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**PENDLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**2021/22 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET – CHARGING PROPOSAL**

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| <b>1. SERVICE</b>              | Environmental Services   |
| <b>2. IMPLEMENTATION DATE:</b> | 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021   |
| <b>3. CORPORATE PRIORITY</b>   | Working with partners and the community to sustain services of good value<br><br>Maintaining a sustainable, resilient and efficient organisation |
| <b>4. TITLE OF PROPOSAL</b>    | Charge for Delivery of Replacement Waste Containers  |

**5. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:*****Charge for Delivery of Replacement Waste Containers - £15***

The Council currently charges for the provision of containers to new build properties (£28 each for Grey, Blue & Brown bins).

To date only 2 Lancashire councils (including Pendle) provide replacement waste containers for free. The average charge of the 11 who do make a charge is £24.90 with a range of between £15 and £39.

To recover the full cost 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 from September 2019 the Council has bought 5660 wheeled bins at a cost of £91,126.

Our records further show that from January 2020 through to August 2020 we have delivered a total 2681 bins at a cost of £5,362. Within the same period we have also exchanged, at the resident's request, 424 bins at a cost of £636. Estimating the cost for delivery and exchanges over a full year based on this level of activity, it is likely delivery costs alone will exceed £10,000

Below are the number of bins issued free of charge from January through to August 2020.

| Bin Type                   | Deliveries Jan - August 2020 | Deliveries Jan - August 2019 |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Grey (general refuse) bins | 633                          | } 218<br>200                 |
| Brown (dry recycling) bin  | 763                          |                              |
| Blue (paper recycling) bin | 1285                         | 342                          |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>2681</b>                  | <b>760</b>                   |

A consultation on various proposals for Waste Services was completed in November, 2017. The consultation included the option of a charge for replacement containers. 34% of the public strongly agreed or agreed with the introduction of a £15 charge for replacement bin delivery.

**6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (NET ADDITIONAL SAVINGS)**

|         | <b>2021/22<br/>£</b> | <b>2019/20<br/>£</b> | <b>2020/21<br/>£</b> |
|---------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Revenue | 45,000               | 0                    | 0                    |
| Capital | 20,400               | 0                    | 0                    |

**7. IMPACT ON SERVICE PROVISION, IMPLEMENTATION AND OTHER ISSUES**

A charge of £15 would meet about 50% of the Council's delivery and related administration costs. The bin itself would remain free of charge.

The underlying intentions are to reduce net expenditure but also to encourage residents to take more responsibility for the containers provided to them. A charge would also discourage households from requesting additional bins thus 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 and environmentally reduces the plastics footprint.

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.