

2020/21 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET – **SAVINGS** PROPOSAL

1. SERVICE	Environmental Services
2. IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	01/04/2020
3. CORPORATE PRIORITY	Ensuring a clean, healthier, safer and cohesive Pendle Maintaining a sustainable, resilient and efficient organisation
4. TITLE OF PROPOSAL	Garden Waste Collection Subscription Fee Increase

5. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:
To increase over a two year period the subscription fee for the collection of Garden Waste to support the delivery of the collection service.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (NET ADDITIONAL SAVINGS)

	2020/21 (PYE) £	2021/22 £	2022/23 £
Revenue	£26,920.00	£17,280.00	0
Capital	0	0	0

7. IMPACT ON SERVICE PROVISION, IMPLEMENTATION AND OTHER ISSUES				
Following investigation into the benefits of promoting an ‘earlybird’ incentive scheme for Garden waste subscriptions we have identified that in most of the past subscription years the Council has received over 40% of the total income prior to the 31 st May.				
Information below shows a breakdown of the payments from introduction of the garden waste subscription fee in 2014 through to the current subscription year which we are still receiving subscriptions too.				
	Up to 31st May		total	
19/20	3997		7600	52.59%
18/19	5008		7751	64.61%
17/18	4154		7776	53.42%
16/17	4769		7948	60.00%
15/16	3613	letters sent later	8001	45.16%
14/15	2929	first year	7744	37.82%

Based on the above it is felt that the introduction of an early bird subscription scheme used to encourage new or early payment could potentially create a negative impact on the garden waste collection scheme.

The proposal put forward is to increase garden waste subscriptions in 2020/ 2021 to £33.00 without any early bird incentives.

The proposal is then to increase subscription fees by a further £2.00 to £35 in 2021/2022.

The figures below compare potential levels of income based on 5600 subscribers taking up the early bird offer and 3040 subscribers choosing not to.

The figure of 8640 is based on the 2018/ 2019 subscriptions.

With early bird: $5600 \times £32 = £179,200$ plus $3040 \times £35 = £106,400$, total = **£285,600**

Year 1. Without early bird: $8640 \times £33 =$ **£285,120**

Year 2. $8640 \times £35 =$ **£302,400**

Estimated revenue recurring saving (FYE) £26,920.00 year 1 and £17,280.00 year 2.

The current list of charges for other Lancashire Councils are below for information.

Council	Garden Waste Charge 2019/20 £
Blackburn with Darwen	30
Blackpool	35
Burnley	30
Chorley	30
Fylde	30
Hyndburn	30
Lancaster	40
Pendle	30
Preston	35
Ribble Valley	FOC
Rosendale	35
South Ribble	30
West Lancashire	30
Wyre	30