

Items proposed to be charged as Special Expenses in 2016/17

Service	Reason for being charged as a Special Expense	Power/Duty of Authority to provide services	Parishes which will provide Services in 2016/17
ALLOTMENTS £45,000	<p>Swindon Borough Council only provides allotments (Leisure gardens) in the non-parished area of Swindon. Therefore the costs should be borne by taxpayers in the non-parished area of the town <i>only</i>.</p> <p>In other areas of the Borough, allotments are provided by Parish Councils themselves and are paid for by the collection of Parish Precepts from local residents.</p>	<p>Power to provide allotments.</p> <p>Duty to provide allotment gardens if demand unsatisfied.</p>	<p>Bishopstone Blunsdon Chiseldon Covingham Highworth Haydon Wick South Marston Stratton St Margaret Wanborough Wroughton</p>
BUS SHELTERS £8,000	<p>Swindon Borough Council only provides bus shelters in the non-parished area of Swindon. Therefore the costs should be borne by taxpayers in the non-parished area of the town <i>only</i>.</p> <p>In other areas of the Borough, Bus shelters are provided by Parish Councils themselves and are paid for by the collection of Parish Precepts from local residents</p>	<p>Power to provide and maintain bus shelters.</p>	<p>Bishopstone Chiseldon Covingham Hannington Haydon Wick Highworth South Marston Stratton St Margaret Wanborough Wroughton</p>
COMMUNITY CENTRES £83,000	<p>Most Community Centres that are provided by Swindon Borough Council are in the non-parished area of the town and generally benefit people in the immediate vicinity. Therefore the costs should be borne by tax-payers in the non-parished area only.</p> <p>In other areas of the Borough, Community Centres are provided by Parish Councils themselves and are paid for by the collection of Parish Precepts from local residents.</p>	<p>Power to provide and equip buildings for use as community centres.</p>	<p>Blunsdon Highworth South Marston Wroughton</p>

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DOG BINS £56,000	<p>Swindon Borough Council only provides dog bins in the non-parished area of Swindon. Therefore the costs should be borne by taxpayers in the non-parished area of the town <i>only</i>.</p> <p>In other areas of the Borough, Dog Bins are provided by Parish Councils themselves and are paid for by the collection of Parish Precepts from local residents.</p>		Blunsdon Chiseldon Castle Eaton Covingham Hannington Haydon Wick Highworth Nythe South Marston Stratton St Margaret Wanborough Wroughton
OPEN SPACES AND RECREATION GROUNDS £717,000	<p>Most parish councils provide routine grounds maintenance work in their areas and the Borough Council provides this service elsewhere within the Borough, mainly in the non-parished area. Therefore the costs should be borne by taxpayers in the non-parished area of the town <i>only</i>.</p> <p>The exceptions to this are maintenance of strategic parcels of land and recreational space such as Town Gardens, Queens Park, Coate Water, Stanton Park and Lydiard Park, plus maintenance of verges and hedges on major highways and major tree and shrub work. These services are deemed to be for the benefit of all Swindon residents and therefore are considered to be a general expense.</p>	<p>Power to acquire open space and undertake its care, management and control.</p> <p>Power to maintain open spaces and make bylaws in respect of opens spaces.</p> <p>Parks and pleasure grounds – power to purchase or take on lease plant and improve lands for being used as public walks or pleasure grounds.</p> <p>Power to make byelaws to regulate public walks or pleasure grounds.</p> <p>Power to close park/pleasure grounds to the public and grant use of the same to any public charity/institution for any show.</p>	Bishopstone Blunsdon Chiseldon Covingham Haydon Wick Highworth Nythe South Marston Stanton Fitzwarren Stratton St Margaret Wanborough Wroughton

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STREET CLEANING £861,000 (new for 2016-17)	<p>Most parish councils provide routine street cleaning work in their areas and the Borough Council provides this service elsewhere within the Borough, mainly in the non-parished area. Therefore the costs should be borne by taxpayers in the non-parished area of the town <i>only</i>.</p> <p>The exception to this is the commercial town centre which is for the benefit of all Swindon residents and therefore considered to be a general expense.</p>	<p>Environmental Protection Act 1990 (section 89)</p> <p>Duty of each local authority to ensure the land is kept free of litter and refuse.</p>	Bishopstone Chiseldon Covingham Haydon Wick Highworth Nythe Stanton Fitzwarren Stratton St Margaret Wanborough Wroughton