

## **PROPOSED CHARGES FOR REMOVAL OF BULKY WASTE**

To apply charges more in line with higher rates from existing charging councils in the County.

Under this option it would be proposed to charge:

- £10 for 6 items (in a single visit) – furniture and other bulky items.
- £20 per 6 items, for fixtures and fittings/home improvement waste. Mixed loads would be at the higher rate.

This option would achieve early harmonisation, be consistent with many other authorities and provide (accounting for landfill tax) an increase in income of around £250,000, helping to offset the costs of this subsidised service.

For 3 areas this would mean a new £10 charge, for 2 areas a £5 increase and for 2 areas no increase, for household items.

The impact on DIY waste charges (where prices vary more) would be a significant reduction in charges for some Districts (e.g Wear Valley currently £60.40, Derwentside £45), but an increase for others (currently £12 in Easington, £15 Sedgefield, £10 Durham City). Demand is projected to be largely unaffected as this constitutes a small proportion (less than 5%) of total requests.