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Streetscene and Engineering Scrutiny Committee

18th March 2022

Report of the Chair of the Grit Bin Policy Review Task and Finish Group – Cllr. R. Wood

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All Wards

Grit Bin Policy Review Task and Finish Group

Purpose of the Report:

To provide the Streetscene and Engineering Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet Board with the findings of the recent Grit Bin Policy Review Task and Finish Group.

Executive Summary:

This report represents the work of the Task and Finish Group undertaken over two meetings. The Group consisted of the Members of the Streetscene and Engineering Scrutiny Committee, who considered evidence and insights from the Councils internal service.

Background:

On 5 November 2021 the Streetscene and Engineering Scrutiny Committee, scrutinised the Three Yearly Grit Bin Policy Review report that formed part of the Streetscene and Engineering Cabinet Board agenda.

The grit bin policy was set in 2012, and had been presented to the Committee on a three yearly review basis since then; there had been no changes to the policy since it was set in 2012. One of the aspects of the current policy was that the number of grit bins had been capped, with minor exceptions, since 2012. The cap was introduced due to ongoing increasing numbers of grit bin requests alongside reducing budgets and resources, and the cap had subsequently been maintained as part of the three yearly reviews.

During the meeting, Members expressed their concerns in regards to the current grit bin policy; it was recommended to the Streetscene and Engineering Cabinet Board that the current Grit Bin Policy be continued pending a review of the policy by the Streetscene and Engineering Scrutiny Committee.

Therefore, the Streetscene and Engineering Scrutiny Committee formed a Task and Finish group to completed this work, as detailed in Appendix 1.

Financial Impacts: There are no direct financial impacts associated with this report however, if the recommendations are agreed and taken forward there potentially could be financial impacts.

Integrated Impact Assessment: There are no impacts associated with this report however, if the recommendations are agreed and taken forward then subsequent reports will require a first stage impact assessment to be undertaken in the first instance before deciding whether a full Integrated Impact Assessment is required.

Valleys Communities Impacts: There are no impacts associated with this report however, if the recommendations are agreed and taken forward then subsequent reports may require a Valleys Communities Impacts Assessment.

Workforce Impacts: There are no direct workforce impacts associated with this report however, if the recommendations are

agreed and taken forward there potentially could be workforce impacts.

Legal Impacts: There are no legal impacts associated with this report however there may be legal impact associated to any recommendations that are implemented.

Risk Management Impacts: There are no risks associated with this report however, if the recommendations are agreed and taken forward there potentially could be risks

Consultation: There is no requirement for external consultation on this item

Recommendations: That in the first instance the Scrutiny Committee agrees with the recommendation below and they are submitted to Cabinet Board for formal approval:

- That the current list of identified priority needs as identified by Members in Appendix 2 is met, and the cap correspondingly increased, but then the level of grit bins is again subsequently capped.

Reasons for Proposed Decision: To ensure that the priority needs for grit bins, identified in Appendix 2, are met.

Implementation of Decision: The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Grit Bin Policy Review Task and Finish Group Report

Appendix 2 – Locations deemed suitable for a grit bin

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