

# REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

## TOWN CENTRE LITTERBINS

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### 1.0 BACKGROUND

In 2025, the committee noted that a number of litter bins in the town centre were of an insufficient size to manage the level of waste generated and that this has been exacerbated by the activity of members of the Corvidae family of birds. The committee replaced two open topped cast iron bins in Canute Place with larger plastic bins. The committee later added an additional bin on Tatton Street.

It has been suggested that additional litter bins should be replaced with larger lidded bins to increase capacity and prevent overspill. The appendix contains a list of the bins within the town centre. If all open topped bins were replaced along the main streets, it would be 16 bins.

### 2.0 POTENTIAL REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

Cheshire East Council does not have budget to replace litterbins, but has supported the previous replacements by removing the cast iron litter bins and installing the new litterbins. Cheshire East Council continues to empty them.

The committee could determine to:

- a) Do nothing
- b) Replace specified litter bins
- c) Replace all open topped bins

If replacing the bins, the committee could determine to undertake a set number of replacements per year.

The cost of a Wybone Compass bin is £290 per bin, plus £60 carriage per order. The committee has a street furniture budget of £5,000 for the current financial year. If the council sought to undertake the replacements over 3 years, it would be at a cost of approximately £1,500 per year for three years.

The Town Centre Manager is contacting three businesses which have a bin outside their properties, and which also generate litter from their operations, enquiring if they would contribute/fund upgraded bins. The council could also approach Knutsford BID to see if it would contribute to a programme. Both would enable a programme of replacements to be completed more quickly.

### 3.0 ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGY

### **3.1 COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN**

The council has a strategic aim to lead a strong connected community with a thriving community spirit and civic pride. Under the explanation of this aim, it notes that issues of cleanliness and maintenance were priority areas for residents. Objectives C3 and C4 (Town Ranger and volunteer involvement) reference enhancing the cleanliness, maintenance and attractiveness of the town.

### **4.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED**

The committee should consider if it wishes to replace additional open topped bins with new lidded bins. If it does wish to undertake replacements, it should:

- a) Determine if it wishes to replace all open litter bins with new, or just bins in specific locations
- b) Determine priority replacements
- c) Determine an annual amount it wishes to spend on the programme

## **APPENDIX A            CURRENT TOWN CENTRE BIN LOCATIONS**

The following bins are within the town centre area (excludes those within park spaces)

### **Princess Street**

- Outside Waitrose – open cast iron
- Outside Gail's – open cast iron
- Outside Chicinos – open cast iron
- Outside former Lloyds building – open cast iron
- Outside Simon Boyd / adjacent to Haring Centre – open cast iron
- Rachel Bloor Garden – open cast iron

### **King Street**

- Outside Tatton Park entrance – lidded cast iron (VE/VJ Day 1945-1995)
- Outside Giovanni's – open cast iron
- Outside the Beauty Club – open cast iron
- Cotton Shop Yard – open cast iron
- St John's Church Grounds – open plastic
- Below St John's Church – open cast iron
- Outside Aldi - open cast iron

### **Canute Place / Tatton Street**

- Outside the Lord Eldon – lidded plastic (new)
- Outside Vikings – lidded plastic (new)
- Canute Place island – lidded plastic (new)
- Canute Place island – open cast iron
- Heritage Way – open cast iron
- Top of Little Heath – open cast iron

### **Wider**

- Adams Hill – Entrance to station – lidded plastic
- Mereheath Lane – entrance to Tatton Park – open plastic and large recycling
- Outside Hooked on the Heath – open cast iron, large cans only, large lidded plastic
- Toft Road – in front of St John's Church – open cast iron
- Toft Road – outside Knutsford Dry Cleaners – plastic lidded