



**CORPORATE AND
ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW &
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

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Report of: Corporate Director of Transformation and Resources

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SUBJECT: LITTER BIN POLICY- PROGRESS ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To report on the progress made since the conclusion of the 'Litter Bin Policy' review.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That progress and outcomes on actions undertaken since the completion of the 'Litter Bin Policy' review be noted.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 A review of the 'Litter Bin Policy' was carried between 2018 and 2019. The work was undertaken by the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee and concluded in October 2019.

3.2 The final report and recommendations were considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 5 November 2019.

3.3 The recommendations were divided into 3 specific work streams as follows:

- Undertake a 4-6 week trial pilot of compaction bins in identified locations.
- Implement the replacement of litter bins Borough wide that had been categorised as C or D following a condition survey completed in 2019.
- Embark upon a programme of educational campaigns regarding litter reduction.

4.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The COVID-19 situation has impacted upon elements of the delivery of the recommendations that were agreed and has resulted in a delay to some work streams. Staff have been dedicated in ensuring all core services were delivered.

Trial of compaction bins

One of the main locations for compaction bins is areas of high footfall such as Town Centres. Due to the reduction in footfall across town centres nationally and the closure of businesses within West Lancashire, discussions were undertaken with the contractor who advised that data gathered during the COVID-19 situation could not be relied upon to deliver meaningful comparisons to pre-COVID footfall and therefore the recommendation was made to postpone the trial until Spring 2021. The Portfolio Holder has been made aware of this recommendation and the Head of Service will prepare a record of decision to reflect this postponement, however, it should be noted that preparatory work and designated locations for the bins will still be undertaken.

Replacement of litter bins categorised C and D

Following an initial delay earlier in the year in litter bin production by the manufacturer due to COVID, an order was placed and deliveries have commenced. There are 51 identified locations which will benefit from newly installed litter bins during the autumn period.

Educational Campaigns

The service had intended to support the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean initially planned for April. However, this was postponed nationally by the organisation and rescheduled for the period 11th September 2020 – 27th September 2020. Comms have been posted on social media and the website accordingly.

Further targeted educational campaigns will be delivered and embedded as business as usual with an annual calendar of engagement being produced by the Clean & Green Operations Manager who takes up the post in October 2020 and shared with Members.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The review is aimed at providing a consistent approach to litter bin provision and collection across the Borough. Developments in this area of work are likely to involve stakeholders, especially the local community, in its on-going development.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no significant financial or resource implications arising from this report.

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

6.1 This item is for information only and makes no recommendations. It is therefore does not require a formal risk assessment and no changes have been made to the risk registers as a result of this report.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.