall from 11 in the previous year.

At the top of the list was the council's chief executive, Margaret Carney, who earned according to the report £158,981, with some £25,260 coming from pension contributions. This was, however, a fall from the previous year in which she was paid £174,142 in total. The 'people strategic director' for Sefton Council, a new position, was paid £118,159 with £22,320 on top in pension contributions. Sefton's 'place strategic director' also a new position, earned a total of £116,169, the director of corporate commissioning earned £100,028 and the director of young people and families was paid £115,263, which includes pension contributions. Two other new positions were included in the list as the director of older people pocketed £104,777 in total and the director of corporate support services earned some £104,783. The figures are from the most recent accounts which cover the financial year of 2011/12. Matthew Sinclair, chief executive of the



**Margaret Carney** Code NA

TaxPayers' Alliance, said: "It is good news that the number of senior council staff making more than £100,000 a year is finally falling, although that may only be because many authorities have finished paying eye-watering redundancy bills. "Sadly, too many local authorities are still increasing the number of highly paid staff on their payroll, some of whom are given hundreds of thousands of pounds in compensation just to move from one public sector job to another. "Residents won't be impressed if their council pleads poverty when it is demanding more and more Council Tax, only then to spend it creating more town hall tycoons."

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## Verbatim feedback From Online Consultation – Question 4

Burn it
As I haven't yet been given any facts regarding how much charging would help the Council get out of the continuing financial mess it is in then it is not possible to Make an Informed. Along with many, I thought the Council was interested in helping the environment, however when looking at what has happened to the Botanic Gardens and the wastelands around Southport with regard to Flowers and shrubs or lack of them, this is in question. The Black bins might well be used AGAIN !!.
Take it to the tip when I visit Tesco or go across the moss, invest in a compost heap. Get together with friends to take a job lot.
Dump it outside Bootle Town Hall (contained in environmentally friendly packaging of course)
I do not have any green waste I live in a flat.
Put it in the grey bin. What most of the questions have to do with my green bin I will never know. I don't think green bins need emptying every 2 weeks, once a month would do. And not at all during winter months. I am sure this would help with the costs.
I do not want a green bin. I do not have any green waste to pick up. I am on benefits, live alone, very short of cash with no savings. A close friend tidies the garden only 3 times a year and takes any green waste away with him. No green waste ever on my property.
I already use a compost bin and take my heavier items to the tip. Would you like to buy a hardly used green bin?
I do not think we should have to pay for this service, why are we paying the council tax which should be included for other council services, also for Police, Fire etc. How would it work? I don't have my green bin emptied every 2 weeks sometimes once a month is enough for us. As many people we have a garden front and back but use the green bin more often in the summer months. We do not put it out if it is only a quarter full but leave it for next time. I think this is disgusting this should be even thought about, the council are picking every little thing. I have a husband at home who is disabled and he has just been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is undergoing radiation treatment and hormone injections so this alone is a worry for me and my family. I am not prepared to pay anything. I would like to know how the council would be able to work this out if they charge weekly people would pay even if they are not getting their green waste emptied. I do hope the council change their mind over this matter.
Leave it on the steps of the Town Hall.
Green waste collection is required and if cancelled the cost of providing the bins would have been money wasted and I thought we should be saving money.
Burn it in the garden. Why should I pay for collections annually when my green wheelie bin is only used by me from April to October? So my bin is used and collected approximately 13 times a year only.
Put garden waste in grey wheelie bin if needed.
At the moment I have transport to take my garden waste to the recycling depot, if I didn't then I would be in difficulty.
As long as I have a car.

<p>Why not reduce collections to once monthly from April to November that should reduce costs. Not much green waste is produced during Jan - April. Do you not have anyone on the council who can think logically about this? This is yet another easy way to increase our rates. As usual all the decisions will already have been made. This consultation is just a waste of paper and postage.</p>
<p>We would just have to let our gardens look a mess as we are both pensioners and do not have our own transport or car only bus passes. I don't think we would just leave the bags of grass in the back garden they would smell. We are going to live in slum areas as people with no cars or money are stuck and times are really hard for families to feed kids without paying to have grass collected.</p>
<p>If residents do not dispose of their green waste themselves then they should telephone the dept/council to collect it on set days whilst giving their debit card details for costs to be deducted from their accounts.</p>
<p>Suggestion cancel green bin collections between end of October to beginning of March savings made during these months save the need to charge for collections</p>
<p>I am already on assisted collection so it would be very difficult to deal with green waste. Also at present there have been many times when my green bin, for some reason, has not been emptied. If this happened in the future I would not be prepared to pay.</p>
<p>If my green bin is removed would my grey bin be collected weekly? I pay £135 a month council tax for this service and cannot believe the council want to charge me separately for green waste. I believe this charging policy would increase fly tipping in the borough which in the long run will incur costs to us the tax payers as to clean up the streets and waste lands were people are tipping. Also the charge you talk about will surely be 50p every 2 weeks not weekly because the green bin is only collected every 2 weeks.</p>
<p>People cannot afford to pay for this extra service. We are paying £114 council tax which should cover the service. What about the money you receive for collecting tins, bottles and paper etc? We never hear about the money you receive, also we never asked for green bins in the first place.</p>
<p>I would take my garden waste to the tip used the tip before my waste was collected, or I would put garden waste in with my household waste and stop recycling everything like my paper, plastics, tins and bottles.</p>
<p>If you only collected the green waste 2 times a month this would be £1.00 a month and £12.00 per year. This I would find acceptable but no more.</p>
<p>Have no way of disposing of it as we are in our 80's and have no transport. We would be very reluctant to pay as we pay council tax and the council have always taken green waste even when they had horse carts and wagons.</p>
<p>I am absolutely disgusted that Sefton Council are expecting us to pay for green waste collections. We are being encouraged to recycle our garden waste and now the council want us to pay to do this? As it is already a fortnightly collection which brings it down to 26 weeks a year and then parts of January and December there are no green collections at all, and the weather is bad so there is no green waste to collect. I would like to know how the amount you expect us to pay will be worked out as you are talking of an annual price. This means that a lot of the time we will be paying for something that isn't happening.</p>
<p>Or into grey bin</p>

<p>Should be a charge per bin not per week. Would be happy to pay £1 per bin emptied as we have no grass late summer. Autumn is when we use it most. We would use a contractor to remove green waste at the end of the year.</p>
<p>We already pay £148 per month rates. As we have a large tree outside our house with leaves that fall onto the path do we brush them into the gutter or do we put them in the grey bin?</p>
<p>We would use a compost bin and wormery. Also use a shredder for heavy stuff use a small bin incinerator with lid.</p>
<p>I have no green waste as I use my compost bin and would be happy to have no collection. If you introduce this service at a cost could you please inform me how I may 'opt out'. The opt out option would presumably come with my next council tax bill?</p>
<p>Not really prepared to pay - keep as it is now. Feel this could be the thin end of the wedge with recycling and rubbish disposal. Will this lead to dumping? Neighbours mischievously using other peoples bins? Rubbish Warfare! We use compost bin but most of garden waste is too big - coarse or prevail weeds. Wormery is used for kitchen waste - very limited amounts that can be dealt with in our small womery. We do take some to the local household waste and recycling centre but need help with this because of the transport problems. We would consider getting an incinerator but feel worried about the environmental cost of this. Our food waste would go in the grey bin.</p>
<p>Would prefer to pay nothing. We no longer have lawns, only small beds with shrubs therefore we have very little garden waste, which we use for compost. We no longer feel we need a green bin</p>
<p>Would prefer not to pay. You can't compost everything. I wouldn't use a wormery. I couldn't get a lift to CA, it creates a big problem for me. I also can't afford a gardener, who would take garden waste away. However small garden contractors usually leave your waste in green bin, which they maintain. I wish for this service to remain "free of charge"</p>
<p>Put it in my grey bin</p>
<p>I would like to register my objection to the proposal to charge £47 for emptying green bins. This is a valuable service, and if charged for more fly tipping will take place.</p>
<p>We will certainly NOT pay extra for green waste collection. We already pay a ridiculous amount in council tax and will not be paying any extra. The council should look in house to make savings and stop hitting the council tax payers. We have seen firsthand the waste of council contractors spinning out of jobs to three days which should have been done in a day. No further charges!</p>

I am somewhat concerned at the suggestion that there will be a charge for the collection of garden waste. There is a major problem countrywide regarding waste collection and its disposal. Every encouragement needs to be given to recycle waste material. Any charge for the collection and disposal of green waste, is therefore, a deterrent to such recycling. As a household we make every endeavour to recycle. We use the kitchen disposal bin, we collect papers, bottles, cans etc. We even flatten and collect all our cardboard which we periodically take to the tip, when in its vicinity, along with our shredded paper. Driving to the tip can hardly be described as green. As a result we have the minimum amount of non recyclable material in our grey bin. We could if necessary manage a monthly collection of the grey bin. Whilst there may be a cost involved in collecting garden waste, I am sure that there is a far bigger cost involved on collecting and disposing of non recyclable waste. Do you not have to pay a land fill tax? It is this area that there should be more emphasis on the costs involved. In fact it could be argued that a charge should be made for the amount placed on the grey bin. I am told that in some areas residents are given 'bonus points' for the amount of waste that they recycle. These points can be used to obtain discounts in local shops and restaurants - now there is an idea for you! I have spoken to many residents in Formby who had the slightest idea of the council's intention to charge for collections of green bins. Of those who did know only a few knew of the online consultation. Almost without exception there was resentment at the prospect of having to pay for the collection of green bins. Indeed the opinion seemed to be that they may then go to the trouble of separating food waste, tins, bottles and papers etc. This will inevitably lead to an increase in the contents of the grey bins with the consequent increase in land fill tax. Perhaps the Council is shooting itself in the foot!

Prepared to pay up to 50p per week for a fortnightly collection.

If I am unable to use a composting bin, a member of my family will take it along to the waste and recycling centre for me. I am a pensioner on my own and find it hard to pay for all the everyday things without having to find more money to pay for waste collections when I'm already doing that at the moment. Until a few years ago we had a weekly grey collection so if people don't want their green bins anymore we should have our weekly grey collection back again. During the winter months there is no need to collect the green bin as it would be unfair of you to charge any money from at least Oct - March. I know my bin is empty during that period as I don't put it out for collection.

Prepared to pay 'Zero'. Why not recycle cardboard & plastic, like other Councils! I thought it was illegal to put plastic & cardboard in the land filled place.

Already use two composting bins. As I have a garden "composition" you cannot put all garden waste in it, i.e. glass. Only a small amount as too much is "no good!" Also I can't drive so I cannot take it to the tip, I would use my grey bin! Our green bins are not emptied some winter months, so if we had to pay would it be only for those months our green bins are emptied.

Prepared to pay "Nil". Council tax should be covering this service. How much money is being made from recycling tins, glass, paper and clothes? Nothing is published about the money made from these. There are 55 councillors in Sefton, do they claim expenses? Could you cut down on them and making a saving there?

There should not be a charge for this. Sefton should be doing more recycling for free not less. You are already logging behind other authorities. If collections were provided on a Saturday and Monday it would be acceptable if it was for free. My friends are going to put it in the grey bin. I am not sure yet as to what I will do. I don't drive so the tip isn't an option. I am a pensioner.

Collection not needed form Oct till March would only pay for 6 months not 12.

Prepared to pay "NONE, that's why we pay extortionate council tax." & "not sure" how intend to deal with waste.
Prepared to pay "NIL. On consultation with my neighbours we would put it in the grey bins and expect a refund on our council tax.
Put in the household waste bin. We are not prepared to pay for this service. When Sefton went to 2 weekly bin collections this was taken into account. Liverpool still have weekly bin collections plus ALL other recycling including plastic
We are already paying over the odds for what we get now. We will decide when the times come.
Do not know I don't have a car so I couldn't get to the local recycling centre. Why should people be penalised for trying to recycle?
I am strongly opposed to this disgraceful attempt to screw more money out of Southport residents. £2,500 pa should ensure that at least one's rubbish is collected. The Council's green credentials are a sham and the tip, once well organised operation is now a madhouse. Run in this manner you can't pretend that recycling should be profitable or break even.
I am 97 years old and have means of transport. We don't even get our road swept.
Minimal green waste produced apart from autumn/winter with leaves from trees on pavement - Council trees!
How I deal with my garden waste is my business. I am not interested in weekly collections, 2 weekly is fine and should be covered by the council tax I pay.
Put in the grey bin as before green bins were provided.
I am disabled I think some exceptions should be made towards the venerable and the disabled.
Takes too long to compost. I cannot manage my garden or compost.
Any excess green waste would have to go in the grey bin. This would be a backward step and not environmentally friendly. We are still waiting for plastic and card collections. Without the current service (currently included in our rates) there would definitely be more fly tipping which would be expensive to remove.
I think this is a ridiculous idea which has not been thought through - it is likely to lead to an increase in fly tipping. In addition residents will simply put green waste in grey bins which will totally overturn the idea behind recycling and will lead to increased costs as land fill charges are increased. This is a move to penalize those households who have concern about the environment and wish to see a greener borough.
Put it in the grey bin
Bonfire
This is a joke proposal. The whole green bin on alternate weeks to the grey waste was introduced to save the council money on grey bin collections. (Very rarely will there be Greg. Waste in winter months, and also not every collection for every household!) The grey Bin collection every other week is inadequate for a family household. £116 a month we already pay.
It would be a combination of composting e.g. lawn cuttings and taking to tip e.g. bigger items.



I would probably burn it - I don't see why I should use my petrol money to take this to the tip when it's already part of my council tax bill. Sefton, unlike other authorities doesn't take plastic or cardboard so I don't see its operating very efficiently re recycling anyway.
Burn it, as most garden waste is from bushes.
Fill grey residual waste bin or fill local amenity bins As someone who does not drive, how do I get my garden waste to the local civic tip???
burn it
Poorly designed questionnaire! Q2. I would not pay, so... Q3. is not applicable Q4. I'd use our composting bin, but sometimes take to the recycling centre (if we produce a large volume in a short time), but form doesn't allow choosing more than one option.
Leave it on the grass verges down the road, the same way the council does when it cuts them. If it's good enough for sefton to simply leave their cuttings, then they can have mine as well. Not to mention all the leaves from the trees that I have to pick up from my property during autumn and winter months because they are not swept up (I have no trees so I know they're not my leaves). Perhaps I will invoice sefton my collection and disposal charges in return.
This is an absolute disgrace - the council tax covers waste disposal. either green or household. An increase to the council tax would have been more acceptable. This withdrawal will increase fly tipping, and will cost the council more to remove the waste disposed of illegally throughout the borough. How do you expect people to pay for this service who can't afford it? Maybe a re-think on the options may be needed. Disgraceful Sefton Council
Don't presume that everyone in Sefton has access to a car to visit the recycling centres with their green waste. I think there should also be a 'tick box' under Q2 'Not prepared to pay'.
Where is the box with the option " I would not be prepared to pay??" If you do not collect the garden waste then as I do not have a car (another thing you have not accounted for) then I would be forced to fly tip into the grounds of the adjacent Sefton MBC school
I am a government employee and on a pay freeze basically until 2016. I pay enough in council tax for a poorly policed area, increase in crime is apparent within the last 2 years. The streets no longer get cleaned (I live in Burnie Avenue, Bootle - full of litter have already complained about this) I will not be paying for this service and you can take the unused green wheelie bin back if you are going to charge. I suppose next thing is SMBC will be charging households for dumping their rubbish in the waste and recycling centres. Regards.
composting as much as possible - taking the rest to the tip
put it in the grey waste bin
As there is no other space for comment I am using this area - although not as intended. 1 It is unclear whether the proposed charge is a weekly charge or a per collection as the proposal is to continue with fortnightly collections. 2. I would take it myself to the recycling centre if I felt the charge for collection was too high - but would much prefer to have it collected. I already have two compost bins but some waste is not compostable in a domestic bin environment.

I do not know the answer to question 4 as to how I would be able to dispose of it yet. With regard to question 2 I do not think there should be any charge as you have already cut the normal refuse collections in half i.e. fortnightly grey bins and secondly do we not already pay council tax for weekly refuse collection whether it be green waste or not. Do you propose to reduce the charge for refuse collection if we are only going to get a collection once a fortnight.
Burn it
If and when this happens I will decide I object to the format of this questionnaire as Q2 does not give you the option to insert not prepared to pay an additional charge for something that I am already paying for in my council tax. It is my understanding that the council has a duty to meet targets in reducing waste sent to landfill. I am concerned that this questionnaire has more to do with how the council will present figures in this regard than in finding out what residents want to pay.
For Q2 you should have an option that says £0.00. That is what I will pay
Hide it in the grey wheelie bin
Possibly fly-tip or burn
Like I used to in the grey bin!
Dump it outside the Town Hall.
Does this mean we will get a weekly grey bin collection as we used to? Why suggest a Saturday collection when pay for operatives will be higher? The best way to save the council money is to remove a number of overpaid executives and managers. Also what relevance to green bin collection is ethnic, religious and sexual orientation?
Q. what did we all do before recycling? A. We all put the rubbish in one bin. This will happen if people are not prepared to pay extra, this will not encourage people to recycle, after all we pay council tax. Please take my green bin as I will not pay for a service that I'm already paying for, I even have to visit the tip at least once every week to take normal household waste, as I fill this up in a week.
No green collection but the green bin could be used for plastic and cardboard?
Put it in the normal 'grey' waste bin. Where else!!
Compost bin, wormery, local waste all as now and burn as required
to be quite frank people will put the green waste in the black bin. also what will happen to the unused green bin . just more junk to clutter up the house. or can we take it to the recycling centre
We don't currently have a need for green waste bin as our yard is plant/tree free, but if I lived in a house with a garden I would be willing to pay up to 50p a week to have it collected. If you are going to charge for the service I think you should only charge households who use it not add the charge into CT bills - I'm happy to pay for a service I use, but not one that I don't! Rather than green waste recycling I think sefton council should look into widening their multi material recycling to include plastics and cardboard.
put it with our normal rubbish for grey bin collection.
At the moment I am not in an area with a green bin so my garden waste is placed into a clear plastic bag and is picked up through normal waste collection.
there are other issues to be consulted about this service, i.e. a 10 month service, recycling projects, where does the landfill tax go, not always got green waste to put each week, what happens if you have more than 240 litre bin, what happens to all green bins already given out to people who will misuse the service

put it in my grey bin
Not sure yet. Probably will be a mixture of the above. We should not have to pay for it and there should be an opportunity to tick a box to say so.
it's disgusting that you want to charge us for something we already pay through our council tax rates! sefton council brought in this green bin thing, now they want to charge us for it, what's next, we pay for grey bins too! Be warned, you will be looking at a bill of millions for fly tippers, it goes on now and by you restricting your services, it will 10 fold in pace!
Wouldn't be the council's business if they do not regard it as their responsibility
I was unable to answer £0.00 to Q2 as no such option was provided. Some green waste is currently put into a compost and would continue to do so; the excess is currently put into the "green bin" and would instead be put into the "grey bin"
The temptation to dump the waste in the general refuse collection would be hard to resist, but I would most probably arrange with a group of my neighbours a way round your collection charge. This proposal is as sensible as increasing parking charges encouraging online shopping. I despair of the councillors and officers of Sefton Council being able to manage with common sense.
It's a silly idea to charge for this service, people will start to put green waste in the grey bins as they did before. All I can say is leave an excellent service alone!
Id burn it in the garden along with all the plastic and cardboard that you also don't collect
Put waste in councillor's gardens who vote for charging.
I would just leave it on the sidewalk as this would eventually become a nuisance and be collected by the council at their own cost.
I have no idea as I don't drive & as I am losing my job I cannot afford to pay either
If it were a very small amount e.g. dead flowers, I would just put them on the normal bin. For garden waste I would go to the tip.
Put in normal waste as have no transport to the tip.
I already use a mix of own composting and council collection, and if council side was not being used, I cannot physically compost the amount in my own garden. I would not be in a position to take the quantity/type of waste to a recycling centre, and surely if I had to make multiple trips, that would not be environmentally friendly using the fuel etc. Also what happens if everyone using the system now say no I won't pay and you end up with all that green waste potentially being dumped wherever people can get rid of it. Or will recycling centres get overloaded with green waste, someone still has to shift it from there at whose cost?
Will leave bagged green waste outside house for collection, as it always used to be. I expect weekly collections of household waste since that is what we pay our local rates for.
A mixture of options in Q4.
Spare room in grey bin

I live in the top corner of a cul de sac and in the Autumn when the leaves fall from the tree in the cul de sac, they blow into my front drive way. I could fill several wheelie bins with the leaves so what can I do with them, if I do not have a green bin service? I would put them in the grey bin as I often don't fill my grey bin because I recycle. I think you should consider removal of leaves from 'public' trees in the Autumn
In grey bin.
Burn it.
The normal grey wheelie bin. I'm sorry Sefton, but you need to think outside of the box. Because something doesn't break even doesn't mean it is wrong. How about collecting cardboard, plastic, etc like most other councils do. This would reduce landfill costs, generate income and reduce carbon footprint by less driving to drop it off. And most sites cannot cope with volume of cars taking this to refuse sites. And tell us how much money this debate is costing. And finally you will only charge those who pay their council tax, and not the incredible thousands who are exempt. I would estimate that those who pay are the ones who use green facility the most, and also keep their streets tidiest.
Grey bin. The collection is already included in the Council Tax and is therefore the council's responsibility. You need to widen the scope and collect plastic and cardboard from homes for recycling, especially as the recycling sites now have one skip for paper, tin, glass and plastics, so what is the point of separating each product? Poor management has turned a work stream from adding value (less landfill & revenue generation, into an overhead)! Reduces costs at the senior level and councillor level (salaries, posts & expenses), as they are not competent if for years the council has overspent or mismanaged its budgets, DO NOT TAKE IT OUT ON THE HARDWORKING STAFF/ EMPLOYEES!!!!
Probably put it in the grey bin. I thought we paid council tax which included all rubbish collection?
I would compost as much as possible but I would have to put the excess in the grey bin as I am unable to drive so cannot access the tip. Also I have pernicious weeds that I would not want to put in the compost and would be much better in the council's facilities where the internal heat is higher.
I do not have a garden so don't have a bin and therefore I am not prepared to pay for something I don't use and what are we paying our council tax for. Take some money off the salaries you pay to your top executives, they can afford it
Our rubbish collection is covered by our council tax, we shouldn't be asked to pay anymore
already use compost heap & Green waste collection invaluable for shrubbery weeds etc that are not compostable - we would burn it or take it to tip
I would purchase a garden-based incinerator and burn the waste, in addition to composting some of it. This would entail more effort than I would like as I am currently 76 years of age!!
1.) Put the waste into my grey bin if there is room, which more often is the case. 2.) Payment for the removal of garden waste should be at point of collection. No waste to collect - no charge to be made. 3.) For question Q2 you refer to a weekly charge but you currently collect every two weeks should not the wording be corrected?

<p>This is not a consultation paper. The questions are designed to skew the results in your favour by only providing answers which you want. If Sefton "lose" a few of their highly paid management there would be no need to claw more money out of council tax payers for services they have already paid for.</p>
<p>WHY A WEEKLY CHARGE AS ITS ONLY COLLECTED EVERY 2 WEEKS IS THIS ANOTHER LABOUR TWIST</p>
<p>At the moment we have a car, but in the not too far distant future we will be with this transport and we have no idea how we will dispose of this waste because we are not able to face any more expenses.</p>
<p>burn it.</p>
<p>I don't know as I don't have a car to go to the Tip</p>
<p>Q2 should have a 'not willing to pay option' I don't think we should have to pay twice for this. Q4 I would use a combination of composting and taking to the tip.</p>
<p>This is hardly consultation as it appears that the decision has already been made. I am surprised that this service could not be run at a profit but it seems that others make the profit and taxpayers bear the cost. I consider it a liberty on the part of the council to charge for this service particularly at a time when are almost duty bound to recycle.</p>
<p>Not answering the question, but I would like to know why the "How much are you prepared to pay" question doesn't have a "zero" answer. I am not prepared to pay anything extra for the service.</p>
<p>Sorry, I'd just throw it in the grey bin. This is an absolutely crazy idea.</p>
<p>Don't really have that much green waste anyway. Might just put it in my grey bin instead.</p>
<p>I would not be prepared to pay for a green waste collection that we already receive as part of our rates, I assume that if you charge for the fortnightly green waste collection in the future then our refuse collection will at the same time revert to a weekly collection</p>
<p>Put in grey bin</p>
<p>grey wheelie bin along with household waste, as most people in the borough will do.</p>
<p>A combination of composting, taking to recycling centre and burning.</p>
<p>I will put green waste in the grey bin provided. I will also stop using the green box recycling service and these items will also go in the grey bin.</p>
<p>The gardens on Church Road are large. I already use 3 compost bins and still need to use the green waste service on a regular basis. I would have real problems without the service.</p>
<p>If collection fortnightly, why is charge quoted as weekly?</p>
<p>I already use a composting bin .The tip is already very busy with traffic and is ill designed and the staff are not at all helpful. The council introduced the service and should be responsible for the on street collection</p>
<p>I already use a compost bin for small waste but I would struggle to deal with large waste. I live with my mother and we are both pensioners. I do not drive so we would have no way of getting to the tip with large amounts and cannot afford to employ a gardener to take it away so would be forced to pay the council charge. What are your suggestions with people in our position i.e. elderly or have no car?</p>

Throw it away and not recycle
Put in grey bin
Compost heap(s)
I would put it into my grey bin with the other rubbish How can this be an economical idea? You have already provided GREEN BINS to the whole Borough.... What is going to happen to them if not used for Green Waste? The green waste is currently recycled in an environmentally friendly way so why change things?
Don` t know.
Put in my grey bin and take a bin bags to Formby tip, therefore increasing none recycled waste
put it in grey bin
put it in the normal rubbish
If it is a fortnightly collection why are you asking for a weekly payment? If I pay will I receive a reduction in my council tax as you are not providing the level of service I am currently receiving, if not I will find somewhere to put it without paying!
My business. Cut your salaries
put it in the black bin or take to tip
I would just add it to the grey bin for general household waste.
Just know it won't be paid for, That's why I pay my council tax.
Grey bin! What a ridiculous idea! I understood that the green bin contents would be used to make compost for council gardens and to save landfills, contributing to green targets. Charging for the green bin collection will lead to more waste in grey bins and more fly tipping.
Non-recyclable bin
This question and answer doc is a disgrace as you are asking us to put a figure on how much we would pay you for a service that we are already indirectly paying for I.e. tax for weekly bin collections reduced to every 2 weeks then green waste added in place of. No my green bin will be taken to our local tip. If you then charge for this it will make people dump the waste at any area within the borough. You and you savings can be made by proper consultation with the people of the borough.
I would like to know what the weekly charge means when you say the bin would be collected every 2 weeks. e.g.: 75p per week does that mean £1.50 for each collection? The charge concerns me but if it is kept low then we would opt in. Otherwise it would go to landfill
Grey bin
Grey bin etc I refuse to pay for a green bin collection
you are inviting problems with fly tipping etc residents will not be able to fit garden rubbish in grey bins they will dispose of their rubbish in other ways sefton council need to start saving money in other ways
Use a composting bin Use a wormery
Put it in the general waste or fly tip

<p>If the green bins are not being collected free of charge ( or as a component of the council tax already paid) then it would be expected that the grey bins would be collected weekly. The bin collection was only pushed to fortnightly collection as it is alternate week to the green so the waste should be divided. The green waste would be put into the grey bin. If sefton wish to implement a charge to remove the green waste then the grey bin should be weekly as it was, or a reduction in council tax given that this should cover waste removal. Otherwise there will be an increase in dumping</p>
<p>Do what I used to do before the green bin collection - throw it over the fence to decompose on the side of the bridleway which runs along the rear of my house.</p>
<p>PUT IT IN THE GREY BIN!!!! OR WILL YOU TRY AND SORT IT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD?</p>
<p>As a council tax payer and having had the recycling scheme introduced by councillors then I expect the existing scheme to be honoured by using the procedure which is being presently used. I will not pay an additional charge</p>
<p>Use grey bin</p>
<p>Place it in the grey bin</p>
<p>This will result in people disposing of their green waste in the grey bin. will non-subscribers have their bins removed and how much will that cost and what will you do with them?</p>
<p>Dump on the beach</p>
<p>Why don't you reduce service during the winter period when it is not needed</p>
<p>Place it in my grey bin</p>
<p>I feel it is the councils duty to continue to provide this service as we already pay for this in our council tax .In addition it was the council who imposed the costly bins and this service and when you charge us will those of us who don't pay will we get a reduction in our council tax</p>
<p>Just put it in the GREY bin!!!!</p>
<p>Take it to Bootle Town Hall and tell them that if they want me to remove it they will have to pay me to collect it.</p>
<p>As I already pay for this service through my council tax I am not prepared to pay further for it. I will place the waste into my Grey bin.</p>
<p>Include with black bin waste. The idea of a green bin was to help with recycling</p>
<p>Put in the grey bin</p>
<p>This is a crazy idea which will lead to fly tipping and then addition costs to us tax payers.</p>
<p>Burn or put in grey bin</p>
<p>If you want to save money cut number councillors reduce senior management drastically. Get rid of all people involved in setting the questions on the next page of this survey. e.g. am I the same gender I was born ethnecisity etc etc. What has this to do with anything it is wasting our money and putting some idiot in a well paid job.</p>
<p>Don't have a garden, But I find that attempting to charge twice for something is band out of order, We pay for the refuse collection in the council tax , or are you going to be giving household a rebate ?</p>

It will go in to the grey bin. This is what most people will do with their green waste. This will increase the weight of rubbish going to landfill and hence increase the landfill taxes paid by Sefton hence rate payers and probably won't give anywhere near the projected savings. All ratepayers already pay to have their rubbish (including green waste) removed from their premises and should not have to pay any more.
Put some in Grey bin, take any large items to recycling centre or dump it somewhere.
Put it in the grey bin or bin bags and put it in generally waste
put it in the grey bin with all general rubbish
Since I am not prepared to pay for green bin collections or to mess up my car taking garden waste to the tip, which in itself would add to CO2 emissions, I would place garden waste in the grey bin.
put it in with the normal rubbish in the grey bin, as we used to do before garden waste was collected separately.
We are pensioners on a limited income receiving council tax benefit with many tree and shrubs which we have to dispose of. We already have a compost bin but still have a considerable amount of garden waste. We cannot take all this to the tip and feel we are left with no option but to pay for a facility we already pay for.
Put it back in the grey bin where it used to go before the green bins.
Put in bags in grey bin
As I already pay my council tax, which includes payment for waste removal. I shall put all waste [household and garden] in grey bin.
Probably have to pay for a gardener for my 90 year old mother
I'd dump it in the garden of the nearest Labour councillor and let him pay to have it removed, bearing in mind that I have already paid for it to be collected within my Council Tax payment.
Put it in the grey bin instead, but this would cost more for the council to dispose of. The current system is adequate.
At this stage I have not a clue, single elderly woman with no transport.
put it in my grey bin
There is no option on this questionnaire for households to state that they would not be prepared to pay for collections. This policy will only lead to increased grey bin content and conflict with the Council's landfill targets. It will also lead to an increase in fly tipping
I would bag it up and leave on the street. Disgusting idea, why would anyone want to live in southport any longer. It is no wonder the town is the condition it is with a council like ours.
I absolutely do not agree with this. I pay my council tax for you to provide this service and I will NOT be paying twice. Green waste will go into the grey bin for you to take away. By the way, this consultation is poorly written.
by putting it in the grey waste bin of leaving it out on the street were you will have to collect it. I pay council tax for this service and will NOT pay another charge.
I will put it in the grey bin.



I am not prepared to pay for the limited recycling service sefton currently provide which is poor even comparing to neighbouring Lancs. You are proposing further reductions to one of the few council services that we don' t already pay for in various other ways. I would burn compost, and dispose of at the tip ... No doubt however it will increase fly tipping. The government needs to look at its own ineffective structure and expenditure, rather than offer reduced services at higher cost to the people working all hours to support their Current inefficiency
Burn it in the garden fire bin.
I pay a higher tax banding than properties without a green bin collection, the cost of this collection is reflected in this higher charge so I/we should not incur a charge. Will you reduce my council tax in proportion to this charge? I will not pay for this collection and will send my green waste to landfill. Will you return to a weekly grey bin collection? Where does this stand with regard to the councils "green policies". I will not vote at the next council election for the councillors who supported this in chambers.
I will not pay. I will dump my waste. How can members of the public (mainly pensioners) take part in this consultation who do not have access to a PC/internet connection. Pensioners will be the most affected by this charge and cannot take part in this process. Undemocratic
I already pay for this is through Council Tax. Sefton MBC are given a revenue stream via these collections. Put it in normal bin. Or compost it. Or take it to the tip. There should be an option to say 'Op' per week. This is a manipulative survey that cannot register an objection.
Burn it or use grey bin
Bin with 'normal' waste
also consider burning it
It would go back in the grey bin as previously.
Use other peoples bins, Burn it put in with household waste
I INTEND TO LEAVE MY GREEN WASTE BIN OUTSIDE MY HOUSE AS USUAL, AND I WILL EXPECT IT TO BE EMPTIED AS USUAL, AS I AM ALREADY PAYING FOR THIS SERVICE IN MY YEARLY COUNCIL TAX BILL. I WILL NOT PAY TWICE FOR THIS SERVICE.
I would not be willing to pay anything for green garden waste collection. If you do start charging then I will take my own to the tip (as I am sure quite a lot of people will do). We pay enough council tax.
I will let Sefton council collect it as they have done. The price of the collection is included in my Council tax bill received from Sefton council. Normal bin service collections were once every week. When a green bin collection was included the service went to 2 weekly collections. No further increase in staff needed as the same number of bins were being emptied. This service is second to none, it is very much appreciated by all those who use the green bin for garden waste. Sefton Council should bear in mind that fly tipping is becoming a big problem in Sefton, and I am afraid that this may lead to an increase in this unlawful act. If you can be guarantee that the money saved would be used for services to the housebound elderly of Sefton then I may consider taking my own green waste to the recycling centre in Sefton. I look forward to your reply.
Put it in the normal bin
grey bin

I not be prepared to pay for this service, I would return my green bin and prep a compost corner at home for my green waste!!
I would burn it just like in the old days. I already use a compost bin but it is not sufficient as I have a large garden. The collapse of local government means we have to revert back to old fashioned methods.
place in grey bin
in the gray bin other people will just fly tip it. this is a bad idea people are paying enough in council tax already
Put it in the gray bin. Home composting bins already used in addition to the green bin collection.
<b>BURN IT</b>
Use the grey bin. The council tax charge is high enough without having to pay for the green recycling scheme. I managed without a green previously and will do so again.
I have no car, so would have to put green waste in my grey bin, therefore defeating the purpose of recycling.
use the grey bin, as I already pay through my community tax to have my waste collected. Savings could be made by reducing local councillors' over the top expenses.
take some to the tip and burn some
I currently put most of my green waste in a compost bin and only use the green wheelie bin for the stuff that doesn't rot in a small compost bin. The rest I would take to the tip. I use the green bin about 6 times a year.
<b>Burn</b>
I would expect like most other people who will not pay for a green waste service, to hide it with my general waste collection in the grey bin. I have not answered Q2 as I am not prepared to pay for this service. Why did you not provide an option under this question for people to say they would not pay at all??
I have no intention of paying for the green waste service which was introduced by the Council at the same time as reducing general waste collections to once a fortnight - I am already paying for the service!!!
I would put in a bin bag in the black bin.
<b>DEAR SEFTON COUNCIL, WE ALREADY PAY FOR THIS SERVICE!!! NO, I WILL NOT PAY ANYTHING EXTRA FOR IT!!! THIS IS WHAT MY RATES ARE FOR! WHERE ARE YOUR "GREEN" CREDENTIALS?? IF YOU START TO CHARGE FOR THIS SERVICE, RESIDENTS WILL PUT GREEN WASTE IN WITH THEIR GREY BIN WASTE. NOT SO "GREEN" THEN!</b>
Put it in the grey bin
I hardly ever use the Green Wheelie because I compost all my green waste except for the odd bundle of Holly prunings. BUT . . . other people will just put their green waste in the Grey bins, increasing the weight of 'Grey' waste and increasing the cost of disposing of it. What a bloody stupid proposal!
Use grey bin.
put it in grey bin and in other green bins in the street if any 1 else is stupid enough to pay you more than you already charge
Put some in grey bin - dispose of rest on waste land behind house
All of Q4 above

I will put in grey big, the council needs to be providing more services (no fee) for plastics, cartons & cardboard. People will not pay £40 for this. Council tax is already enough and needs to cover this.
It's going in grey, bin stuff Sefton.
Grey bin, why would anyone want to pay for a green bin October to March!
this is horrendous...you already get far too much money from us as it is.....
Firstly, I do not think I should have to pay additional costs for garden waste disposal when it is currently provided as part of my council tax payments. Secondly, I have no transport and have to survive on a low income, due to being a single parent in full time education. Therefore, I feel I have no other option available to me except to put garden waste into the household waste bin.
I would simply put my waste in my grey bin, I feel I pay enough council tax per year anyway. If the green bin collection is chargeable you can take my bin back as it clutters up my garden !
It will go in with the 'grey' or household non recycling waste bin; on the local field or direct to my local councillors home. This is an absolute disgrace as it is already funded via the council tax and you receive recycling credits for this from the MRWA therefore the savings will be minimal. There will be a significant reduction in demand for this service once a charge is applied therefore this will impact on recycling performance - you really do not know what you are doing here! You should also move to a comingled recycling collection instead of the stupid box and bags system in place currently.
In my grey bin
I'll put it in my grey bin. Presumably Sefton Council will be categorizing garden waste as "non-recyclable" - so the grey bin is where we are supposed to put are non-recyclable waste.
By putting it in the grey bin as part of general household waste
My answer to q2 is 'nil'. Why have you not included this as an option on the form? My answer to your ambiguous q3 ('would _this_ be acceptable') is based on me being happy for collections to take place on Saturdays and Mondays. It does not refer back to q2, or imply that I would be prepared to pay further charges to have green waste collected.
Guess
I would fit as much as possible in the grey bin. I might go to the tip if I couldn't get rid of it in a couple of grey bin collections. The green bins are collected about 23 times a year. In addition about 8 of these collections are generally not utilized over winter months. Therefore they are used by people on average 15 times a year . That will be £3.00 per collection!!
A combination of a composting bin and if that became full it would have to be burned.
Either grey bin or take to the tip myself, your idea of a consultation is totally flawed, you merely ask how much people are prepared to pay, reality most people feel that this service is already more than paid for and object to increases in council tax by stealth..
Put it in grey bin

Burn the woody stuff then use the ash on the garden, compost the rest.
I pay Council Tax to have waste that emanates from my home to be disposed of. My garden is part of my home, ergo..... What's next? Asking me to pay extra to have the police protect my street? To have lighting in my street?
I WOULD COMPOST SOME OF IT BUT HAVE A LARGE GARDEN AND SOME WOULD HAVE TO GO IN THE GREY BIN. WHEN ARE YOU INTRODUCING PLASTI/CARDBOARD COLLECTION? MAYBE THE SAVING FROM SENDING THIS TO LANDFILL WOULD HELP WITH THE GREEN BIN COLLECTIONS, AND SURELY PROPOSING TO COLLECT THEM ON A SATURDAY IS AN ADDITIONAL COST IN WAGES!
Large amounts I would take to the tip, small amounts I would put in my grey bin
Put it in the grey bin. I would want my green bin to be removed by Sefton or I would require Sefton to pay me for storing it.
A composting bin can be used for some (but not all) of it. The remainder such as branches , leylandii hedge clippings, will have to go into the grey bin and this is a shame and will increase the cost of landfill. I am opposed in principal to any proposal to end and/or charge for this service. The grey bin waste was changed from weekly to fortnightly collections to allow the green waste bin collections to take place!
I would probably use a combination of using a compost bin and local household waste for larger uncompostable items. It would have been better to offer more than 1 option from the list
Your proposal to charge additional £ for green waste is way off the mark, already we need to own a car to take plastic & cardboard to the tip, now you're asking council tax payers to increase their CO2 with additional trips
It would go in my household bin as I am a pensioner and don't have a car to take it to the tip
This is open to abuse. Fly tipping and putting in normal bin will be common place. Could be very costly instead of the very efficient and successful present system.
Undecided personally, but I believe that a considerable amount of green waste will somehow be incorporated in the 'grey waste', and therefore negate much of any possible savings, Many people have responded positively to the green/recycling initiatives. and this suggestion will undo much of the success that has been achieved. We already have had weekly grey bin collections reduced from weekly to fortnightly and adapted positively, please don't reduce our limited service further, look elsewhere.
Go in with the normal grey bin waste
Get my neighbour to remove it as they have a trailer
Use the grey bin
I will put it in the grey bin
Put it in the grey bin
Put it in the grey bin as I used to before they brought grey bins in
Put it in the grey bin

<p>I may also take the waste to the tip, but I know for a fact that several neighbours already burn waste, or would fly tip it. A lot would just end up with the grey bin waste for those without cars to take the waste away. Surely this kind of levy for one of the few environmentally friendly actions the council runs is misplaced? Would it be better not charging and only doing a green bin collection on a 4 weekly basis? this would still require composting, but would cut back on collection costs.</p>
<p>For small amounts I would probably use the grey bin.</p>
<p>burn it</p>
<p>Not worked it out yet - I would not put weeds and tree branches in my compost. I do not drive and therefore do not own a car for visiting a recycling centre. I presume that the bin promised for recycling cardboard and plastic has been put on Sefton's back burner. This kind of rubbish has to go into my grey bin at the moment. Why not copy the St Helen's sensible option of cardboard going into the green waste as it does rot down. I think this recent idea will discourage residents even more from recycling!! Sefton would appear to be a good step behind on recycling.</p>
<p>I intend to dump mine on the Town Hall steps. Sefton Council encouraged residents to go 'green'. You did this by suggesting a levy would be imposed by Central Government if you didn't comply with the 'ruling'. Now, you're intending to charge for this valuable 'green' service. So from me - hang your heads in shame for constantly wanting to fleece the hardworking taxpayers of your borough. You are a disgrace and you are not fit for office in trying to push through this 'cheap' (term used loosely) costing exercise.</p>
<p>What would pensioners with big gardens and no suitable vehicle do then????????????? You tell me</p>
<p>Bag and put in grey bin</p>
<p>If this comes into force you can send someone to collect our green bin. I don't want it. Everyone pays council tax now, yet we are paying for household goods to be collected. and the bin men never take all the rubbish, we are being bombarded with rats, which was a rare sight before. This will cause an increase in fly tipping. We pay for nonexistent services in council tax as you are trying to bring charges for green waste, as well as bulky items. Maybe were paying fat cats wages.</p>
<p>I already compost most of my green waste, and the small amount not compostable is taken to the recycling centre already. I would not be prepared to pay for this service which I only rarely use.</p>
<p>I think it is ridiculous that the council is thinking of withdrawing collection services when it should be increasing them to include plastics. I am absolutely against this proposal. I would also suggest that the current green bin collection service do their jobs properly. On a number of occasions my green bin has only been half emptied. Unacceptable given what we pay for council tax in the borough.</p>

I have no transport and really do not know how I would deal with it and it would be a problem for me and many others with no transport. I expect people will just put it in there grey bin in bags and then it will be wasted in land fill and the weight going to landfill would go up and the council would be charged. I would like the green waste to continue as it is. another short sighted view in my opinion and some would just not bother with their gardens and the town would be the worse for it
Put in grey bin
How are you going to deal with those who put green waste in the grey bin????????????????????
As a law abiding citizen who gets no benefits at all and has always worked and paid my way I would be tempted to bag this up and leave it in the street. It is an absolute disgrace that I am already paying my council tax and now you want to charge again. Get rid of the councillors and leave honest working people alone.
I would not pay any extra for this service simply put what I can in the black bin. Recycling rates will fall costing the council more.
Questions very limited. Sefton services should cover their costs. No doubt Sefton compost the waste and then sell it on. If they don't make a profit out of this, they should look into why. On the basis that it is profit making, any change to the service is unacceptable.
I presume that if I should opt out of green bin collections My weekly Grey bin collection will resume as it used to be prior to the introduction of the relatively new green bin collection service. After all a part of my rates payment was for refuse collection on a weekly basis.
Will be very disappointed if this service is lost. We already compost most of our green waste, but cannot successfully dispose of woody material, pernicious weeds or evergreen leaves. Our green bin is full every fortnight. Will the unscrupulous not bin it in the grey wheelie? We will end up traipsing to the tip again. Surely this is a retro-grade step and is anti-green! While we are at it - why not collect plastic waste as other authorities e.g. Wirral.
Put in grey bin
in the general rubbish bin as it used to be
Put it in the grey bin
Put it in the grey bin
I do not want to pay for a green bin. As a resident of Formby I am disadvantaged if the present fortnightly collection within our present Council Tax charge is discontinued. Residents of Crosby/Formby/ Southport/rural areas need a green bin collection. It would be unfair for these residents to have to pay more for green waste collection while the urban residents who do not need removal of green waste so have no additional cost. I fear that the charge for green bins would result in fly tipping. A number of residents of Shaw Crescent/Moss Green cut the lawns and keep the roadside green spaces tidy. Waste is put in the green bin. We do this as a community effort and should not be charged. You did not give an option of no payment in the consultation so this makes the consultation flawed. This charge would in effect be an increase in our Council Tax.

<p>I would have to dispose of it in my grey wheelie bin as I've no transport to take the recycling centre. I'm very upset that it's considered that we pay for the green waste. we need a bin for all the cardboard and plastics that are a lot worse for the environment. the council is a joke and needs to pay out for these types of recycling instead. we shouldn't have to pay for any of these services that's what our taxes are for!</p>
<p>I would consider taking it to the recycling centre if there was not a charge. However, I think that the council would be better doing without some of the chief executives as the proposed charging for green waste collection will result in fly tipping. This has already happening for bulky items as I saw an armchair dumped on the carriageway between Ainsdale roundabout and the Tesco traffic lights which never occurred until Sefton started charging for bulky items.</p>
<p>Put in main bin that I would assume reverts back to weekly service if green bins are no longer a service provided through my council tax - Disabled and unable to visit tip have carer do garden</p>
<p>have to think about that one</p>
<p>If I am not going near the recycling centre I shall find another method of disposal. My council tax is £2,500. You seem to be removing one of the few services I receive.</p>
<p>As my husband is blind and I do not drive, we are really about what to do with garden waste. We do not want to but it looks like we might have to burn it and that's not good for the environment. It is really worrying and becoming rather stressful!</p>
<p>Grey bin</p>
<p>Dispose of my green bin in my grey bin, thus not recycling the green refuse.</p>
<p>I pay council tax to manage waste, I will not pay extra for garden waste to be collected and this will mean more fires in gardens which I thought the council put a stop to health and safety? What next pay for grey bins to be taken?</p>
<p>would also consider a garden incinerator</p>
<p>Q2 does not give the option of saying you are not prepared to pay for the service. The answer to this question is that I don't know at this stage but it would be legal.</p>
<p>Wouldn't people just start putting their garden waste in the grey bins!!!!</p>
<p>Organize a shared bin. A group of householders pay for one bin only but all use it. Consider using the grey bin.</p>
<p>Put it in my grey bin.</p>
<p>A poorly designed questionnaire, with a very narrow range of questions. I would not be prepared to pay, unless council tax was reduced to compensate for the proportionally reduced service. I currently use two composting bins and occasionally take green waste to the local tip as I live nearby. I would think twice about using the tip on a regular basis however, especially if it necessitated a car journey. We receive little enough for a high council tax and although I try to recycle as much as possible, would certainly consider putting green waste in my grey bin should the need arise.</p>
<p>Pay for a local company to collect. I.e.: skip / man with van.</p>

<p>I already use a wormery, several compost bins and bokashi for recycling green waste, so I don't see what more I can do. I also take larger garden waste to the tip as well. I will be tempted to put the remaining green waste in the grey bin. having spoken to several folk about this they are even more likely to do so. ALSO how about letting folk know about this "Consultation". I only found out when someone told me about it - no leaflets or information. we don't read local rags so don't get stuff that way. What will you charge for next? I was also under the impression that my work in recycling everything I can, including plastics and cardboard enabled the council to avoid paying penalties - therefore saving money. so you want to charge us to save YOU expense - not logical or fair. I'm aware that it's the government forcing the cuts, but believe it's time councils stood up to that behaviour.</p>
<p>Put garden waste in grey bin.</p>
<p>We compost kitchen waste and soft garden items. Woody (up to 3inches thick) and other garden items that we cannot compost are placed in the green bin. The proposal is a poor one. Consider the increasing fly-tipping, and consider the need to reduce land fill and increase recycling. Such a move will force residents to put green waste in their grey bins destined for the land fill."</p>
<p>Tip it in the grey bin</p>
<p>I would personally compost green waste or take it to tip. however, lazy people will fly tip all over Sefton</p>
<p>I do not have a big enough garden for a compost bin/wormery, I don't have transport to visit a CA. So I do not know how I will dispose of my green waste. Why can't you just leave things as they are. Trying to change something that works will only lead to mass fly dumping and entrees becoming full of waste.....</p>
<p>I would not be prepared to pay for green waste collection without a corresponding reduction in council tax.</p>
<p>It would go in the grey bin. I am not willing to pay any extra for refuse collections, I also feel that the grey bin should be collected weekly instead of fortnightly.</p>
<p>Tip on common land</p>
<p>Put it in the grey bin, put it in a neighbours green bin (either with their agreement or when they are not watching) or dump it in the park for Maghull Town Council to remove - as will lots of other people...be realistic Sefton MBC! Plus, these questions are extremely poor...I may consider paying a small fee but for 6 months of the year only - who needs winter collections when nothing grows but you haven't asked that question - all or nothing. Why are you so inflexible?!</p>
<p>I suggest you sack some councillors, that would save some money and as they appear to do less and less for tax payers they are no longer required.</p>



<p>If the composting company want it then let them collect it! Then no charge to council or tenant. A win /win solution! Deliver it directly to the composting company, (where possible). Take it to a disposal site. I already compost as much as possible, and have a wormery. The assumption that each person only has one method of disposal is false. Why has this consultation not asked for other savings possibilities in other departments of budgets. There is a much wider range of savings to be made. e.g. Stop paying Councillors, - stop taking unruly children to school by taxi, - Have a serious look into the inefficiencies in the Parks and Gardens dept., - Completely restructuring the sanitation / cleansing services. Stop getting involved in affairs that are not our concern, outsource more of the tasks currently in-house like ethnic monitoring, and ineffective jobs which do not contribute to the well being of our community. There are far too many non - jobs being paid for. Have serious look into the salaries being paid in education budgets for such as "welfare officers". Only employ people in positions that can produce a quantifiable end product. Most importantly - " Get this Borough Cleaned up". It is a disgrace! If you really want to have meaningful consultations on a subject it should be done "before" the decision has been made, and ask for alternative strategies. It may come as a surprise to the council to learn that they do not know everything! There are many people out there who have a lot to contribute if they are asked "before" the decisions.</p>
Burn it
Fly tip waste
It will have to go in the grey bin with all the other waste. If this is not permitted it will have to be taken to the recycling centre - a charge will then be levied against the Council for this service being provided by an existing Council Tax payer.
At this time I have no idea
Put it in general (Grey) bin or if going near tip take it there.
Grey bin
Put it in grey bin if enough room
I would burn it in a garden bin suitable for burning
I will not pay and if a charge was to be brought in I guess most people would be fly tipping!!
Put it in the black bag
The green waste would be put in the grey bin. Have no facility to take to the waste tip. We already pay taxes for this service. There should be no change in the current situation.
I'll put it in the grey bin, your stupidity shows no bounds. How the hell can you say you're going to charge for a service that is already paid for by everyone in their council tax? All you are doing is opening a can of worms as the people who don't want a green bin will want a reduction in council tax. Why don't you all try thinking for a change!
I don't have a big garden so would use the grey bin. I would not be prepared to pay for this service, I would however be prepared to lose this service but I would like my grey bin collected every week in place of my green bin.
Put waste in councillor's gardens who vote in this proposal.
None of your business
Put it in the black bin
Take it to the tip you money grabbing thicks. if you ran a business like this rather than a borough you'd have been sacked by now. Southport out of Sefton while just about got a town left.

I would use a composting bin but only have small garden so other waste would go in normal bin I all ready pay for my green bin I pay my council tax
Put it my grey bin as well as my house hold rubbish. as we pay council tax the collection of either bin cost is covered in my weekly council tax
I would put it in the grey bin. You seem to have forgotten that I already pay to have my green bin emptied.... I pay my council tax. I will not be paying extra for you to fulfil your recycling obligations. Vote of no confidence in this council? Oh I think so!
Incinerate
The council is already paid for waste collection via council tax. On that basis we are not prepared to pay extra simply because the waste is a particular type of waste. Our garden waste will, therefore, go in the grey bin along with everything else.
Why does Q2 not give a "not prepared to pay" option? This is not a proper consultation at all as this question is skewed. I will not pay to have my garden waste collected - I do this already through my (almost £200 p/m) Council Tax, which I see has risen this year despite the Gov't freeze due to the Council exercising a "loophole" in the system. Very honest. (What was the council's position on the Gov't subsidy offered for weekly collection of household waste as this was apparently not taken up?) We already have a sub-standard recycling scheme, whereby cardboard and plastics must be disposed of by residents at local centres. Do you really think it will be too much of an effort to do this with grass clippings etc? I would happily see the back of this eyesore that sits outside my property and I'm sure I'm not alone in this. This will create a dim view of the Council with local residents and will no doubt lead to even more fly-tipping; something that has noticeably. This is an ill-thought out proposition. I see Cllr Roche suggests that the current system is "unfair" given the economic situation. I find this obtuse as this charge will affect the very people who are suffering under the current economic situation and seeking ways to keep costs down. This will be a very low priority and will see very little take up from residents. An ill thought out, backwards scheme doomed to failure. Residents already "see" very little beyond an ongoing erosion of services for the money they pay, this will do nothing but further this view.
Burn it
It would be put in the GREY bin! In answer to Question 2, I am not willing to pay any extra for a green bin when already paying council tax! A reduction in council tax would be appreciated for the surrender of my green bin.
Why do you think we don't already use all of these methods in combination with the green bin, which our current council tax pays for?
I put other but I really do not know and I am very concerned and would be stuck as my green bin is full every time . I am in fact worried. In Ormskirk they have their cardboard and plastics collected as well as the green and grey bins and you are cutting down on the green bins. Disgraceful
Dump it on the street!!! It isn't the fault of the community that the council can't balance its books, If you have a £51 million deficit that I suggest you try to manage services better and not wasting money as you have been doing these last few years. What a ridiculous idea to charge for waste. People will just fly tip and end up costing the council more money in the long run.
Put it with the household rubbish?
I believe you should charge all parts of the borough your lovely precept which is taken from Maghull but not from very rich Southport then you would not need to charge for the green waste to be taken away.

<p>I only use the collection once a month at best, from October thru to march I don't use at all ? Why would I pay for something that I do not use. If you charge you will get more fly tipping of garden waste or in general just people emptying it into normal bin waste. make a notional charge on ctax of 25p per month and only collect once a month, supply bags to enable people to empty at tip!</p>
<p>I already use a composting bin so only have green waste to be collected a few weeks a year. I would not be prepared to pay a weekly charge &amp; would take any excess green waste to the recycling centre. I already take my plastic &amp; cardboard waste to the recycling centre as Sefton has no facility to collect &amp; recycle this type of waste</p>
<p>dump it</p>
<p>A combination of all, but primarily it would be mixed into the grey bin as was the case before SMBC chose to introduce the green bins. If a charge is introduced the net result of this will be that SMBC will fail to meet its recycling commitments. A short sighted, money grabbing policy.</p>
<p>Probably take to work and put in skip or put in the house hold bin</p>
<p>Put it in the grey bin</p>
<p>I would put what I can into a composting bin and the rest would be put in the household rubbish. I would require the council to remove the green waste bin from my property as I have no further use for it. I regard this proposal as being a seriously flawed proposition when it is government policy to increase recycling. As it is Sefton is poor on recycling compared to other authorities around the country who take plastic and cardboard. We have been so dissatisfied by the recycling service that after picking up waste and tin can lids from the street each week we no longer participate. The green bin has been the only satisfactory part of the recycling service. I am not prepared to pay an additional fee for something that I feel is an essential part of refuse collection and that is paid for by my contribution from my council tax.</p>
<p>As I have very little waste and rarely need to use the current service I shall probably be obliged to put the small amount of garden waste I have in my household waste bin. I have no car so cannot go to the tip. Perhaps you could organise a service where people like me could phone and arrange for occasional collections when sufficient waste is collected.</p>
<p>My concern is that once a charge is imposed, however little, the majority will revert to dumping green waste or burning it in their gardens creating a nuisance to neighbours and causing pollution. Is it not possible to make a modest increase to everyone's council tax. Since the green collection was introduced there has been a dramatic reduction in the number of people burning waste in their gardens. I should hate to see people revert to doing this.</p>
<p>Would purchase metal bin and burn my garden waste at home in the garden. We pay enough Council Tax etc. for this service to be provided within those budgets! This proposal is a disgrace.</p>
<p>Probably just use the ordinary bin unless I got a chance to take it to the recycling centre but being a full time worker and single mum I haven't got much free time.</p>
<p>I would put it in grey bin</p>
<p>Would add it to normal bin.</p>

<p>We already use a composting bin, but would NOT be prepared to pay any additional charge for the emptying of the green bin. As we already have to make regular trips to the recycling centre to dispose of plastics and cardboard (A service the council should be providing!) we would dispose of our garden waste there also. This is relatively easy for us as we have a van at our disposal, it won't be this easy for everyone and instances of fly tipping are bound to increase. This proposal is ludicrous and should be rejected.</p>
<p>I am not sure how I would dispose of it as I am unable to take it to the tip myself. I thought I was already paying for this service in my council tax.</p>
<p>take it to the tip in plastic bags and put it in the garden skips</p>
<p>I already compost most of our garden waste and have a wormery and also take some to recycling centre. I still need to use the garden waste wheelie bin to dispose of the remaining waste. I don't see why we should have to pay extra for this service as it actually makes money for sefton! Along with other people I would deal with my garden waste by dumping it on the steps of sefton council !!!</p>
<p>also compost and shred.</p>
<p>What is the point of this survey? There is nowhere for people to write their opinions. Everyone I have spoken to is wholeheartedly AGAINST being charged for having their green waste collected. You are intending to charge an annual fee for a service that is conducted fortnightly and is then only collected during ten months of the year. Whatever happened to councils allegedly trying to become greener to help the environment . . . I expect Sefton will once again throw away their intentions to become more environmentally friendly and only encourage people to fly tip their green waste.</p>
<p>I do feel this is a ridiculous charge that will result in people fly tipping their green waste. I can't imagine anyone would be willing to pay this amount when they could dump this in a street, by a garage in somebody else's green bin or within their grey bin. I understand the need to increase funds, but this is just going to causing a dumping blight in neighbourhoods.</p>
<p>I consider I already pay enough for this service (BAND E). What happens every other week when nothing gets collected - do I get a discount ? This whole system of Grey and Green bins was introduced by yourselves - your idea - not ours. Council uses it to make compost which it either uses or sells on. Will people who don't get Green Bin collected have the Grey bin restalled as weekly collection ? Also this is going to increase fly tipping - people haven't got the money !!!</p>
<p>I have no other way of dealing with green waste, as I don't drive so have no means of transporting it. I also do not want a compost bin stinking in the garden where my young children play. I think this proposal is a disgrace. Sefton's refuse and recycling service is already awful. You only accept a fraction of recyclable materials compared to Liverpool council, you only collect household waste fortnightly (no wonder residents are reporting rats infesting gardens) and refuse to take any additional bags that don't fit in the wheelie bin. Not to mention the cancelling of collections over the Christmas period with forced unpaid holidays for the workforce under threat of losing their jobs. This council sinks lower and lower.</p>

<p>There is no opportunity in this questionnaire to give a view other than a box tick! Should continue to be provided FREE as it is.</p>
<p>There is no opportunity within this consultation to give a view other than a box to tick! Should remain FREE</p>
<p>At present I re-cycle all garden clippings, all household food waste. If a charge is brought in these items would go into the normal waste bin</p>
<p>This survey is clearly not a consultation! or there would be a NO EXTRA CHARGE BOX! This service is already costed and paid in current council tax. When the charge level is decided will anyone not participating get a refund of their already costed and charged green waste collection?? On a similar basis can residents without children opt out of paying for the education costs! Also since when has the green bin collection been a 12 month service?</p>
<p>Of course, as well you know, I will pay the charge because there is no other real choice. Why not just be honest about it then and say that you are increasing Council Tax? The collection of green waste is an important service and recycling generally should be encouraged. Therefore, I am opposed to separate charges for this service.</p>
<p>I recycle as much as I can so always have capacity in my grey bin. I would put the green waste in there.</p>
<p>At this time unable to say. I am not prepared to pay as this indirectly is an increase in the council tax, which the council has stated is NOT increasing. Maybe it is time for those people who do not pay their council tax are made to pay, that way there would be more cash coming in and therefore less need for any increase. Is this not again a case of those "who pay their way" are being penalised again. KEEP THE GREEN BINS FREE CAMPAIGN NEEDED</p>
<p>put it in the grey bin</p>
<p>I refuse to pay EXTRA for my green waste removal, as I pay far enough exceedingly as it is for my council tax bill and would like to know where all my money is spent with all the cuts and savings made no savings or cuts have been made to my tax council bill which just goes up and up whether I can afford to pay it or not from my basic wages. Therefore this EXTRA cost is not feasible for me and I would just return to disposing of my very little garden rubbish along with my plastic bottles and cardboard boxing which also is not collected by the recycle services in my area. Seems I have to make a special trip to the 'tip' for the plastic and cardboard I might as me makes no difference to me !</p>
<p>As I only have a small back garden I can dig the small amount of grass cuttings into the flower beds, I don't need a green bin, If the bin needs collecting it is on my front path,</p>

<p>20 May 2013 MANLA (Manchester Road and Local Area Residents' association) Response to Consultation Document on Green Waste Collection At the Association's AGM held on 13 May 2013 the following enquiries were made and it was resolved to seek a response from the consultation process: That the Sefton MBC review its recommendations by continuing the collection service in its present form. In the Spring- to- Autumn period will some residents elect to put their green waste in the "Grey" bins? If a payment were introduced, the annual charge could be unfair and discriminatory, as residents' use would not be uniform across the Borough. Are not the green bins "micro-chipped"? If so, could not the charge be made on each use? Could there be provision in appropriate situations for larger bins for use by groups of residents? Many elderly residents surely will have great difficulty in disposing of green waste if they do not have vehicles, or are unable to carry heavy amounts of waste.</p>
<p>Would have to revert to placing in grey bin, as happened prior to introduction of separate green bin. No transport to take to tip. Council tax already includes cost of removing waste (which I understand is a statutory duty) and no further charge should be necessary. Is it not possible to reduce the frequency of green waste collections? Few households have a full bin every 2 weeks - maybe collect every 1 or 2 months?</p>
<p>Put it in the grey bin or burn it. I already pay over £2000 per year in rates to have stuff collected, and don't intend to pay twice.</p>
<p>I am not sure how to reply to this. I currently pay £112 per month to live in my property and I am on a pension so I do not feel I should have to pay further towards the collection of my green waste. I thought the council had recycling targets to meet and if this proposals goes ahead the people will be reluctant to use the green bin service and the targets will fall. I do not feel I should have to make a trip to the tip and what happens when I can no longer use my car! Also it's hardly helping the climate to have more cars on the road making trips to the tip!</p>
<p>In with household waste</p>
<p>Probably in the grey bin as it was before we got green bins. Occasionally taken to the tip.</p>
<p>Fly tip</p>
<p>I strongly object to yet another nonsensical proposal from an authority that chooses to ignore the rights and well being of its inhabitants. Why do we pay Council tax if this unbelievable authority simply wants to charge more and more for less and less</p>
<p>Undecided as yet</p>
<p>Dump it on council property!</p>
<p>Use the grey waste bin as well .</p>
<p>This policy will lead to an increase in the fly tipping of garden waist. It will also create a further financial burden on low income households and further degrade the quality of our neighbourhoods. I live in a flat with a shared garden. how will the charge be divided between the flats who use the garden.</p>
<p>Put in general waste</p>

LIKE EVERYONE ELSE THAT HAS SPOKEN ON THIS ISSUE IT WILL GO STRAIGHT TO LANDFILL SITE. THIS IS NOT MUCH OF A DEBATE OR QUESTIONNAIRE. HOW ABOUT CHARGING HOUSES THAT USE MORE THAN ONE GREY WHEELIE BIN OF WHICH THERE APPEARS TO BE AN INCREASE, MANY OF WHICH ARE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND THEIR DIRTY NAPPIES, OF WHICH TAKES YEARS TO DEGRADE. WHY SHOULD SOUTHPORT YET AGAIN BE TARGETED, HOW MANY PROPERTIES IN BOOTLE HAVE GREEN GARDEN WASTE COLLECTED? BET IF THEY WERE TO COMPLAIN IT WOULD BE A VERY DIFFERENT MATTER. I KNOW OF ONEONE IN THIS AREA THAT HAS HAD A LEAFLET TO INFORM OF THE IMPENDING CHARGES. MY SOURCE CAME FROM THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATE LEAFLET AND THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

Put it in with normal household rubbish.

What consideration has been given to the carbon footprint of significant numbers of people visiting the tip, the additional strain this will place on recycling centres. The additional garden waste will still have to be moved from these locations. There could also be an increase in the volumes of fly tipping and the gains created could well be lost. The scenario of the collection vehicle collecting from a small number of houses is also possible. How does this make commercial sense??? Lastly, I consider this a poorly constructed consultation.

IF I take my green waste to such as sefton meadow then this will replace the current recyclables which I take to same such as plastic bottle tetra packs cardboard wood etc in exchange for either taking my green waste or paying to have it removed in the green bin I will then use my grey bin for all the waste I currently recycle . YOU WILL BE THE LOSERS

I would use my black bin

I don't know what I would do with my green waste if it isn't collected. I will not be paying again to have you collect it as it is already covered by my council tax.

I would put in grey bin Q2 should have included £0 option, therefore your survey is totally flawed. How much does it cost you to send grey bin waste to landfill? How do you intend to meet recycling targets?

This is just going to cause fly tipping,

I am reluctant to deal with green waste. this should be a free core council service. If you expect residents to pay for this then why not charge residents for education or social services. We do not use either but have to pay for them.

Sefton Council's so called DISCRETIONARY Green Waste Collection Service was implemented by the council to all residents nothing DISCRETIONARY about it, and even provided an additional green waste bin for £10 to those who required one. By ending this eco friendly service to all households in Sefton and charging for IT. This will only result in green waste ending up in the GREY BIN COLLECTION. By all those residents who do not wish to PAY A CHARGE for collecting Green Waste. Do Sefton Council really think this will not happen

<p>I have a very small garden and produce only a small amount of green waste, consequently I do not currently put my green garden waste bin out even every two weeks in the summer and I do not put it out at all in the winter so I would not pay for this service. I would probably put the small amount I produce in my household waste bin. I believe this charge is short sighted as charging for any waste collection will result in an increase in fly tipping which will damage local communities and will ultimately incur a larger cost to the council to collect and clear this mess left by irresponsible people.</p>
<p>Not known because all three stated options are unsuitable. As a disabled resident the current arrangements are a lifeline.</p>
<p>Am physically disabled therefore could not lift waste to fit in containers at recycling depot. Service has been an advantage..</p>
<p>Compost grass and leaves, burn twigs &amp; branches or take to tip. I hope Sefton will take the redundant green bin away or that will be going to landfill.</p>
<p>In the grey bin</p>
<p>Although we have a compost bin, we only have room for one of them, so we do generate some green waste. I thought the council were trying to keep land fill to a minimum, but if you start charging for green bin collections, people will put the green waste into the grey bin - just adding to your costs! This is a backward step for the council. If you are trying to encourage recycling why tax those of us who are helping you save money?</p>
<p>I would either compost it locally, or take it to Formby tip for recycling there.</p>
<p>We already pay enough council tax without being ripped off with an additional charge</p>
<p>I would take some to the tip, put some in the grey bin and burn some.</p>
<p>Use any space in grey bin and then go to tip if needed</p>
<p>I am concerned that not everyone would dispose of their green waste responsibly and that the money saved by ending the free garden waste collection would be equalled or exceeded by money spent clearing up fly tipping.</p>
<p>It will be bagged and put in my grey bin</p>
<p>Don't know yet.</p>
<p>burn it or put it in gray bin</p>
<p>put it in the gray bin or burn it</p>
<p>put it in the general waste bin as before. Obviously the authority is no longer committed to the environment so why should we. The green bins were, after all, introduced to save the environment and if I were to drive to the recycling centres that would result in car fumes, adding to global warming.</p>
<p>Views not asked for in this survey! All that will be achieved will be roadside dumping of waste which will cost you more to clear up than the charge that is naively thought to bring in more cash, I already pay the authority for this service and think it is a cheek to be charged again</p>
<p>Filter it into grey bin which I presume will be emptied weekly. Where will green bin go. I do not want it left here.</p>



I will simply throw it in the grey bin! I already pay my council tax to cover bin collections, why do you think I would pay more for you to do what I already pay for? It's not like you are talking about a new service your providing! I would just stop recycling my waste and throw it in the general rubbish! Nice way to introduce fly tipping back to our streets, parks and fields by the way! As is suspect this is what you will see if you want sefton residents to pay you twice for your services!
I will not pay twice for a service you benefit from. I expect to see a reduction in my council tax when this goes into effect. As to what I will do with my green waste, well, that is no longer your concern is it!
I'd put the green waste outside Sefton council offices and let them deal with it. Doesn't the council tax cover the cost of removing green waste and if it doesn't will we get a refund if this crazy plan goes ahead? I won't hold my breath!
put in local cllrs garden
If was to have to dispose of my green waste another way I would put it in bin bags and put it in my grey bin.
In the grey bin that we pay for !!! Do we get a reduction, if we don't pay ? as we already have this service ?
Would not pay for this service, and would use a composting bin. Have small gardens front and rear and feel this would be an unfair charge when someone with larger garden or gardens
Put it in grey bin or take it to one of the local councillors' house. We already pay for this service in our council tax if this is done away with I want a refund. The council forced us into segregation.
Dump it on waste land.
I would take it to the town hall in southport for Sefton council to deal with as I already pay an exorbitant amount in council tax and don't think I should be charged extra for a service I already pay for
put it in the black bin
I will take it to the tip or put it among my household rubbish in the grey bin as I already pay for bin collection in my rates. Unless of course you are giving a refund. You ask how much a week would I pay. now you collect every two weeks and not at all in the period around Xmas. Do not have garden waste from Late Oct to late March. S o how would you calculate charge? also if People do not want to pay what will, you do with all the green bins????? I think you bought those from a foreign firm and did not give the work to a British company!!!! I think you are on a loser here. Maybe cutting down on useless things would be a better way of saving money.
Put it in the grey bin
Burn it.
Fly Tip so you end up having to move it!!
I already pay to have it collected via my council tax. If the proposal is to stop that, I'll accept the reduction in council tax and put all my waste in the grey bin to go to landfill.

<p>Burn it in my back garden, I pay for this service already and will not pay for more. Does this mean as I pay for weekly bin collection now that my grey bin will be collected weekly. If there wasn't as much money spent heating Bootle and other town halls we would have more money in the kitty. Come on Sefton and work for the people who pay for the services.</p>
<p>I will make my own arrangements which are nothing to do with you.</p>
<p>I will fill my grey bin and then use the tip - Sefton Council will still need to deal with my waste!</p>
<p>Before we were issued with green bins, the green waste was put into bags and collected by the waste disposal. Anything that was useful was put into compost bins. I feel very strongly, that we pay more than enough for our council tax. I am a pensioner who does pay for the council tax, and I am certainly not prepared to pay any more for this service. Another issue is, the councils paid thousands of pounds to provide us with the green bins in the first place. I just wonder what will happen with these bins, when most people refuse to pay.</p>
<p>Mind your own business. I don't want to pay for a green collection I already do in my Council Tax. Get your act together, far too many non jobs politically correct jobs and jobs for the odd minority interests.</p>
<p>we have a compost area at home plus an allotment which would take additional material; we also go the recycle site regularly with plastic, cardboard, etc, and further green waste would be taken there. I am sure other will find alternative ways including simply putting in bags with the 'non-recycle' material you are still obliged to collect (hence increasing the amount collected). the idea is seriously flawed! we are not prepared to pay extra.</p>
<p>Put it in the grey bin!</p>
<p>I'd put it in the black bin as I already pay council tax for this to be collected why should I pay even more, absolutely ridiculous!</p>
<p>put it in the grey bin</p>
<p>we only have grass cuttings so will top up our grey bin WE WILL NEVER EVER PAY!! we may take to the tip if we have a lot</p>
<p>I find the suggestion of a charge being levied on top of existing council tax difficult to accept as I feel I use very little of the services offered by the council and as a consequence feel that to have to pay for one of the services that I DO use and benefit from is insulting.</p>
<p>I will collect it in bags and then deposit it personally on the desk of the head of the Cleansing Department. I currently pay for the green bin collection service through my council tax. If the council is proposing to drop this service I would expect to see an appropriate and proportionate reduction in my council tax.</p>



<p>I have tried a composting bin purchased from the council, did not work ?why. Not happy going to the waste &amp; recycling centre, attitude of staff, rather arrogant. Also, if I am taking garden rubbish there it would be in plastic bags, I would have to empty them first.</p>
<p>Bag it up and put in the black bin and I don`t want to pay an extra charge for the collection of my waste as I already pay for this in my yearly rates!!!!</p>
<p>Firstly I don't agree with an extra charge for removing any waste, garden or otherwise. The charge for this service is already included in council tax. Personally I would take my waste to the tip..May I suggest an alternative way of saving money would be to abolish the town's mayor and all the other "staff". We don't need a mayor, we could merge with Liverpool and their mayor to open local stores etc...</p>
<p>Put it on the beach</p>
<p>I pay for this service via a higher band rating on my council tax bill. I will not pay, I will either dump my waste or put it in the grey bin. outrageous suggestion.</p>
<p>these question are biased in favour of a charge. if you charge reduce the community charge accordingly.</p>
<p>I'm not paying for my green waste, I think this is terrible, as if things aren't bad enough with money and you do this to us, I don't earn enough to cover everything as it is and yes I work, but only part time, I don't see why I should have to pay YOU to get rid of my rubbish, isn't that covered in council tax etc I'm sick of this country as it is.</p>
<p>It may be that I would combine with a neighbour to compact waste into a joint set of bins</p>
<p>This consultation is a farce because we don't get a say as to whether we want Sefton Council to charge or not. It's the same as saying, "Do you want to die by a pistol, or a knife?"</p>
<p>Green waste will go in grey bin! You receive more than enough in council tax to do this minimal service. I would also dress that your current service to L22 7RD is unacceptable! Bins rarely collected on date promised, sometimes up to a week late &amp; with excess rubbish built up in that time just left on the street. Suggest any deficit is met by reducing overpaid wages &amp; excessive "expenses" claims.</p>
<p>Would take it to the local tip, but unlikely to focus on recycling area. Would put it in with any normal household waste that the grey bin is not big enough to take, and take to tip myself. One way to save money would be to introduce weekly grey bin collections as I'd be prepared to discuss paying for the extra collection as opposed to something I currently get for free.</p>
<p>Being a pensioner who does not drive I would not be in a position to go to a tip</p>
<p>As a pensioner who does not drive it would be impossible for me to go to a tip</p>
<p>1. We already pay enough Council tax for a pretty poor service. 2. People will not want to pay for Green waste removal. 3. The result will be an increase in illegal 'fly tipping'. 4. The borough will deteriorate even further into an area of untidy, overgrown gardens and any convenient bit of land will be used for dumping. 5. There would be an increase in vermin taking advantage of the resultant rubbish tips. 6. The general public will lose faith or pride in their local council and become even more dissatisfied and bitter with local government.</p>

<p>Either tip into the grey bin or fly tip. How do you reasonably expect someone who does not drive to get to sefton meadows tip?</p>
<p>People will just fly tip it Re question 2 my answer is I am prepared to pay NOTHING but your biased questions assume there is acceptance of a charge</p>
<p>I would suggest you do not collect green bins at all between the end OCT until the end of MARCH when little gardening is being done. This will save you 5 months of bin collecting. Council Tax is high enough without extra add ons and is suppose to cover refuse collections.</p>
<p>Put it in the grey bin</p>
<p>I already compost lawn clippings and soft, healthy plant material in a bin I bought from you. Domestic compost heaps are small and rarely reach the temperature of large commercial heaps, which achieve better results. I value the green bin for true garden waste: seeding weeds, perennial roots and coarser woody material which won't compost well. I don't employ a gardener, some of whom don't take away the waste anyway. We are a car-less household so we won't be able to drive waste to the tip. I shall have to disguise it and put it in the black bin. If green bins become an 'extra', will you resume a weekly 'free' black bin collection?</p>
<p>Either use grey bin or bag and put into communal pubic waste bins</p>
<p>Put it in grey bin</p>
<p>Use the other bin provided at the property</p>
<p>I pay a higher tax banding than properties without a green bill, therefore the cost of this collection should be included in this higher rate tax band. I will not pay for this service and will either put this waste in my grey bin or dispose of it in a less environmental friendly way. I will also stop using the service for cans/bottles/newspapers/food waste etc. If you charge for this service will you revert to a weekly grey bin collection and/or reduce my council tax?</p>
<p>Pass on to neighbour receiving council house and benefits I'm sure there will be no charge for them. If there is not enough money for a separate collection for green waste then we should be able to put all waste including garden in the one bin for a single collection</p>
<p>don't know as am disabled and have no income left after essential bills to pay for this service, which I thought was already paid for with council taxes so why are we being charged twice !! Unbelievable !!</p>
<p>I will not be paying for this service at all and will dispose of my green waste myself. However, this will cause great problems - people using other people's green bins as happens even now with grey bins when they are put out on the street . My grey bin is often used late at night by other residents and I refuse to pay for other residents' green waste to be disposed of. Have you thought about the number of people who will just 'fly tip' their green waste because they cannot pay the extra cost or who, like me, will not pay it out of principle. The council is in a difficult financial situation but this will not help.</p>

Put it in grey bin simple!!! If I had to pay I only need the bin about twice a year about a pound would suffice but should not be paying anything just a stealth tax. Can you put a zero amount in the amount you are prepared to pay a week this is misleading as some people will not leave blank but you've probably done that on purpose.
A mix. The grey bin always has some space. We already compost this valuable commodity. Cheaper to take excess garden waste to the recycling centre than pay the council - we go past regularly anyway.
small amounts in the grey bin, bonfires and let grass cuttings and leaves blow into the street and other gardens
Use grey bin
In a word disgraceful. The information provided is not open and honest enough, the questions are not the ones that should be asked either. Treat the public like adults and tell us what the figures actually are, rather than waving around the same " £51 million to save" strapline. What are the saving per bin, how is the difference between cost received and operational cost and what are the total anticipated saving to come from this proposal? Details please... Whether we even want such a change is the first question that should be asked and it's not even there. This is purely business plan justification exercise and bears no resemblance to REAL consultation. I work in local government in Merseyside and am all too aware of the current squeeze, but this proposal smacks of laziness and a distinct lack of imagination. Come on Sefton you can do better...
Put grass cuttings in neighbours bin collected by WLDC, who WANT to provide services. The rest would be burnt in the short term, or put into public bins. Longer term I would remove all grass and pave, creating even less of a 'soak' area and creating more standing water. I will pay, but only per collection and certainly not more than 50p.. NOT annually for a service I use about 10 times. I refuse to pay through the winter and you suspend collections for 6 - 8 weeks during November - January.
I live in a flat where there isn't a collection. People are fed up with being charged for everything on top of the things they have to. Money only goes so far and I think this proposal, if carried through, will result in a great deal more fly-tipping.
Put it in black bin
I already compost everything that I can but that still leaves a lot of non-compostable waste from the likes of hedge cutting and tree pruning. I am not prepared to pay extra for a green waste service so would probably place any green waste in my grey bin instead.
One would simply have to consider whether to place all waste emitted from my property into the grey wheelie bin provided as the imposition of a green wheelie bin charge is simply an unfair tax imposed by a Labour ran council/cabinet whose voters are unlikely to face such a charge, and whilst the Cabinet & Labour Group members are maximising their own pottage & junket take and totally failing to address the true issues facing the Borough and its finances, Too many Councillors, Too many Council Officer "fat cats" and a workforce that believe salary increases are a right, when the vast majority of peoples working in other sectors are facing another year of wage freezes or decreases. NO TO THIS GREEN TAX!
Put it in the black waste bin.
I will put this in the other bin for waste from my home

grey bin
These questions are appallingly badly worded. Question 2 should include the option "I already pay through my Council Tax" Absent of this option,, my answer is that I currently pay to have my green bin emptied. I do not intend to pay a second time. If Sefton proceeds down this path, my green waste will be placed in the grey bin. This is one of the most idiotic proposals I have come across.
Already use a composting bin and would take remainder to tip. Questionnaire did not allow multiple choices typical of the council.
grey bin
This consultation is biased. There is no option to select that you would not be prepared to pay for this service. Will the surveys of those of us who do not select an answer for Q2 be disregarded as "incomplete surveys". Will we receive a reduction in our council tax as effectively a service is being taken away. Or will weekly bin collections be reinstated? I think probably not.
Burning
Firstly I would not be prepared to pay - so you should have that option in the question above. I pay far much tax full stop. I already compost, so I'll shove it in my grey bin - not eco friendly and will cost a fortune in landfill. The issue is that we'll go back to fly tipping, bonfires, even longer queues at the tip at the weekend for people who work. I'd also question what this will save in the 6 months a year when the green bin collection actually has something to collect - it appears to me to be a nice drive around empty streets October - March.
I use a composting Bin for grass cuttings & household vegetable peelings, eggshells egg boxes etc. Woody waste, i.e. tree/shrub cuttings I use the Wheelie bin but could take it to the Tip (Sefton Meadows). This would be infrequently i.e. 1 or 2 times a year. WHY NOT PROVIDE THE SERVICE FOR THE GRASS CUTTING SEASON ONLY EG APRIL TO SEPTEMBER AND ONCE A MONTH. YOU CANNOT FILL THE WHEELIE BIN WITH A MONTHS GRASS CUTTING. THIS WOULD BE A 75% CUT IN COLLECTIONS WITH
Compost grass clippings and other non-woody garden waste plus compostable kitchen waste such as vegetable peelings and fruit skins
I would buy a shredder and then put the waste onto my garden and allotment.
go in with the non recyclable waste. I already pay you to have the green bin emptied, why should I pay more.
It seems like you wish to penalise people who try to recycle. I will join all the others who already throw recyclable items in the grey bin.
I would put it in with the regular waste.
A combination of the above
burn it
probably wouldn't cut my grass etc, can't afford to pay any more money out as am struggling to keep a roof over my head!
Place it into grey bin because it is "household waste"
Burn any wood, bag the rest and put it in the grey bin. Re. Q2 - why only three options, all of which involve payment? I'm not prepared to pay anything.

<p>To charge for removing green waste is a really bad idea because (1)it will lead to fly tipping again and (2) will be environmentally bad due to extra car and van trips to recycling sites.</p>
<p>I would go back to tipping it at the bottom of my garden!</p>
<p>This proposal is a disgrace! Having been a Sefton ratepayer for 50 years who has actually paid his rates in Crosby, Formby, Hightown and now Birkdale, I am appalled that councillors now seek to charge for something we are already paying for! To make savings, enforce the rates charges and make sure the bums and stiffs who presently avoid payment are pursued until they pay. I believe the proposed changes will lead to a marked increase in fly-tipping and just hope that it's done outside the council offices or better still, the councillors' homes! You should be ashamed of yourselves!!! I'm one of many pensioners who are under enough financial pressure without subsidising councils inefficiencies.</p>
<p>I consider that the green bin should not be an additional charge and that if a charge has to be made (nominal 12 per year re £1 per month) this should form part of the council tax collected.</p>
<p>Depending on how much I've got I will put it in the black bin</p>
<p>Place into black bags &amp; place in normal waste (grey) bin.</p>
<p>It will probably end up in the black bin. I do not agree with doing this but Sefton Council will leave us little alternative. Sefton Council already has a substandard recycling service - you will not collect plastics or cardboard (unlike West Lancs.). Removal of the Green bin service will encourage 'fly tipping' and will result in greater volumes of waste being put into landfill The council would be better advised to collect outstanding Council Tax monies!!</p>
<p>I use a composting bin for soft garden waste but would not be able to manage without a regular collection service as well. My garden is producing a lot of wood cutting and leaves in the autumn. Additional payment seems an unfair burden on 'green' households. As I'm getting older and my medical condition restricts me more, regular trips to the waste collection centre would be impossible to manage. I think the Council should improve the facility for gardeners or garden centres to buy the composted garden waste.</p>
<p>I would compost what I could and take larger stuff to the council tip.</p>
<p>Why isn't there an option to not pay anymore than the £87.00 per month I already pay you?!</p>
<p>I would be unable to compost all the green waste in my garden composter as items such as branches take too long to compost. I understand that this service helps Sefton achieve recycling targets and reduce penalties. I would be happy to pay for treated compost to be delivered but I fail to see why I should pay for this service which I value when I do not use other services which are valuable to others e.g. schools, transport. This could set an unfortunate precedent where people begin to question in a selfish way the services provided and paid for universally. Some will resent the weekly collection service in other areas. Some will use the grey bin to dispose of green waste and will cease to be so good about other recyclable waste. I would like to see collection of cardboard and plastics as happens elsewhere. This is a backward step.</p>



I would either dump it at the bottom of my garden, put it in my grey bin or sneak it into other green bins left out by neighbours
Not prepared to pay any extra for this service. I believe that this charge is already included in the general rate.
I will not pay for this service - find the savings somewhere else and I have no idea how I would dispose the green waste I would have to explore my options. Sefton collects less waste than other Authorities already and now has the audacity to want to charge for some of what it does collect. If the Council members want to be voted in again and retain their councillors income I suggest they find another way
I have to be honest about this... as part of my normal grey bin fortnightly collection! I consider this to be part of my household waste and as a Sefton Council Tax payer I think it is a cheek to start charging for this service...all of my neighbours agree with me on this whether they will state it in writing or not.
If I'm completely honest, I would more than likely try to dispose of some of the green waste within my grey bin. I don't have a large garden, but when pruning and weeding I can easily fill my bin each fortnight during the growing season, and don't have the space to store the waste elsewhere until there is enough to justify a tip visit. I also don't have a large car, and would struggle to make frequent trips to the tip. How much will it cost the Council to collect and dispose the green bins which they take away? How will the Council cope with an increase in fly tipping caused as a result of people using their grey bins for garden waste? Will facilities be improved at local tips to meet the increased demand? Why is Southport classed as Sefton anyway - it's obvious that decisions such as this are made which favour residents in the South of the Borough and NOT the North. Southport should be part of West Lancashire as it was historically.
As much as possible would go into my grey bin. I would only use the tip if it became a necessity. I object to paying for this collection and regard it purely as a means of getting round the freeze on Council Tax. Payments to councillors should be cut significantly and a freeze on council staff salaries should be implemented before introducing further payments from residents.
Place it in the grey bin for collection
We would revert to prior to recycling door-to-door collections and put our green waste in the grey bin.
Put in into the grey bin if space permits, or burn it. I think many will do likewise or fly tip it. Why not charge say £1 per week and also collect plastics and cardboard, as many other local councils do. Why not reduce number of councillors and their expenses to help cut shortfall. I already pay £250 pm for council tax and want my green waste included in that figure. I OBJECT TO AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE
I'll fly tip it. I pay enough council tax as it is.
put it in with my normal waste as we used to do. I am not prepared to pay any extra.
Incinerate it
I already pay community Charge..... it should be taken by the council as refuge
You will just bring back fly tipping. you do not give the option of zero for charges, the question is biased.
Put it in the grey bin

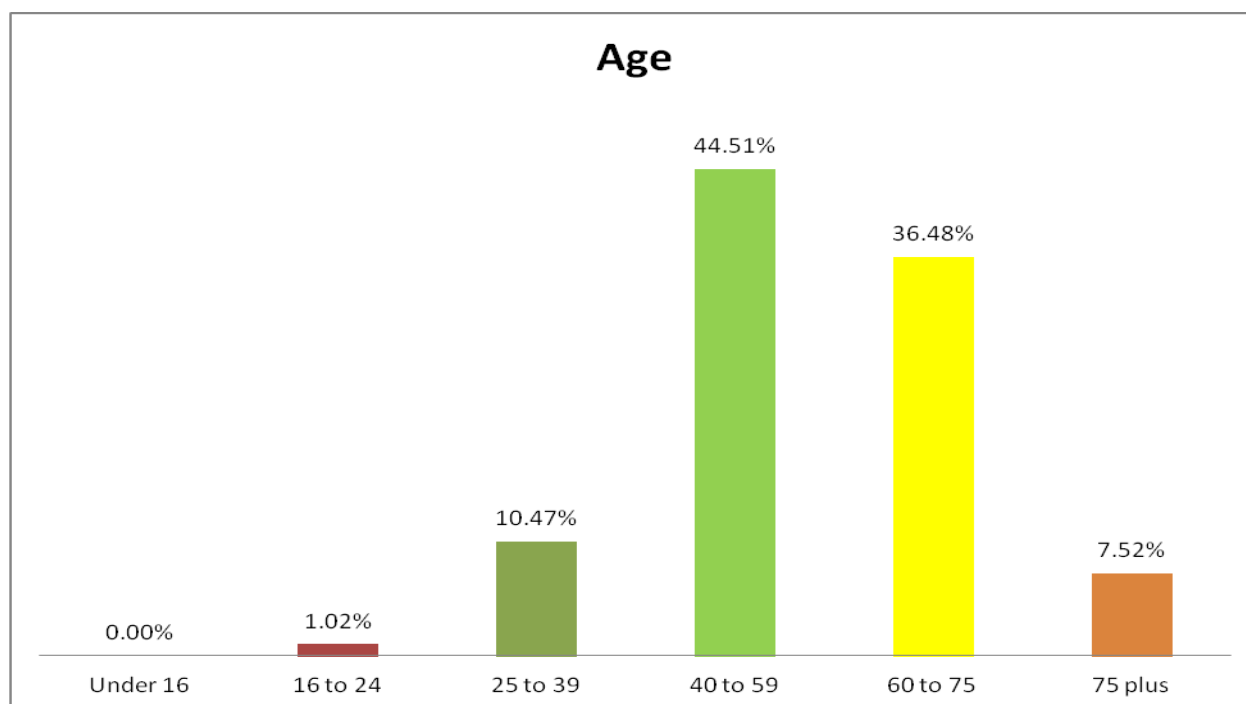
I do not agree with the way this survey has been conducted. Question 2 has no option to select "0" for people who think we should not pay for this service!
Put in the grey bin
Not in favour of paying a penny what do we pay council tax formic will go back to the way before by putting it in the grey bin simple
Leave it to rot in the garden
I would have a bonfire or dump it or take some to the recycling tip
Put it in the grey bin.
I have no idea..... I don't own a car, I doubt the local taxi service would entertain bagfuls of garden waste as luggage, maybe I should dump it at the end of the road and it will be up to you to prove it's mine!! What the hell do I pay my Council Tax for ??????? Oh, I know, maybe I'll deduct the price of a hire skip from my council tax payments. BUT you wouldn't like that would you? Ever thought of reducing your "Fat Cat" salaries a little to make up the deficit?
I would put what I could into a composting bin, and put the rest into the grey wheelie bin with other household waste. I would want the green bin removed from my property as it would no longer be of any further use. It was a sensible initiative to introduce the green bin collection (in return for a proportion of my council tax contributions). I was led to believe that Sefton MBC had a means of generating additional income from the waste by converting it to compost. I am not prepared to now pay a surcharge for my green waste to be removed.
Put it in the grey bin
I will NOT pay for this - how I will dispose of it is NO concern of yours. I think this proposal is a disgrace - we already have to put up with a refuse service every 2 weeks instead of every week as it should be. You receive money for diverting this green rubbish ( after we have separated it for you !!!!!!! ) To ask us to pay is despicable and yet another example of you trying to screw every last penny from us. This council is a DISGRACE !!!!!!!
fly tip or burn it!!!!
Burn it
If you wish to charge for this service then have the courage of your convictions and increase the Council Tax. People, by & large, are fed up with stealth charges. In the event of this Charge being introduced then, as to how I would dispose of my Garden Waste, like others, I will use my imagination and will not be found wanting. Make of that what you will.
Use grey bin instead. This questionnaire is unfair. It doesn't let me express my views. I use very few council services but pay high rates. I am on a very limited pension. Charging me for this service will make life very difficult for me to live.
Use grey bin
Charging for this service is outrageous. We already pay enough council tax to cover this service. If you want to save money cut back on the ludicrous wages paid to senior officials not by raising council tax nefariously.

<p>Although I would dispose of my waste legally I fear many people would not it would be dumped in the country side making the borough look even more untidy adding to Crosby villages derelict state. It would also be put in grey bins all adding to Sefton's costs</p>
<p>Not sure. Too difficult to transport waste to tip with no car.</p>
<p>I am not willing to pay and will not do so. I would use a composting bin if one was provided, otherwise I would take to the local household waste centre (I would not make a special journey to take to the local household waste centre, as the use of fuel to take green waste to recycle is pointless) or I would send to Landfill via the Grey Wheelie Bins. If you do withdraw the free Green waste bin service that you introduced, as people are unable to pay (your customers are in a worse position than you are), a good idea would be to use the Green wheelie bin for recycling instead of the crapy Green bee service currently provided. I firmly believe that more waste would be recycled if a proper wheelie bin was used, it's cleaner. Also, I would rather than a few of the council top brass in Bootle were made redundant, than services cut. You are a council that will try to fleece as much as you possibly can from each of us, while providing a less than satisfactory service. At least you are consistent at something!</p>
<p>This is a very poor form as it doesn't allow for multiple options... I do compost my waste already but there are some things like perennials weeds and more woody material that go into the green bin. With regard to the 'would I pay' question...I already pay. I pay my council tax every year for waste to be taken away. I also see people dumping their waste on the sides of our rural roads and imagine that this will increase without local collection Furthermore, having had a skip outside my house, and knowing how full that gets from others adding to it, I foresee people who opt in should this 'idea' go forward, finding their bins filled by others, without their knowledge.</p>
<p>I am very concerned that if Sefton Council change for green waste collection it will open the flood gates on dumping illegally. Also I would not be prepared to pay as I was under the impression that the collection charge was in with our council tax. If there is going to be a charge then I will be returning my green bins to Sefton Council.</p>
<p>use black bin</p>
<p>put it in my black bin</p>
<p>AT PRESENT WE DO NOT HAVE A GREY BIN AS WE RECYCLE 90% OF OUR WASTE. WE HAVE A VERY GREEN GARDEN WITH GRASS , BUSHES AND TREES, WHICH HELP TO REDUCE FLOODING AND ADDS TO A PLEASENT ENVIROMMENT AND COMMUNITY. WE GO TO THE TIP ONCE A MONTH TO RECYCLE AND ONLY HAVE 1 SMALL BAG OF NON RECYCLE ITEMS. AS WE ARE PENSIONERS IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO TRANSPORT A GREEN BIN EVERY 2 WEEKS, AS WE DO NOT USE YOUR GREY BIN SERVICE MAYBE YOU COULD GIVE US A REFUND OR INSTEAD DO NOT CHARGE US FOT THE USE OF THE GREEN BIN. WE ARE BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE WE RECYCLE NEARLY ALL OUR WASTE. I REQUEST A REPLY TO THIS . THANK YOU</p>
<p>Grey bin</p>

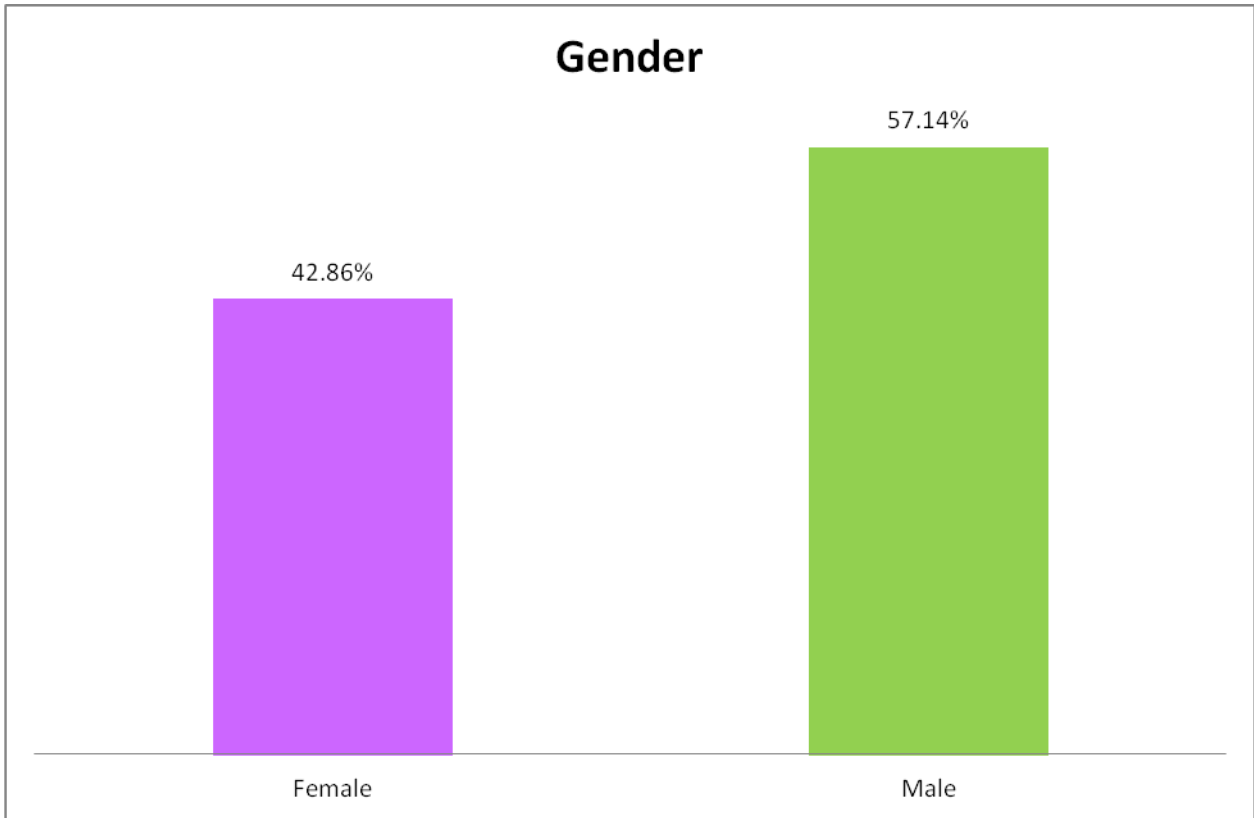
We would put it in the GREY bin! We were under the impression it was your directive from the E U to recycle to reduce landfill. Sefton council is not saving money from this project they are trying to MAKE money and make more landfill.
burn &/or use grey bin
I do not want to pay for this service - it's equivalent to increasing our council tax. I clicked on up to 50p and now can't cancel it
I do not know at this stage how I would deal with the disposal of green waste and would like to make the following comments in relation to this proposal: 1. I understood that the compost was used on parks/green spaces in the Sefton area - if this is the case, does this not save the Council money it would otherwise spend on purchasing compost? 2. Like myself, a large percentage of people have not had a pay rise for several years and have to make the same amount of money spread further. People will not be able to afford to pay and this will encourage fly-tipping, or people will just put it in their grey bins. 3. I already have a compost bin, but am not able to dispose of all my garden waste this way. I do not have a car and so have no other means of disposal. 4. As the annual fee is to be paid up front, if I don't have enough to put my bin out every time, I will still have to pay the same amount. 5. What will happen to the green bins which are no longer required? Presumably a lot of money was spent ensuring bins were supplied to all Sefton households, will these now go to waste? 6. The charge is basically a Council Tax rise in another form.
I would put it in my grey bin, as I did before I got my green bin. I would not be prepared to pay to have it collected. I would then expect my grey bin to be collected weekly as it is fortnightly now.
LIKE MOST PEOPLE IT WOULD GO IN GREY BIN.THIS DOES NOT ENCOURAGE RECYCLING. 9 MONTHLY COLLECTIONS WOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR MOST PEOPLE.
Put it in the Grey bin and stop separating out paper and glass too. Why should we do what you dictate when you aren't prepared to provide a free service. Cut back the councillors expenses instead.
This will lead to fly tipping, We pay rates to cover this
I already pay for it in my council tax. How much will sefton reduce my council tax by to reflect the reduced service that it will provide? When I know this I can then decide how I will deal with the waste
not prepared to pay - would dump or take to tip
Put it in the grey bin as I never fill it. I only put it out for collection of waste every six weeks minimum. And even then it is barely half full. Also how will you prevent green bins being stolen and used by non payers?
Put it in the grey bin
Put it in my grey bin or fly tip - I have no other option.
I will return to having bonfires
I live in a flat and any garden waste is taken away by the people employed by the residents to tend the gardens.
Put it in the grey bin

<p>This is not a proper consultation. It's a waste of time. Please refer to the letters in The Champion newspaper of May 22. It will not save the money proposed. Waste will be dumped, instead of being made into useful compost. The proposal makes no environmental sense. I object to it.</p>
<p>I will use a composting bin but for items that will not compost I will use the grey bin whenever possible.</p>
<p>Options would include putting the green rubbish in with the normal grey bin rubbish, getting rid of it by other means or letting the garden become overgrown. I refuse to pay an additional charge on top of the council tax charges. The imposition of such charges will result in a big increase in fly tipping and/or occupiers disposing of their rubbish in the grey bins which will prove more expensive for the council. I WOULD ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER THESE PROPOSALS which will prove more costly to the council and self defeating.</p>
<p>Depends upon how much there is. Small amounts may well end up in the grey bin.</p>
<p>Rely on paid gardener or relatives to dispose of garden waste</p>
<p>I am confident that people will simply dump their green waste wherever they can, just as they dump mattresses etc, rather than disposing of them appropriately. How would the system run, if say five households in a street opt in? Or if five opt out. The cost and time needed to ensure appropriate service would be great. What about winter? Would we still pay? Cash could be saved in the current situation by discontinuing the service in winter. This survey is woefully inadequate. There is no scope for saying that we are not prepared to pay anything. The Diversity Monitoring Form is more detailed than the survey. We are being asked if we would buy into a scheme which has not been thought out or explained. What possible bearing can my religious belief or sexual orientation have on this issue???</p>
<p>We already have several composting bins which we use for as much of our green waste as can be composted. We have a large garden and there remains much green waste which cannot be disposed of in this way. We have no transport to take this to a centre, so have no means to dispose of it.</p>
<p>I would put it in the ordinary dustbin. Doing the garden is difficult enough with my arthritis. Do you then expect me to bring the waste to the tip on my bike?????????????????</p>
<p>grey bin</p>
<p>A neighbour kindly mows my mother's lawn as she is 86 but they would not be responsible for the removal of it so it would go in her grey bin. the council provides her with assisted collection due to her mobility problems.</p>
<p>1 Composting where possible 2 Incinerating the remainder</p>
<p>Burn it</p>
<p>put into my black bin every week</p>

## Appendix 5 – Equality Data

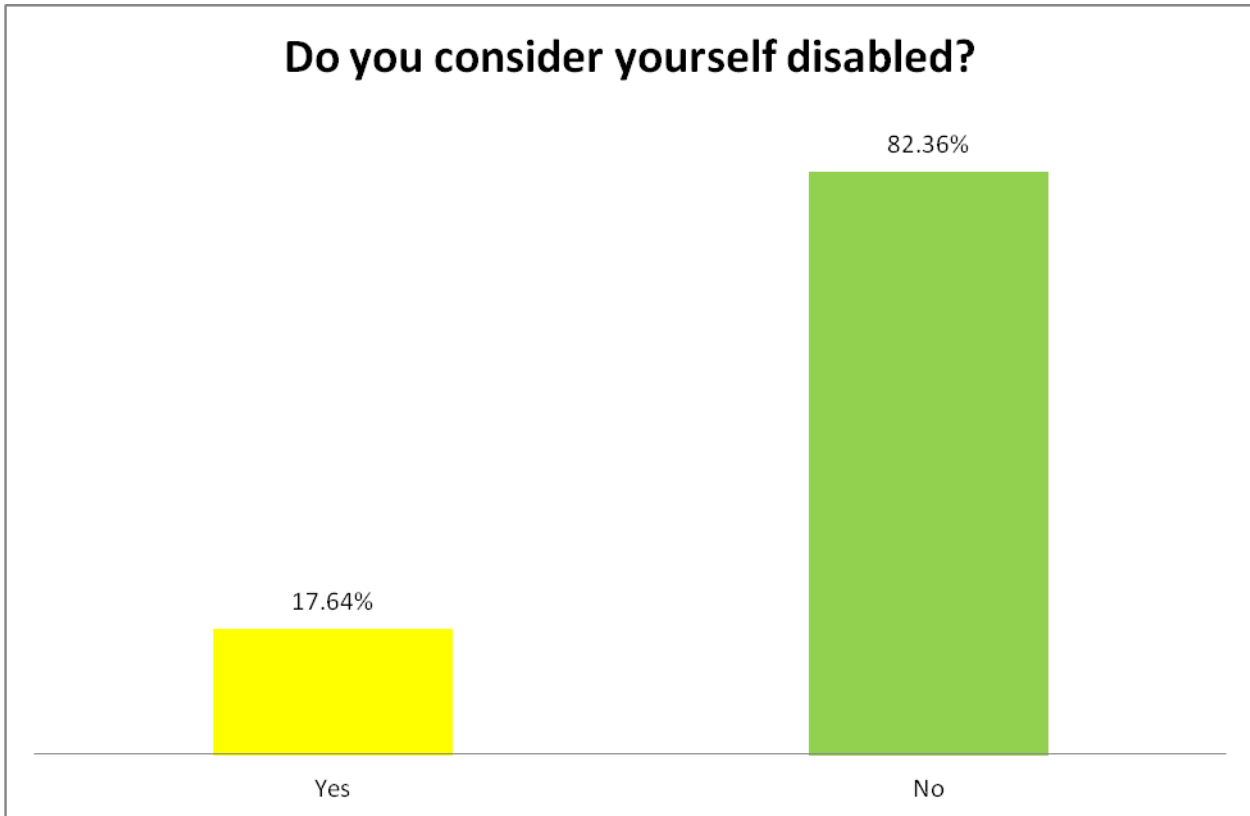


80.99% of respondents came from the 40-75 year old age group. 44.51% were aged 40-59 and 36.48% were aged 60-75. According to the Mid Year Population Estimate 2011, the percentage of people aged 25-39 was 15.9%, those aged 40-59 was 28.4%, those aged 60-75 made up 17.3%, and those over 75 made up 10.4% of Sefton's population. The high number of older people may be partly down to the number of respondents, around 50%, from the PR8 and PR9 post code areas, which generally has a higher age demographic. Evidence from the Horticulture Trades Association indicates that the majority of people interested in gardening are in the 40-55 age groups.



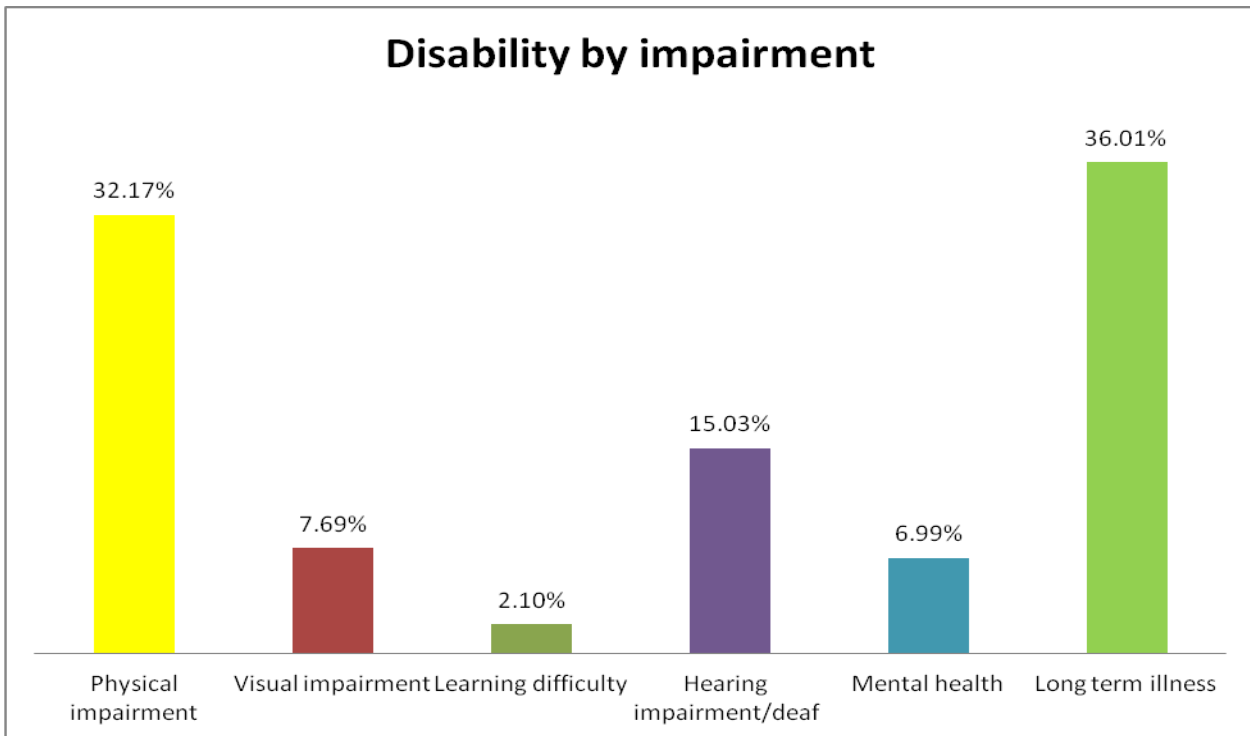
42.86% of respondents were female and 57.14% were male. This compares with the Census 2011, where 52.07% were female and 47.93% were male.

## Do you consider yourself disabled?



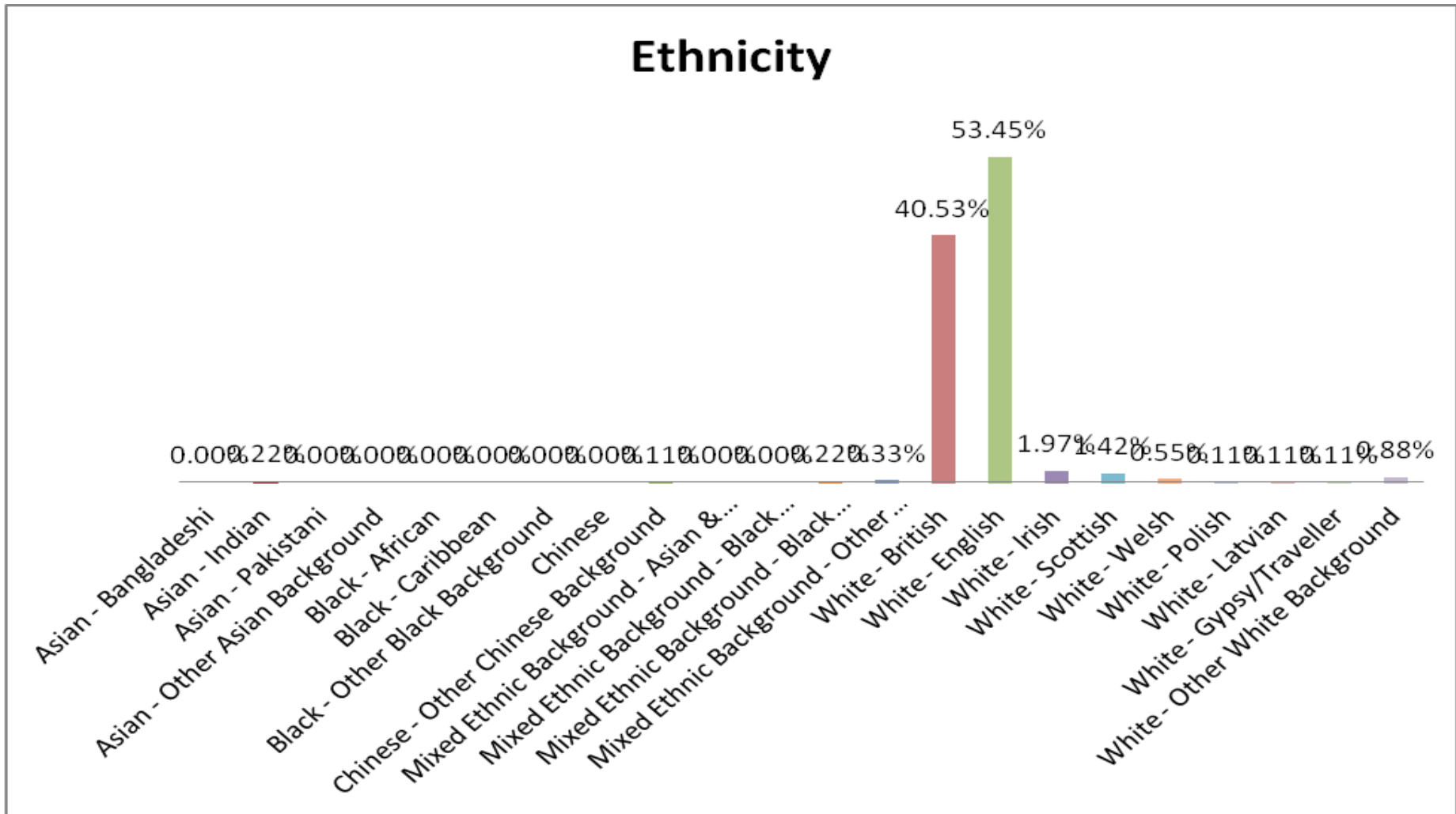
The number of people indicating that they considered themselves disabled was 17.64%. This is broadly in line with the 2011 Census, which says 22.67% of Sefton's population has a long term health problem that limits day to day activity either a little or a lot. .

## Disability by impairment

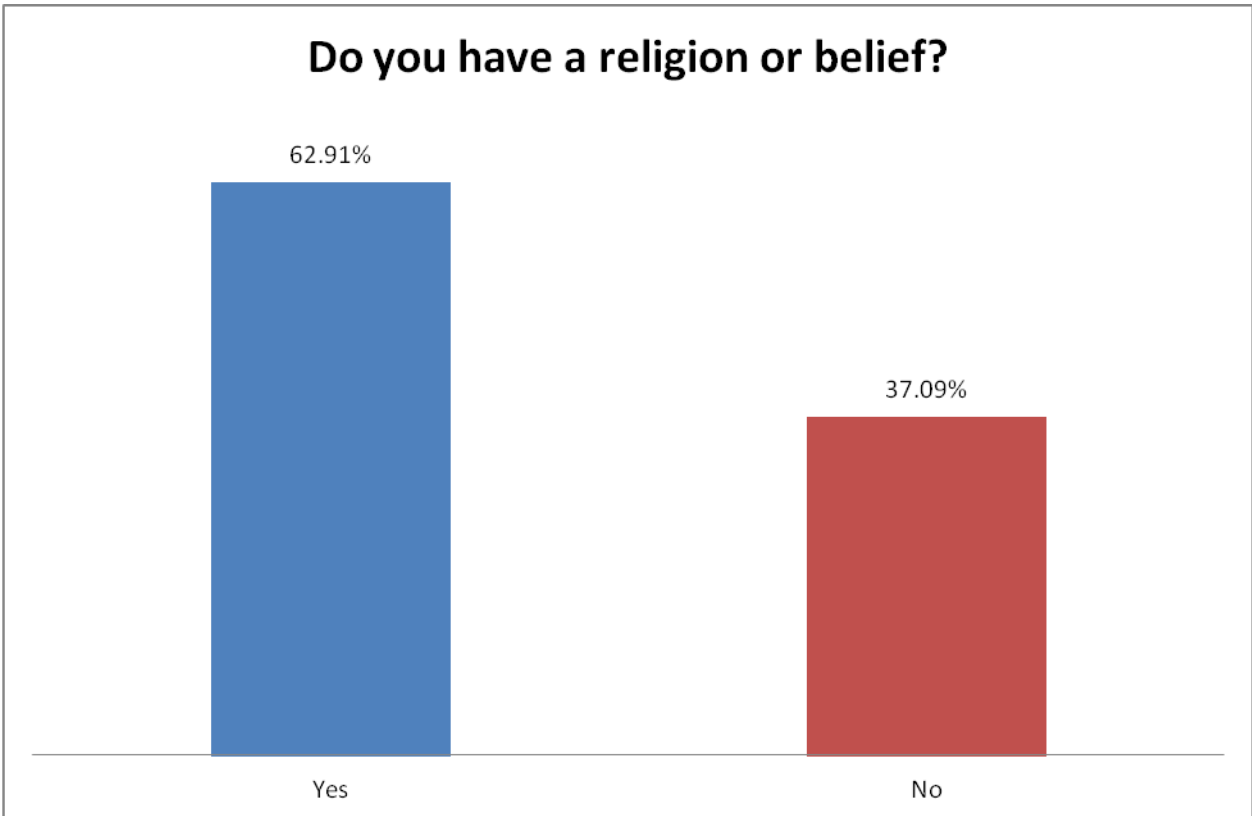


36.01% of respondents have a long term illness, whilst 32.17% state they have a physical impairment.

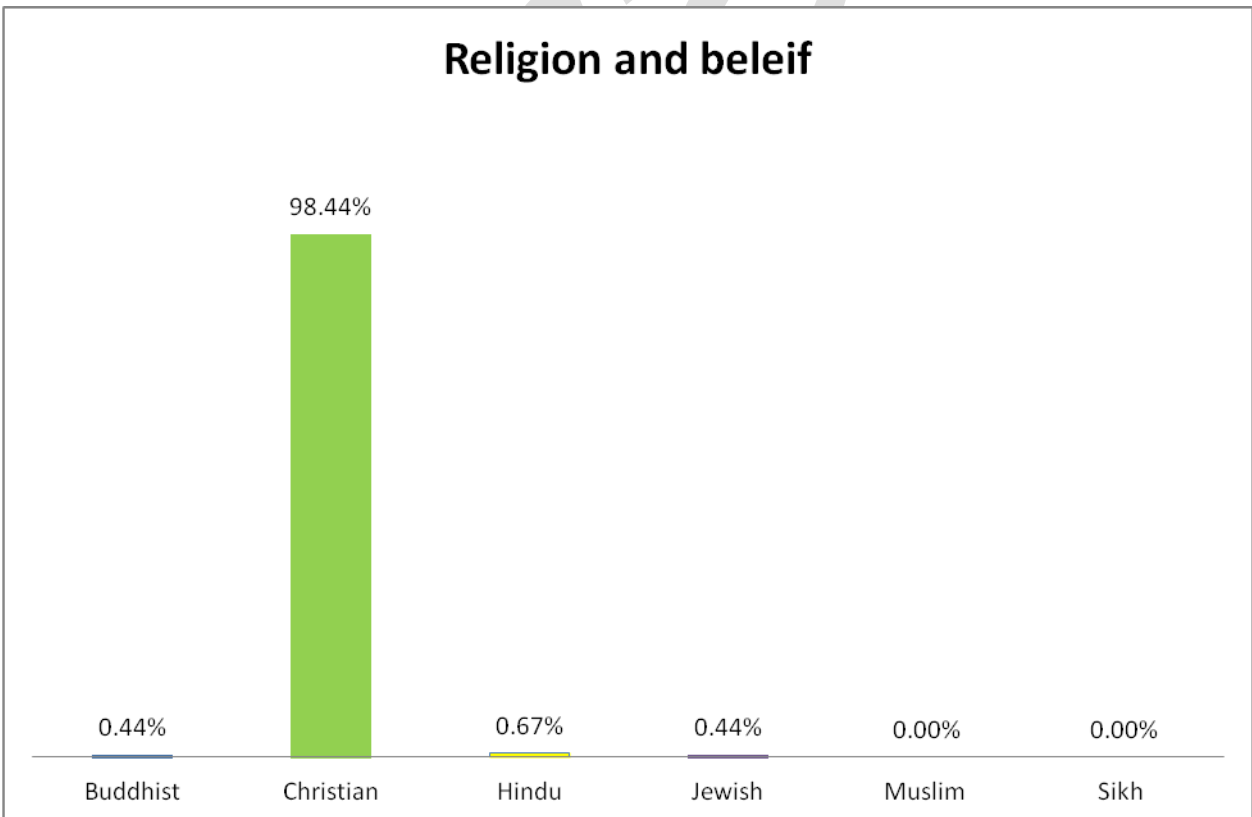




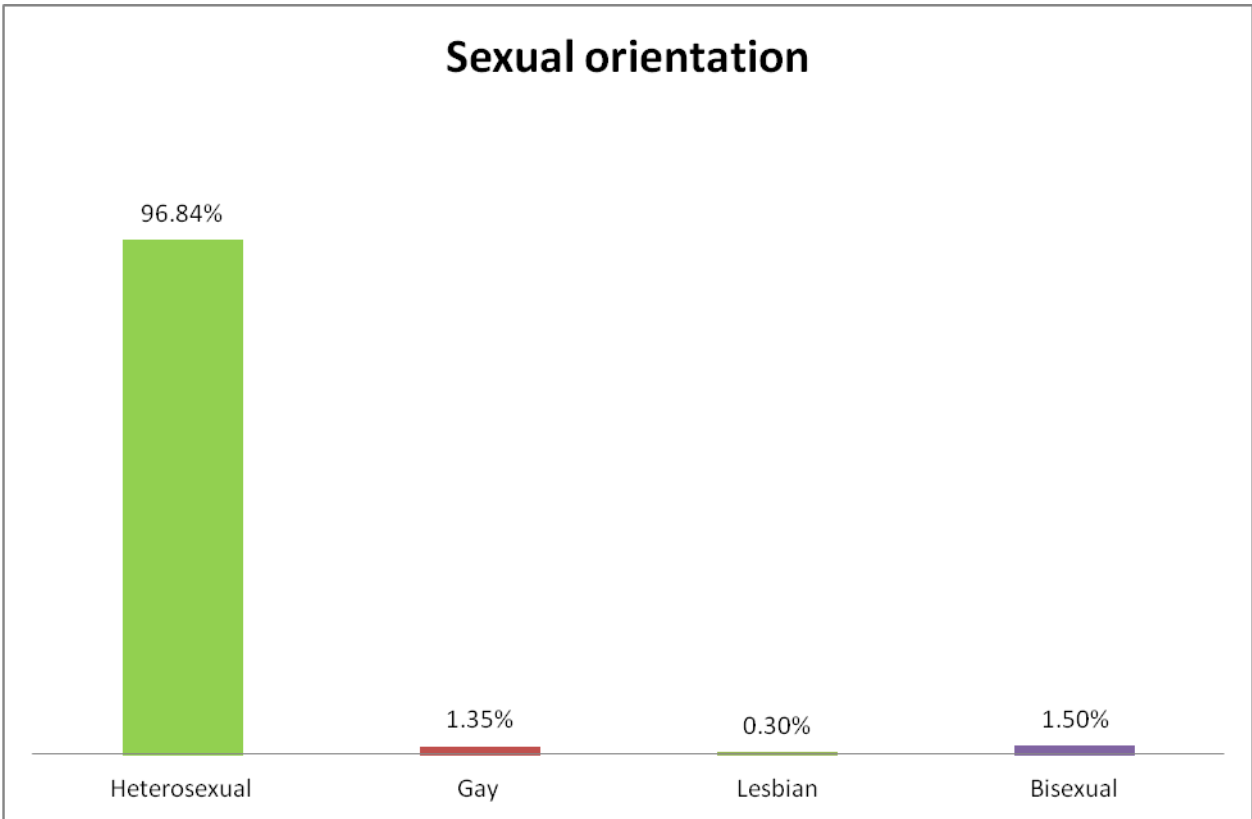
Some 97.92% of respondents said that they were White British, English, Irish, Scots or Welsh. This is broadly in line with the Census 2011, where 94.8% of Sefton’s population state they are English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British.



62.91% of respondents stated that they had a religion or belief. The most common belief was Christianity, chosen by 98.44% of respondents.



The 2011 Census states that 78.8% of Sefton's population is of the Christian faith.



96.84% of respondents said that they were heterosexual.



99.03% of respondents stated that they continued to live in the gender they were given at birth.

## **Appendix 6 – Methodology**

A questionnaire was developed and loaded on to e-Consult, the council's online consultation system. The questions asked were:

- Whether the resident currently used the service
- Which of the charging options would residents prefer
- Why did they choose the preferred option
- What ways they thought the council could reduce the impact of the proposed change?

A paper questionnaire was also created for those without computer access.

The consultation methodology went to the Public Consultation and Engagement Panel and was approved on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and Street Scene opened a public consultation that ran from 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 until 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

Criticisms were made that the consultation did not contain the option not to pay for the service. This option was not included in the online or paper questionnaire because the decision had been made in principle to apply a charge by Cabinet, and approved by full Council on 28th February as part of the Council's Two Year Financial Plan and Revenue Budget for 2013/14.

Leaflets were sent out to the residents who use this service, which carried a direct link to e-Consult. A random sample of 4,800 of service users was contacted and asked to participate, and leaflets were also distributed to 1,000 non users to try and identify the level of interest in the green waste collection service should it be opened up more widely. All ward councillors were informed of the consultation. Sefton CVS was also asked to forward the link and information to their members via their monthly newsletter. The proposal was also regularly covered in the local press, raising its profile.

Posters were also placed in Sefton Council libraries and leisure centres, advertising the consultation to those without computer access.

There are no equality implications to this proposal. The proposal focuses on the level of charge for this service, existing mitigation such as assisted collections for people with physical impairments or age related infirmity will not change as part of this proposal. As a result, Sefton CVS' Community Empowerment Network groups were not directly consulted, however the various group facilitators at Sefton CVS were asked to bring the consultation to the attention of the various chairpersons.

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### Tell us what you think

#### Introduction

Sefton council is currently reviewing how it spends its money, and trying to make sure that this is targeted to provide the best and most appropriate services for the budget available. Over the next two years the Council has to make a saving of around £51 million as part of the financial reductions required to achieve a balanced budget. This follows the multi-million pounds of savings made over in previous years and is a very difficult challenge as the council reduces in size and scope.

The Council is required to collect refuse from all properties across the Borough, and does so via sack collections at certain properties and fortnightly grey 'wheelie bin' collections at the majority of properties. The Council also currently operates a discretionary 'Green Waste Collection Service'. At the moment, residents who receive this service are issued with a 240 litre green wheelie bin. This is used to collect grass clippings, tree and shrub prunings, weeds, dead flowers and leaves. These bins are emptied by the council on an alternate weekly basis (every other week) and the contents are recycled or used to produce compost.

The Council currently receives a payment for disposing of this green waste to produce compost, but there is also a charge per tonne for disposal costs, as well as the cost of collecting the green waste from properties. The payment received for providing the green waste to another organisation does not meet the cost of collection and the payment for disposal.

As a result, this opt-in charge for the green waste service was recommended by Cabinet as an option for approval and agreed by full Council on 28<sup>th</sup> February as part of the Two Year Financial Plan and Revenue Budget for 2013/14.

Therefore, to help reduce this deficit and provide an additional saving the council has agreed in principle to:

- c) Charging for the collection for "green" or garden waste from residential properties in the borough
- d) Offering the service to any household within the borough that is willing to pay for a green waste collection service, including areas where the service is not currently provided.

The new proposal is to provide a fortnightly green waste collection service (via a 240 green wheelie bin for use as stated above), to any household willing to pay for the service on an annual basis (January to December).

## How to get involved

To give us your views go to

[https://www.engagespace.co.uk/sefton/consultation\\_Dtl.aspx?consult\\_Id=805&status=2&criteria=](https://www.engagespace.co.uk/sefton/consultation_Dtl.aspx?consult_Id=805&status=2&criteria=)

and fill in the on-line questionnaire or telephone Sefton Council's Contact Centre on **0845 140 0845** to receive more information.

Copies of this consultation document are available in large print and other formats on request.

## What we will do with your feedback

The information you provide will be treated confidentially and used solely by Sefton Council.

Your views and the information provided will be analysed and will form part of a report to the Council to make a decision on the final budget for Sefton.

## Questionnaire

**1** Is your green waste currently collected by Sefton Council?

**YES**; or,

**NO**

**2** How much would you be prepared to pay for having your green waste collected?

Up to £0.50 per week

Up to £0.75 per week

Up to £1.00 per week

**3** The current service is provided during the week (between Tuesday and Friday). If collections were provided on a Saturday and Monday would this be acceptable to you?

Yes

No



④ If you would not pay to use this service how will you deal with the garden waste produced at your property?

Use a composting bin

Use a wormery

Take your green waste to the local household waste and recycling centre (commonly referred to as CA, tip or dumpit site)

Other

If you answered other, please state how you intend to deal with your green waste below

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## Get involved

Please let us know if you would like to be involved in further consultation in this area

Please tick all that apply

I would like to be involved in further consultation on this area such as focus groups, workshops, etc.

I would like to become part of Sefton's E-Panel  
(An on line consultation panel, email address required)

If you have said you want to get involved leave your contact details here:

Name

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Email:

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telephone number/s

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## Diversity Monitoring (optional)

Answer as much or as little as you want. Sefton Council will not share your personal data. However, we will share the anonymised results of the consultation with partners who we work with to deliver local services. Your contributions will be anonymised on receipt and your comments will then be used for research and consultation purposes. Your identity will not be published by us at any stage without your consent unless we are obliged to do so by law

Please enter the first part of your postcode (i.e. the first 3 or 4 characters)

Are you: Male

Female

What is your age Under 16

16-24

25-39

40-59

60-75

75+

**Disability: Do you have any of the following (please tick all that apply):**

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Physical Impairment           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Visual Impairment                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Learning difficulty           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hearing Impairment/Deaf                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mental Health/Mental distress | <input type="checkbox"/> | Long term illness that affects your daily activity | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (Please specify)        | <input type="text"/>     |  |                          |

**Please read the following statement ...**

If you have ticked any of the boxes above, or you have cancer, diabetes or HIV this would be classed as 'disability' under the legislation. Do you consider yourself to be 'disabled'?

Yes  No

**Ethnicity – do you identify as ....**

**Asian:**

- |   |                          |        |                          |           |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Bangladeshi   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pakistani | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other Asian background (please specify if you wish) | <input type="text"/>     |        |                          |           |                          |

**Black:**

- |   |                          |           |                          |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| African   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other black background (please specify if you wish) | <input type="text"/>     |           |                          |

**Ethnicity – do you identify as ....**

**Mixed Ethnic Background:-**

Asian & White  Black African & White  Black Caribbean & White

Other mixed background (please specify if you wish)

**White**

British  English  Irish  Scottish   
Welsh  Polish  Latvian  Gypsy/Traveller

Other white background (please specify if you wish)

***The following questions are a little more personal and you can choose to stop here if you wish, however it would be really helpful if you would consent to complete ...***

Do you have a religion or belief? Yes  No

If yes, please tick one of the below ...

Buddhist  Christian  Hindu

Jewish  Muslim  Sikh

Other (Please specify)

**How would you describe your sexual orientation?**

Heterosexual  Gay  Lesbian  Bisexual

Do you currently live in the gender you were given at birth? Yes  No

