

PENDLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
2018/19 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET – SAVINGS PROPOSAL

1. SERVICE	Environmental Services
2. IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	1/4/18
3. CORPORATE PRIORITY	<p>Working with partners and the community to sustain services of good value</p> <p>Maintaining a sustainable, resilient and efficient organisation</p>
4. TITLE OF PROPOSAL	Charging for Bulky Household Waste

<p>5. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:</p> <p><i>Bulky Household Waste Collection Charge £10 + VAT</i></p> <p>Pendle is one of just 4 Councils out of 39 in the North West that do not charge for bulky waste. The other 3 restrict collections in some way leaving just Pendle with no restriction and free of charge service for bulkies. In Lancashire all councils charge with the exception of Pendle and Hyndburn (who are proposing to charge from 2018).</p> <p>Two recent factors have dramatically increased the demand placed upon the bulky household waste collection service. The first is 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. The second is a significant drop in the resource value of scrap metal which has led to an increase in demand for bulky waste collections.</p> <p>An analysis of the collections in 15/16 showed that nearly 70% were multiple requests (highest of which was 22 pa which included several white goods collection) from the same household, suggesting that some of these are possibly servicing private landlords.</p>
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6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (NET ADDITIONAL SAVINGS)

	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	2020/21 £
Revenue	90,000	0	0
Capital	0	0	0

7. IMPACT ON SERVICE PROVISION, IMPLEMENTATION AND OTHER ISSUES

The demand for the service is now unsustainable. The introduction of a charge would result in a reduction in demand for the service. Councils that charge for bulky waste in Lancashire have seen annual requests fall to around 5% of their total number of households. In Pendle this would mean a reduction in the number of requests from 18,000 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 whilst promoting the “reduce, reuse and recycle” theme.

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£90,000 per annum with a £10 charge producing £20,000 of income, and reduced number of collections generating £70,000 of cost savings.

Experience within the waste sector strongly suggests there is no link between fly tipping incidents and bulky waste collection charges. The table below shows two Lancashire authorities that introduced charges during 2010/11. Their fly tipping incidents remained lower and decreased significantly, when compared to the two years preceding their charging schemes.

<i>Fly tip incidents</i>	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11 <i>Charging introduced</i>	2011/12	2012/13
Blackburn (no. fly tips)	4046	4098	4018	2880	2887
Preston (no. fly tips)	4864	3371	2613	677	1815