

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Environment and Highways Scrutiny Committee

29 October 2015

Report of the Head of Streetcare

M. Roberts

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All

3 Year Review of Grit Bin Provision in Neath Port Talbot

Purpose of Report

- 1 To undertake a 3 year review of Grit Bin Policy in Neath Port Talbot.

Background

- 2 In September 2012 it was agreed by the Cabinet Board that no further requests for additional grit bins be accepted.
- 3 The decision was following a Task and Finish Scrutiny Group that looked at:
 - Grit bin provision throughout NPT
 - The process for allocating grit bins
 - The Council's eligibility criteria for grit bins
 - The funding of grit bins within the Environment service as a whole
 - Any recommendations for changes to the eligibility criteria and to address any implications, in particular financial this may have on the service.
- 4 It was agreed that no further requests for grit bins be accepted, unless financed by a third party, and the number of grit bins would be capped at 474. Furthermore, that Ward Members can at any time consider reprioritising the location of existing bins within their ward with the assistance of Officers on the understanding that all Members in a ward be in agreement as to the agreed proposed locations.

- 5 The 2012 decision was subject to a review at three years.
- 6 As part of a subsequent review of gritting routes under the Forward Financial Plan, there has been a small increase in the number of grit bins which were agreed to be placed as part of changes to gritting routes. These locations being:
- Baglan, Greenwood Road
 - Baglan, Albion Road/Albion Road Approach Junction
 - Godre'r Graig, Pencwmdu/Maengwyn Junction
 - Lower Brynamman, Maes y Glyn/Heol Godfrey Junction
 - Pontardawe, Lon y Coed/Gwrydd Goed Junction
 - Seven Sisters, Commercial street
 - Skewen, Heol Hen (Old Road)

Financial Impact

- 7 None

Equality Impact Assessment

- 8 A Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessment it has been determined that this proposal does not require an Equalities Impact Assessment

Workforce Impact

- 9 None

Legal Impact

- 10 None

Risk Management

- 11 It is know that some Members would like further provision in their Wards which they believe is justified however, the Council's budgets are reducing.

Consultation

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

Recommendation(s)

- 13 That existing policy be continued, subject to review in a further 3 years.

Reason for Proposed Decision(s)

- 14 To review policy in line with previously determined timescales

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

- 16 Equalities Impact Screening Assessment

List of Background Papers

- 17 Report of the Chairman of the Environment & Highways Scrutiny Committee, 6th September 2012

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