

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member and Advisers for Waste and Emergency Planning</b>
2.	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012</b>
3.	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Request for larger capacity bins at Broadway Shopping parade in Swinton</b>
4.	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

### 5. Summary

A petition has been received from local residents requesting the provision of new, larger capacity litter bins at Broadway shopping parade in Swinton.

### 6. Recommendations

It is recommended that the following actions are taken

Leisure and Community Service (LCS) Officers will approach local businesses situated on Broadway Shopping parade to discuss voluntary emptying of litter bins outside their properties.

LCS Officers will liaise with colleagues in Environmental Enforcement to ensure local shop keepers are fulfilling their responsibility to keep the area outside of their property free from litter.

LCS Officers will continue to monitor the shopping parade and should the actions identified above not deliver sufficient improvements further consideration will be given to the relocation of under used litter bins.

### 7. Proposals and Details

A petition, containing 36 names, has been received from local residents requesting the provision of new, larger capacity litter bins at Broadway shopping parade in Swinton.

#### Background

As a result of agreed budget savings Street Cleansing staffing resources have been reduced and a new borough wide cleansing schedule has been implemented that means all litter bins are now emptied less frequently. Since the introduction of the new schedule there have been 4 customer contacts which have directly reported overflowing litter bins on Broadway shopping parade.

A full review of the impact of the reduced staffing resources and the new cleansing schedules will take place early in the New Year however, in advance of this a review of the usage of litter bins across the borough is already under way; this will identify any bins that are not well used and which might be relocated to areas of higher use. This work has identified at least one under used bin that is on the same schedule as the Broadway shopping parade and could be relocated to this area.

As a result of receiving the petition managers and supervisors have carried out further monitoring of the Broadway shopping parade and they have concluded that at least one of the bins is overflowing on a regular basis. This monitoring has also identified the need for local business to better carry out their responsibility to keep the area in front of their property free from litter.

If the two existing litter bins (112 litres) were to be replaced with two larger capacity bins (224 litres) as requested the cost would be approximately £1400, which is 28% of the current annual budget (£5,000) for carrying out repair and replacement of litter bins across the borough. It is not known at this point if there is sufficient space to facilitate larger bins either at the current site or at another site in the same location.

In considering any request to provide additional litter bins it is important to take account of the resultant increase in staff time to empty them and the knock effect this has to staff capacity to complete scheduled work, at a time when staffing resources are already stretched.

### **Proposed actions**

Leisure and Community Service (LCS) Officers will approach local businesses situated on Broadway Shopping parade to discuss voluntary emptying of litter bins outside their properties. This may help to overcome the problem without the need for additional bins.

LCS Officers will also liaise with colleagues in Environmental Enforcement to ensure local shop keepers are fulfilling their responsibility to keep the area outside of their property free from litter.

LCS Officers will continue to monitor the shopping parade and should the actions identified above not deliver sufficient improvements further consideration will be given to the relocation of the under used litter bin identified above.

**8. Finance** Finance issues are identified above.

### **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The uncertainties relate to the discussions with local businesses.

**10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications** N/A

**11. Background Papers and Consultation** N/A

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