

Tackle the Causes

Your leader (LGC, 10 August) on waste costs is alarming. It seems despite the recognition of what appears to be insurmountable costs associated with waste disposal and treatment, the emphasis is yet again on dealing with the symptoms not the cause. To suggest increasing revenues to deal with waste disposal is akin to suggesting that if you loosen your belt you have somehow magically dealt with obesity.

We ought to avoid skewing the waste debate to one of simply identifying funding solutions. Obviously, even with current levels of waste production, there is a recognised funding gap. The Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) would support a dialogue about how we can ensure the funding burden is better met, such as actively considering an annual household residual waste allowance.