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APSE State of the Market Report2024

Refuse Collection and Recycling



State of the Market Surveys

- State of the Market Survey 2024
- Local authority service areas
- Similar questions are asked to allow for trend comparisons
- All APSE member authorities across the UK
- Key findings of the survey are expressed
- Used by National Government and in APSE research documents

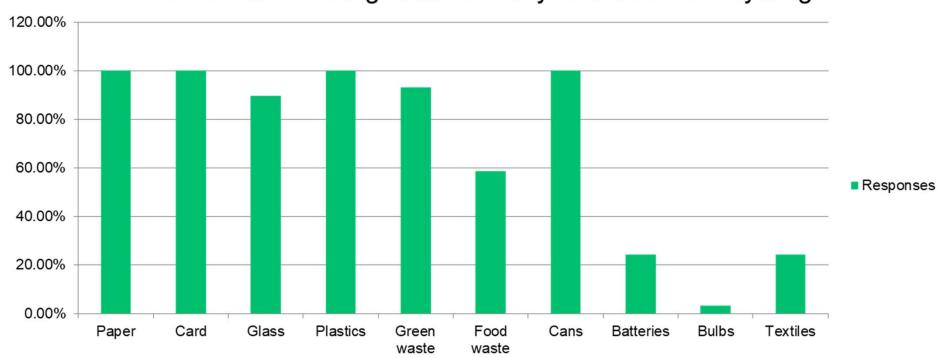
Cost of Refuse Collection Services





Materials Recycled

Which of the following materials do you collect for recycling?



Collection Frequencies

CURRENT STATE OF PLAY

Residual collections

- 7% 13.79% weekly
- 84% 75.86% fortnightly
- 6% 10.34% three weekly,
- 3% 0% four weekly.

CHANGES OVER NEXT 2 YEARS

- alternative weekly residual collections now the norm
- Sight increase in numbers introduced three weekly residual collections.
- 92.31% local authorities were looking at introducing food waste collection

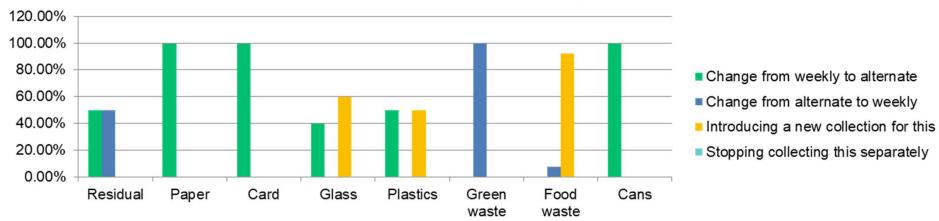


Collection Methods

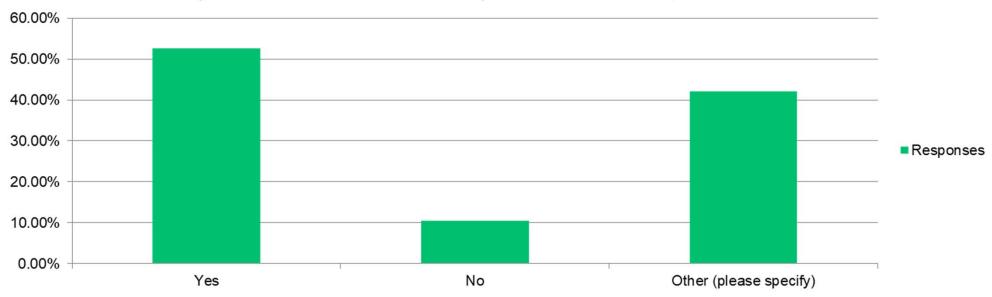
- 43% 38.46% Operate 'task and finish'
- 12% 0% use zonal working systems
- 52% 57.69% use 5 day working week / 18% - 26.92% use a 4 day working week
- 70% 60% have co-mingled collection system 17% - 20% operate source segregated collections
- 24% -24%have a mixture of separate material collections and



With the introduction of Simpler Recycling Collections, are there going to be any changes to your residual and recycling collections in the next 2 years?

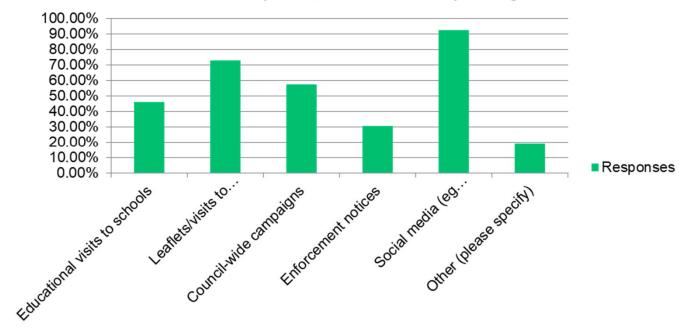


Considering the recent simpler recycling waste reforms, do you believe your council will be ready to meet the implementation date?



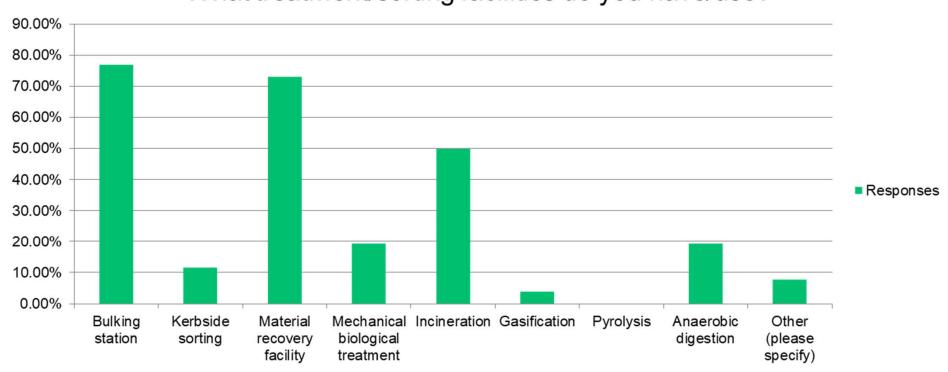
Promoting recycling

How do you promote recycling?

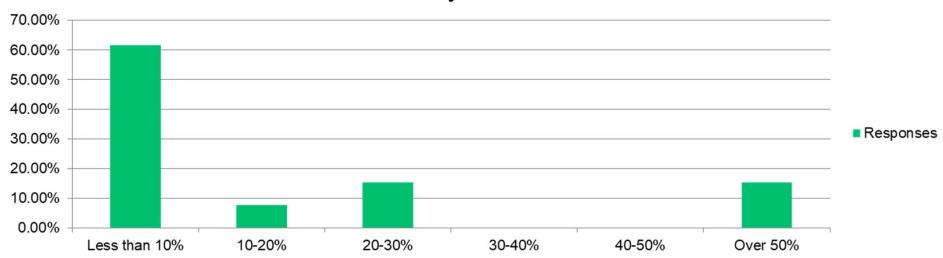


Waste Treatment Facilities

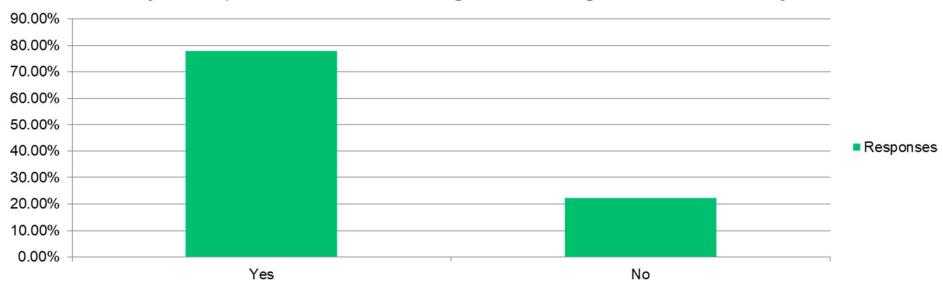
What treatment/sorting facilities do you have/use?



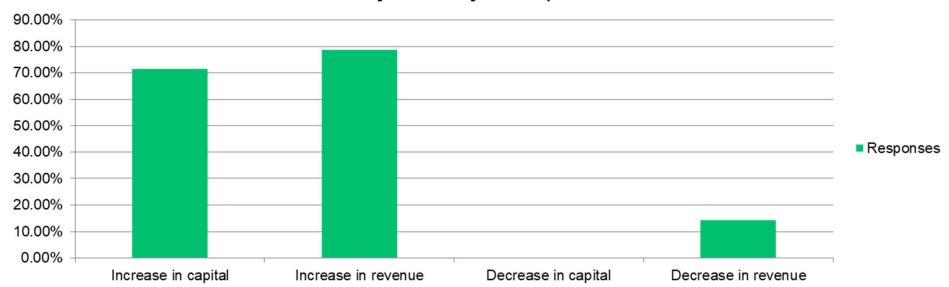
What additional capital investment has been required in the past 2 years?



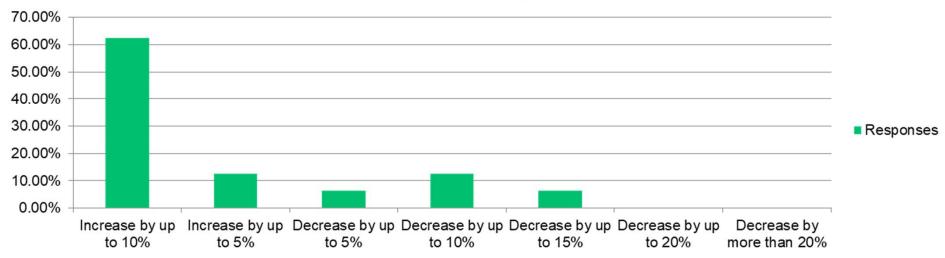
Do you expect the refuse budget to change over the next year?



If yes, do you expect:



What is your expectation of the level of funding in your service budget in the coming five years?



In-House vs external provision

SERVICE PROVISION

- 54% 72% provide services inhouse.
- 29% 22% externally provided

CONTRACT LENGTH

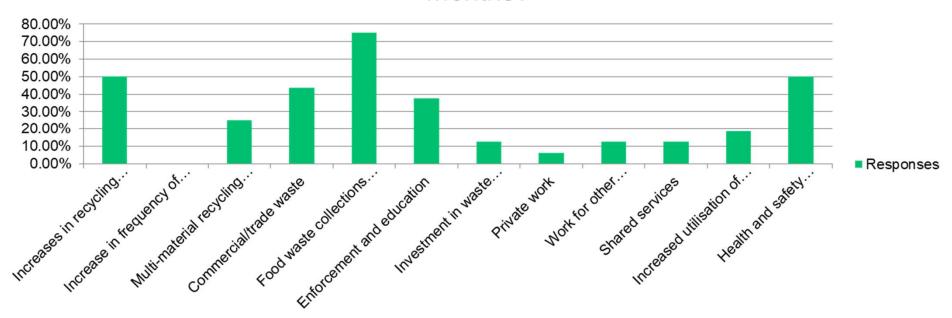
- 10 + years = 25% 0%
- 7-10 years = 30% 40%
- 7 5 years = 10% 0%
- Up to 5 years = 15% 60%





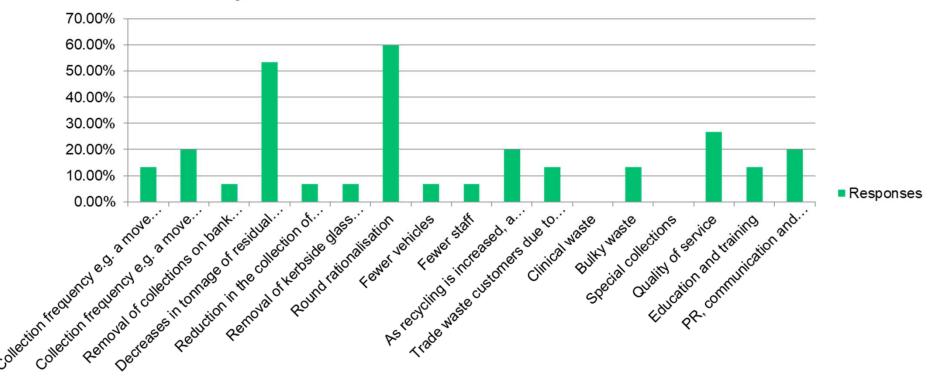
Service growth next 12 months

Where do you see growth for the service over the next 12 months?



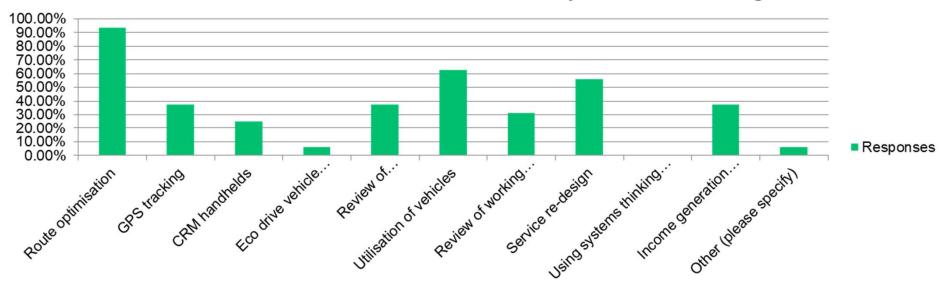
Service decreases next 12 months





Service Efficiencies

Will this service review involve any of the following:



Service Reviews – Current or Proposing

27% completed review 45% review underway 17% Planning a review

Route optimisation	93.75%
GPS tracking	37.5%
CRM handhelds	25%
Eco drive vehicle monitors	6.25%
Review of productivity/work study	37.5%
Utilisation of vehicles	62.5%
Review of working time/rota's	31.25%
Service re-design	56.25%
Using systems thinking techniques	0%
Income generation capacity	37.5%
Other (please specify)	6.25%

What impact will the introduction of food waste have on your authority?

- Financing the changes.
- Issues of infrastructure that would be needed such as vehicles, containers, route frequencies and other operational practicalities.
- Supply chain issues, with everyone aiming to procure bins, caddies and trucks at the same time.
- A new burdens capital funding has been allocated to support the transition to food waste collections.
- Many members have said the allocated new burdens allocation funds are insufficient to meet the costs of having to introduce the new food waste service.

Conclusions

- Simpler recycling collections new focus of work for councils
- Most councils are working to ensure the are able to meet the deadline to roll out changes Collections. Still many concerns around.
- Food waste as new focus for many councils
- Additional funding needed in order to meet strategy requirements.
- In-House provision has risen for some reason
- Reducing service costs whilst increasing income key objective
- Most recyclables still co-mingled.

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