

# REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

## PARKGATE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE LITTERBINS

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**Prepared by** Town Clerk

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### 1.0 BACKGROUND

Cllr Forrest was contacted by a business owner on the Parkgate Industrial Estate concerning the issue of littering on the estate.

This was raised with Cheshire East Council (ANSA) which confirmed that it does not have budget for the provision of additional litterbins. The Town Clerk then spoke with ANSA about whether, if the Town Council funded the provision of bins, ANSA would empty them as has been practice previously. ANSA advised that due to the financial challenges with Cheshire East Council they were not able to take on further litterbin emptying and expect a reduced level of operation in the future (a street cleansing review is due to take place).

The matter has been brought to the committee to consider whether it wishes to provide litterbins in this location.

### 2.0 IMPLICATIONS

#### 2.1 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of a Glasdon Jubilee 110L litterbin is £468<sup>1</sup>. This is a ballast filled bin so does not require permanent ground fixings and is easy to install. The cost of three bins would therefore be £1,404.

This could be funded through the committee's Street Furniture budget (£4,000). The council could also write to the businesses on the industrial estate asking them to donate contribute towards the cost.

#### 2.2 OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

The majority of bins outside the town centre are emptied weekly. This could be undertaken by the Town Ranger with minimal operational implication and it is likely that twice weekly could also be accommodated<sup>2</sup>.

#### 2.3 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The council is a litter authority by virtue of the Litter Act 1983. If the council provides bins, it has a

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<sup>1</sup> As has previously been installed on the Heath. This includes two poster frames which would enable the council to display branding / event posters.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to the committee decision, this will be discussed with the Town Ranger.

legal duty to ensure they are emptied with sufficient frequency to ensure that no bin nor its contents become a nuisance.

Suitable locations along the street would be found, most likely at the edge of verges. The style of bin does not require an excavation of the highway so can be moved to different locations should it be required.

### **3.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED**

The committee should consider whether it wishes to progress the provision of litterbins on the Parkgate Industrial Estate and the number of bins which would be required.