



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

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Report of: Corporate Director of Place and Community

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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF A TRIAL OF COMPACTION LITTER BINS

Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide further information regarding the proposal to install compaction litter bins in designated locations within West Lancashire.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the committee considers the information provided regarding the suitability of compaction litter bins for West Lancashire and makes recommendation to Cabinet regarding the implementation of compaction bins.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 A review of the 'Litter Bin Policy' was carried out 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 agreed by Cabinet at its meeting on the 5 November 2019.

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

- i) Implement the replacement of litter bins Borough wide that had been categorised as C or D following a condition survey completed in 2019
- ii) Embark upon a programme of educational/enforcement campaigns regarding litter reduction
- iii) Undertake a 4-6 week trial of compaction litter bins in designated locations

- 3.4 Following an update provided to the Committee on 17 September 2020, they were satisfied that items i) and ii) outlined above were underway and on-going. Item iii) had been deferred due to the COVID-19 outbreak as the data gathering required for an effective pilot study is reliant upon stable footfall numbers which was not possible during 2020. The Committee sought further clarity regarding item iii) in terms of both effectiveness and value for money and asked for a report to be brought to that effect.

4.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the trial of the compaction litter bins was deferred until a future date (to be determined).
- 4.2 Following the request from the Committee to seek further information regarding the effectiveness of the compaction bins, the provider Egbert Taylor was asked to provide benchmarking data from other customers to illustrate positive outcomes achieved. Due to data from other customers being potentially sensitive or their authorisation not being granted to release further, the only data provided was based upon a trial of compaction bins being undertaken by Hartlepool Council. This information can be found at Appendix 1 of this report.
- 4.3 The Committee further sought information from any other providers within the market of the same or similar product to 'Big Belly Bins' as offered by Egbert Taylor. Whilst Egbert Taylor and 'Big Belly Bins' are certainly the market leaders there are other providers such as britishbins.co.uk and compactorsdirect.co.uk.
- 4.4 Following discussions by the Head of Service with alternative the alternative named, it is evident that the pricing structures of all options are indeed, very similar. The main difference being that Egbert Taylor are more established within the market and have significant links with advertising organisations to enable on-body marketing opportunities.
- 4.5 If pilot is successful it will reduce the number of bins within the chosen location as the compaction litter bins have a larger capacity, resulting in a de-cluttering of street furniture. They do not require emptying as often creating resource capacity of the operative to undertake more detailed cleansing in town centre etc.

5.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The information is aimed at providing sufficient detail to enable members to consider the suitability of compaction litter bins for designated locations within the Borough.
- 5.2 When the decision was made by members to embark upon a pilot study it was pre-COVID. Consideration should now be given to whether a full return to high street shopping will be resumed by the community and if compaction litter bins will provide a sustained and value for money option.

6.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 At February 2020 Council, capital funds of £10k were designated to the pilot study of the compaction litter bin option. Each compaction bin installed under the

trial process is as a cost of £500 per compaction bin, the costs however are offset against future purchase of compaction bins if the trial is successful and WLBC move ahead with purchase and permanent installation.

- 6.2 Advertising on the body of the bins can be utilised to support the costs of the compaction bins.
- 6.3 Additional costs would also be incurred through the removal and re-installation of existing litter bins before and after the trial period circa £1k.
- 6.4 Further Capital outlay will be required for future installations to expand the compact litter bin footprint beyond the trial locations, therefore consideration should be given to this factor.

7.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 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.

Appendix 1 – Hartlepool Compaction Bin Report 2019