

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

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| 1. SERVICE | Environmental Services |
| 2. IMPLEMENTATION DATE: | 1/4/18 |
| 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 (inclusive of 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 4 out of 39 councils that are free, with 3 of the 4 being restricted collections in some way, there is only 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).

In 2015 there were 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.

The introduction of County's permit scheme in 2014/15 and reduction in scrap value, saw a phenomenal increase in the numbers of collections which has continued a steady growth during the last 12 months :

Type	Sept 14 – Aug 15	Sept 15 – Aug 16	Sept 16 – Aug 17	Current Yr Movem't	%
Bulkies	11,267	12,957	13,169	+212	2%
Fridges	1,699	2,377	2,673	+296	12%
White Goods	1,349	2,547	2,345	-202	-8%
Total	14,315	17,881	18,187	+306	

In addition to the above figures, an analysis of the collections in 15/16 showed that nearly 70% of these are multiple requests (highest of 22 pa which included several white goods collection) from the same household, suggesting that some of these are possibly servicing private landlords.

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 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 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 c£17k income, with reduced collections resulting in estimated cost savings of c£73k.

Opinion amongst professionals 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</i> <i>introduced</i>	2011/12	2012/13
Blackburn (no. fly tips)	4046	4098	4018	2880	2887
Preston (no. fly tips)	4864	3371	2613	677	1815