



CABINET: 8 JUNE 2021

Report of: Corporate Director of Transformation & Resources

Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor K Wilkie

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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF A TRIAL OF COMPACTION LITTER BINS - REFERRED FROM CORPORATE & ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To consider the recommendation from the Corporate & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 11 March 2021 in relation to the review of a trial of Compaction Litter Bins.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the recommendation of the Corporate & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee as detailed in paragraph 3.2 below be considered, taking into account the comments of the Corporate Director of Place & Community Development contained within paragraph 4.0.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 Minute No. 126 of the meeting of the Corporate & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee has requested Cabinet to consider its agreed recommendations as set out below.

"126 REVIEW OF A TRIAL OF COMPACTION LITTER BINS

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place and Community as contained on pages 237 to 254 of the Book of Reports, which provided further information regarding the proposal to install compaction litter bins in designated locations within West Lancashire.

The Head of Environmental Services outlined the report and explained that the trial of compaction litter bins in designated locations had been deferred due to the Covid19 pandemic. She outlined that the decision to go ahead with the trial had been made pre-COVID and that the climate has since changed due to the low level of footfall. She also explained that no contract had yet been entered into with a provider.

In discussion comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:-

- Dual Waste Bins / Recycling facilities
- Locations of trial bins
- Rural area aspect (smaller bins)
- Aesthetics
- Financial considerations
- Data from Hartlepool Council Compaction Bin Report 2019 (Appendix 1)
- Timing of trial

RESOLVED: That the Committee recommend to Cabinet that the trial of compaction litter bins in designated locations be postponed and further reviewed in one year's time, and that the capital funds of £10k allocated to litter bin review work stream, of which £5k was specifically designated for the trial in a high footfall location (10 compaction bins @ £500 each) be utilised to bring forward and support the Borough wide litter bin replacement upgrade programme."

4.0 COMMENTS OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF PLACE & COMMUNITY

- 4.1 The COVID pandemic has disrupted the volume of footfall to the High Street and this is a pertinent consideration in the recommendation to Cabinet.

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.

Appendices

Report of the Corporate Director of Place & Community considered by Corporate & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 11 March 2021