

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene & Engineering Cabinet Board

7th September 2018

Report of the Head of Streetcare

M. Roberts

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All Wards

3 Year review of Grit Bin Provision in Neath Port Talbot

Purpose of Report

- 1 To undertake a 3 year review of the grit bin policy in Neath Port Talbot

Executive Summary

- 2 The present grit bin policy was subject to a three year review as set out at the Environment and Highways Cabinet Board report of 29th October 2018. The Policy was originally agreed at the Environment and Highways Cabinet Board on 6th September 2012 following a Scrutiny Task and Finish Group recommendation.

Background

- 3 Current policy was originally established following a Scrutiny Task and Finish Review which was reported to the Environment and Highways Scrutiny Committee on 6th September 2012.
- 4 The policy caps the level of grit bin provision, with exceptions for new housing developments or grit bins fully funded by third parties (including ongoing cost of topping up the bin with grit).
- 5 The policy also make provision for moving existing grit bins within wards subject to all Members within that ward being in agreement.
- 6 The total county wide grit bin provision is currently 511.

- 7 The reason for capping the number of grit bins is to keep the level of service provision within the resources available for maintaining and servicing them.
- 8 The policy provides for a three year review and the last review was conducted by the Environment and Highways Cabinet Board on 29th October 2015 which concluded that as resources had not increased the policy should continue with a further review in three years.
- 9 Since the last review, resources within Streetcare have further reduced.

Financial Impact

- 12 None, if the current policy is maintained.

Equality Impact Assessment

- 13 There are no equality impacts associated with this report.

Workforce Impact

- 14 There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impact

- 15 There are no legal impacts associated with this report.

Risk Management

- 16 It is known that some members would like further provision in their Wards which they believe is justified, however the Council's budgets continue to reduce in real terms with ongoing financial austerity.

Consultation

- 17 There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendation(s)

- 18 That the existing policy be continued, subject to review in a further three years.

Reason for Proposed Decision(s)

- 19 To review policy in line with previously determined timescales.

Implementation of Decision

- 20 The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

- 21 None

List of Background Papers

- 22 Report of the Chairman of the Environment & Highways Scrutiny Committee, 6th September 2012
- 23 Report of the Head of Streetcare, Environment and Highways Cabinet Board, 29th October 2015

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