

REPORT TO ASSETS AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MARKET HALL BIN COMPOUND

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1.0 BACKGROUND

The Town Council owns a small bin compound at the eastern side of the southern part of the Silk Mill Street car park. It is used to store the commercial waste bins for the Market Hall. The compound comprises a number of standard fence panels (with a gate which was installed in 2016).

The compound looks unsightly; a number of the posts are leaning or broken, there is a missing gravel board resulting in a panel rotting and a number of panels are broken some of which beyond repair. The panels are not properly aligned so the compound looks uneven. The existing concrete gravel boards result in pooling of rainwater in the bin compound and the gate was poorly designed – it is too heavy to support its own weight which has resulted in it failing and as a result traders often leave it open all the time.

The Planning and Facilities Officer sought quotations for two options:

- a) Repair – replacement barn-door style gates (in place of a single large gate), replacement of 3 concrete posts, installation of additional concrete gravel board to missing section, replacement of broken fence panels.
- b) Replacement – replacement barn-door style gates (in place of single large gate) replacement of all gate posts with timber and installation of a new feather edge fence at a uniform height around the compound

The most competitive quotation for option (a) was £1,300 and for option (b) £1,350. It is therefore recommended that the compound be replaced as outlined at a cost of £1,350.

In addition to preventing the compound from deteriorating further, the replacement will have the added benefit of creating a neater and less detracting feature within the car park.

2.0 DECISION REQUIRED

The committee should consider the replacement of the compound as outlined.