

REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

TOWN CENTRE LITTER BINS

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1.0 BACKGROUND

It has been observed that the litter bins within parts of the town centre are of an insufficient size to manage the level of waste generated. This has been exacerbated by the activity of members of the Corvidae family of birds.

The existing litter bins are open top black cast iron litter bins, with a capacity of 58L. The style of bin was introduced in the 1980s and c. 10 years ago the Town Council undertook a programme of replacing plastic bins with heritage style cast iron bins for conformity to contribute to the historic aesthetic of the town centre.

Litter bins are emptied by Cheshire East Council. Under the Litter Act 1983, the provider of a bin has responsibility to ensure that litter does not become a nuisance. The Town Clerk has contacted ANSA for information about upgrading the bins and this will be presented to the meeting if received.

2.0 OPTIONS

2.1 DO NOTHING

The committee could opt to do nothing and accept that at peak periods there will be parts of the town centre where litter is visible on the street. This could be considered counter to the council's objectives to support the town centre and the to increase the cleanliness, maintenance and attractiveness of the town.

2.2 SEEK REPLACEMENT BINS FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

The committee could opt to lobby Cheshire East Council to take action and replace the bins in targeted areas with larger bins. The increase in size will enable more litter to be held prior to collecting and the lidded nature of the bin would deter the birds from removing litter when scavenging for food.

The borough council has confirmed that it has a limited stock of bins which are used to replace those that are either damaged or no longer fit for purpose. The style of bin used by Cheshire East Council is the Wybone Compass, a 112L heritage-style plastic bin.

2.3 TOWN COUNCIL TO REPLACE BINS

The committee could opt to replace selected bins with a larger bin of its own choosing. This could either be a plastic (112L, c. £265) steel bin (120L, c. £350) or cast iron (90-115L, c. £850-£1,100). Both options would be a larger, lidded bin. The committee should consider whether the style of bin in the

town centre is important.

Bin examples:



Wybone Compass
c. £265



Derby Standard
c. £350



Round Cast Iron
c. £850



Square Cast Iron
c. £1,100

3.0 ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGY

3.1 COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

The council has a strategic objective to enhance the cleanliness, maintenance and attractiveness of the town, addressing litter issues directly contributes to this objective.

4.0 DECISION REQUIRED

The committee should determine what action to take to address the issue.