

SUBJECT:	FUTURE OF THE GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE (ADDENDUM)
MEETING:	CABINET
DATE:	21st OCTOBER

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 The recycling and waste service provision across the County must continually evolve to meet challenging statutory targets, volatile markets and increasing costs. This reports sets out measures that will be necessary to achieve national statutory recycling targets, minimise budget pressures and provide sustainable garden waste services going forward. Following the review commissioned by Cabinet on 20/12/19, this report has full findings of the review for consideration, including changing frequency of collection and change of container for garden waste.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 The recommendations for Cabinet are:

- i) To approve the change of frequency of collection of garden waste from weekly to fortnightly.
- ii) To approve the change of container from an 80 litre garden waste bag to a 240 litre wheeled bin.
- iii) To approve an annual charge to customers of £35.

ADDENDUM RECOMMENDATION :

- iv) To replace recommendation iii) with
 - iii) To approve an annual charge of £28 following Circular Economy Grant approval funding for wheeled bins.

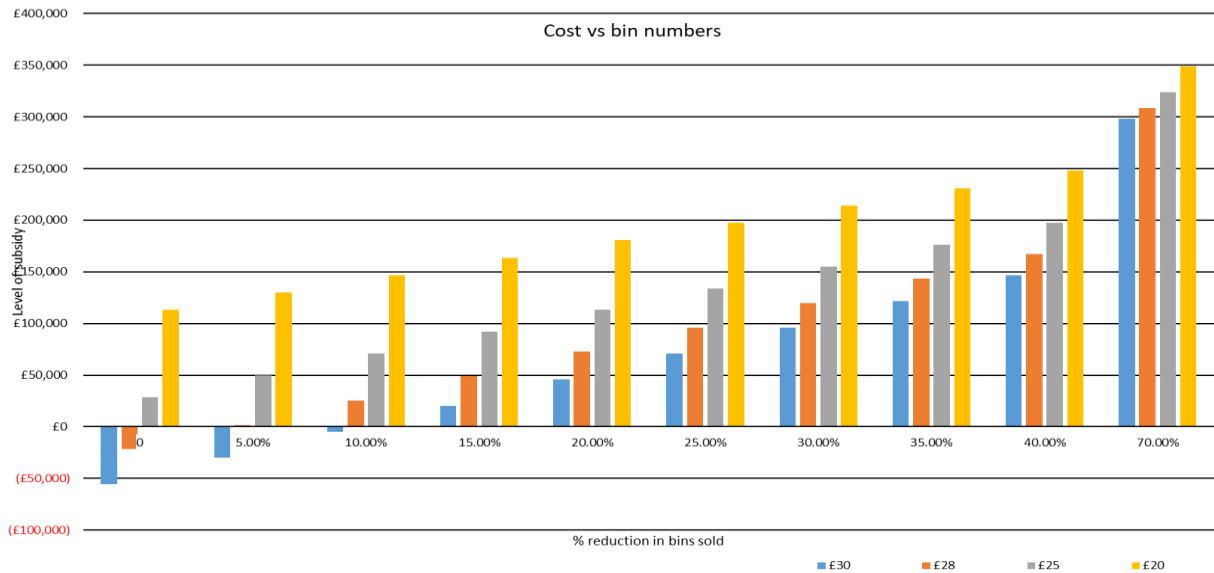
Charge per bin	Income (based on 16850 bins)	Variation on cost of service (£450k)
£20	£337,000	Subsidise by £113,000
£25	£421,250	Subsidise by £28,750
£28	£471,800	+£21,800 (5% contingency allowance)
£30	£505,500	+£55,500 (15% contingency allowance)

The revised cost of £28 is achievable with Circular Economy Grant funding for the purchase of the wheeled bins. Confirmation of grant funding received on 15th October 2020 supported

purchasing wheeled bins to enhance the service for residents, reduce collection costs and subsequent carbon impact and align with the Welsh Government Collections Blueprint.

The cost of providing the service reduces to £450,000 with the inclusion of the grant funding. The actual cost of delivering the service is £26.70 based on existing customer bag capacity.

The proposed cost of £28 includes a 5% contingency allowance. The reduced contingency reflects the lower cost proposed. As can be seen with the revised table, with a 5% reduction in capacity purchased the service remains fully funded.



The current £18 bag service equates to 46p per 80ltr capacity per week. The proposed charge of £28 bin service equates to 46.66p per 80ltr per week, and provides 3 x storage capacity over the winter period.