

Subject: Report of the Litter Bins Task
and Finish Group

Status: For Publication

Report to: The Cabinet

Date: 21 February 2007

Report of: Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Portfolio Holder: Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Liveability

Key Decision: NO

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To recommend to Cabinet the decision of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee in respect of the Review of Litter Bins in the Borough.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report do not directly impact on the corporate priorities.

- Delivering quality services to customers (*Customers, Improvement*)
- Keeping our Borough clean and green (*Environment*)

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

4.1 A scrutiny form was completed by an Elected Member who raised concerns about litter bins in the Borough. It was agreed by the Policy Development Overview & Scrutiny Meeting on 20 July 2006 that this matter be taken forward for review through a Task and Finish Group.

It was also agreed that this would be a 'light touch review' as Members were conscious of other pieces of work within the programme that were still to be undertaken.

The Group's objective was to look at the varying styles, sizes and number of bins within the Borough and the need to ensure that the approach was consistent and to:-

- i) Determine the criteria for provision of litter bins
- ii) Determine the most appropriate type of provision
- ii) Identify means of encouraging local businesses to take responsibility for litter generated as a result of their activities

The Group discussed how to take this work forward and agreed that, as the Council had an existing database of all the litter bins in the Borough, a survey examining the location and condition of the bins would be the ideal way to commence with this project.

All Elected Members were given the opportunity to participate and were asked to go out into their particular ward with the list of identified litter bins within the ward and complete a questionnaire.

4.2 The full report is attached.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

5.1 The new Capital Programme (to be approved by Council) includes a sum of £80k, which amongst other things, is to be used for additional litter bins.

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

6.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

7.1 No specific comments in relation to the report.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 The Task and Finish Group's report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee at its meeting on 7 February 2007 and their recommendations are set out below for consideration of the Cabinet.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That the Cabinet be requested to consider the recommendations in the report of the Litter Bins Task and Finish Group which was agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee:

9.2 That the Chair of the Litter Bins Task and Finish Group meet with the relevant Officers to discuss the report in more detail.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 Ward Councillors

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No background papers.