

PENDLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
2016/17 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET – SAVINGS PROPOSAL

1. SERVICE	Financial Services
2. IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	1/4/16
3. CORPORATE PRIORITY	<p>Maintaining a sustainable, resilient and efficient organisation</p> <p>Working with partners and the community to sustain services of good value</p>
4. TITLE OF PROPOSAL	<p>(5) Removal of Revenue Grants to Town and Parish Councils</p> <p>(6) Removal of Local Council Tax Support Grant to Town and Parish Councils</p>

5. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

To stop payment of revenue and council tax support grants to Town and Parish Council's. Grants were reduced by 50% in the 2015/16 budget process with an intention, noted at that time, of reducing them to Nil from 2016/17. An extract from the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th December 2014 is reproduced below:

RESOLVED

That the proposed revenue grant allocations for individual Town and Parish Councils for 2015/16 be approved (as shown at Appendix A attached to the report) and that it be noted that it was the Council's intention that grants would not be payable from 2016/17 onwards.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (NET ADDITIONAL SAVINGS)

	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	2018/19 £
Revenue	78,380	0	0
Capital	0	0	0

7. IMPACT ON SERVICE PROVISION, IMPLEMENTATION AND OTHER ISSUES

None directly for the Borough Council but the impact will be experienced by local councils which will either have to absorb the loss of income or more likely look to recover it from local taxpayers via higher precepts.

With the severe financial constraints the Council is facing there is increasing pressure on services and facilities; at the same time there is more flexibility for town and parish councils to increase their resources by raising their precepts whereas the Council's scope for generating additional income from Council Tax is severely limited. This is likely to continue for some time.

The level of combined grant payable to each local council in the current year is shown in the table below.

Town and Parish Council Grants 2015/16 and 2016/17					
Column Ref:	1	2		3	
		Proposed Grants in 2015/16		Proposed Grants in 2016/17	
	Total Grants 2014/15 £	2015/16 Grant Reduction £	2015/16 Grant Payable £	2016/17 Grant Reduction £	2016/17 Grant Payable £
Goldshaw Booth	2,433	(1,217)	1,217	(1,217)	-
Barley	1,982	(991)	991	(991)	-
Roughlee Booth	2,686	(1,343)	1,343	(1,343)	-
Blacko	2,603	(1,301)	1,301	(1,301)	-
Salterforth	2,526	(1,263)	1,263	(1,263)	-
Laneshawbridge	2,984	(1,492)	1,492	(1,492)	-
Higham with West Close Booth	3,631	(1,815)	1,815	(1,815)	-
Kelbrook and Sough	2,169	(1,084)	1,084	(1,084)	-
Foulridge	4,228	(2,114)	2,114	(2,114)	-
Old Laund Booth	3,793	(1,896)	1,896	(1,896)	-
Reedley Hallows	3,281	(1,640)	1,640	(1,640)	-
Trawden Forest	4,266	(2,133)	2,133	(2,133)	-
Earby	9,630	(4,815)	4,815	(4,815)	-
Barrowford	22,087	(11,043)	11,043	(11,043)	-
Brierfield	17,166	(8,583)	8,583	(8,583)	-
Barnoldswick	22,860	(11,430)	11,430	(11,430)	-
Colne	20,463	(10,231)	10,231	(10,231)	-
Nelson	26,703	(13,352)	13,352	(13,352)	-
Total Town and Parish Councils	155,488	(77,744)	77,744	(77,744)	-
Bracewell and Brogden	1,275	(638)	638	(638)	-
	156,763	(78,382)	78,382	(78,382)	-