

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

1. SERVICE	Environmental Services
2. IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	1/4/16
3. CORPORATE PRIORITY	Working with partners and the community to sustain services of good value Maintaining a sustainable, resilient and efficient organisation
4. TITLE OF PROPOSAL	Charging for Bulky Household Waste

5. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

Bulky Household Waste Collection Charge £10 + VAT

Pendle is one of the very few councils that do not charge for bulky waste. In 2010/11, there were 12 out of 39 councils in the North West that offered a free collection. Currently there are just 5 out of 39 councils that are free, with 2 of the 5 being restricted collections. In Lancashire there are just two councils which do not charge – ourselves and Hyndburn, although in Hyndburn collections are restricted to 6 items per month.

In 2015 there have been two factors that have recently increased the demand placed upon the Bulky household waste collection service. The first being Lancashire County Council's permit scheme for the disposal of construction and demolition waste which has resulted in residents who would have taken bulky household waste to a HWRC no longer doing this and the second being a significant drop in the resource value of scrap metal which has led to an increase in demand for bulky waste collections.

Evidence gathered from the date when the County's permit scheme was introduced through to the 30th November 2015 compared against the same period of the previous year identifies an increase in all collection service requests;

Bulky household waste requests rising by 637 calls in 2015 over 2014. (5580 requests 1st June – 30th November 2014 and 6217 requests 1st June – 30th November 2015)

The collection of white goods rose by 312 requests. 660 requests were received in 2014 June – November whilst in 2015 we received 972 collection requests.

Fridge collections similarly rose in 2015. 725 requests received in 2014 against 1046 requests being received in 2015.

In total a rise over the period of 1270 requests

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (NET ADDITIONAL SAVINGS)

	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	2018/19 £
Revenue	63,000	0	0
Capital	0	0	0

7. IMPACT ON SERVICE PROVISION, IMPLEMENTATION AND OTHER ISSUES

The introduction of a charge would result in a reduction in demand for the service. Councils that charge for bulky waste in Lancashire see annual requests at around 5% of their total number of households. In Pendle this would mean a reduction in the number of requests from 14,000 (35%) per year to around 2,000. This would also mean a reduction in the number of vehicles needed to service the requests, and therefore a reduction in CO2 emissions. Charging and the level of charge would have an impact on demand for the service and therefore on the likely income. A cautious estimate of the net saving is considered to be c£63,000 per annum with a £10 charge.

The Scrutiny Panel in 2013 considered this matter and stated in their findings that they found no correlation nationally or locally between the introduction of charges and an increase in fly-tipping.