

PENDLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
2019/20 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET – SAVINGS PROPOSAL

1. SERVICE	Environmental Services
2. IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	1/4/19
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	Administrative Charge for Replacement Bins

5. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

Replacement Waste Containers – Administrative Charge £15 + VAT for none recycling containers

The Council already charges for the provision of containers to new build properties (currently £28 each for Grey & Brown bins) Due to the charge not being placed on all container deliveries there has been some resistance to the charge by developers over the last year.

To date Only 2 (including Pendle) of the Lancashire Authorities provide replacement waste containers for free with an average charge being £24.90 from the 11 who do make a charge.

To recover the full cost of providing replacement bins in Pendle it is estimated that a charge of over £32 per bin would be required.

Our records indicate that over a rolling twelve month period the Council has bought 5820 wheeled bins of these 2350 have been replacement grey bins.

The figure excluding the blue bins we purchased during our move to a four weekly collection scheme for dry recyclates

Below are the number of bins issued free of charge over the previous municipal years.

Bin Type	Deliveries July 15 – Aug 16	Deliveries July 16 – Aug 17
Grey (General Refuse) bins	1,807	} 3,653
Brown (Dry Recycle) bins	1,572	
Total	3,379	3,653

It is worth noting that only 2 out of the 14 Lancashire Districts do not charge for replacement bins; Pendle and Hyndburn (who are reviewing their service in July 2019 following the roll out of their newly introduced recycling collection scheme), Charges for replacement bins vary throughout Lancashire from £15 per bin, rising to £39 in Ribble Valley.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (NET ADDITIONAL SAVINGS)

	2019/20 £	2019/20 £	2020/21 £
Revenue	45,000	0	0
Capital	0	0	0

7. IMPACT ON SERVICE PROVISION, IMPLEMENTATION AND OTHER ISSUES

A charge of £15 + VAT would cover the Councils administration and delivery costs but the bin would remain free of charge.

The underlying intention is to reduce net expenditure and encourage residents to take more responsibility for the containers provided to them. In addition to this, It also discourages households from obtaining additional bins limiting the amount of waste for disposal and into landfill. From a sustainability viewpoint it is expected that requests for new bins will reduce which would promote the reuse and recycle policy.

It is estimated that the introduction of such a charge would generate net additional income of £45,000 per annum, taking into account the likely reduction in demand.