

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet

Title	Garden Waste Collection Service
Decision maker	Cabinet Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	1 May 2025
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.</p>
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	Following the successful award and mobilisation of the new waste collection service this report is to consider the business case for the introduction of a new chargeable garden waste collection service.
Decision	<p>a) Cabinet approves the commencement of a new chargeable garden waste collection from 30 March 2026;</p> <p>b) Authority is delegated to the Corporate Director for Economy and Environment to enact the existing option to introduce a chargeable garden waste service within the Recyclables and Waste Collection Services</p>

	<p>Contract with FCC Environment for an initial term of 6 years, including options to extend by up to a further 12 years;</p> <p>c) Authority is delegated to the Corporate Director for Economy and Environment to enact the existing variation option to within the current Waste Management Services Contract with Mercia Waste Management Ltd to recycle the garden waste;</p> <p>d) To authorise the expenditure of up to £1,039,292 from the approved capital programme to purchase the new garden waste collection fleet;</p> <p>e) To authorise the expenditure of up to £588,050 from the waste revenue reserve to fund mobilisation and to purchase and deliver the new garden waste containers;</p> <p>f) To authorise the expenditure of up to £890,000 to underwrite any potential year losses as the new service establishes and grows the customer base;</p> <p>g) Delegate all operational decisions to implement the above recommendations and to undertake the annual review of fees and charges to the Head of Environment, Climate Emergency & Waste.</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50051222</p>
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not to implement a new chargeable garden waste collection service. This is not recommended as legislation under the Environment Act 2021 stipulates that garden waste from households must be collected separately and must be composted. 2. Not to implement a new chargeable garden waste collection service. This is not recommended as the additional collection and recycling of ~14,260 tonnes of garden waste per year will significantly support the delivery of the Council's targets to increase recycling rates within the Integrated Waste Management Strategy. 3. To introduce a new garden waste service on a seasonal basis for 36 weeks per year. This is not recommended due to a strong preference for a year-round service through the public consultation.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	8 May 2025

Councillor:

Date 1 May 2025

Leader of the Council (Councillor Jonathan
Lester)

- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

and

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.