

**Classification:** Public

**Key Decision:** No

## **Gravesham Borough Council**

**Report to:** Operational Services Cabinet Committee

**Date:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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**Subject:** Litter & Dog Waste Bin Policy

### **Purpose and summary of report:**

To present members with the proposed Litter & Dog Waste Bin Policy for its consideration, comments and to recommend its adoption.

### **Recommendations:**

1. Members are requested to consider the proposed Litter & Dog Waste Bin Policy, attached as Appendix Two, and recommend its adoption.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 Street cleanliness is a priority for Gravesham Borough Council, as set-out in the Corporate Plan for 2019-23.
- 1.2 A key element in delivering a clean Gravesham to be proud of is in the provision of litter bins and receptacles for the containment and collection of street litter.
- 1.3 Gravesham Borough Council has no legal duty to provide litter and dog waste bins but it does have a duty to keep Council-owned land and public highways clear of litter and refuse as far as practicable.
- 1.4 Litter bins are provided, maintained and emptied by Gravesham Borough Council as the primary means of controlling the litter and dog waste problems that many areas experience. There are approximately 800 litter and dog waste bins of numerous types across the borough.
- 1.5 This proposed policy presented in Appendix 2 helps to support Government advice in developing an integrated strategy for dealing with the problem of litter and cleanliness that includes defining standards and working in partnership with local communities.
- 1.6 The policy sets out a number of types of litter bins that are currently in use and will be used in future in different applications to provide consistency in the look of the environment across the borough.

- 1.7 This policy has been written to complement the Council's pledge to become a carbon neutral borough by 2030. The standards defined in the policy will support the public to be able to recycle as much of their litter on-the-go as possible. By having the appropriate number of litter bins with sufficient capacity in strategic locations, the efficiency of our Street Cleansing fleet can be optimised in order to reduce the number of vehicle journeys, further reducing our carbon footprint.

## **2. Litter & Dog Waste Bin Policy**

- 2.1 The policy details how the Council will deal with:
- Requests for new litter bins
  - Positioning of new litter bins
  - Emptying and maintaining litter bins
  - Replacing and removing existing litter bins
  - Dual dog and litter bins
  - Recycling on-the-go bins
  - Large park bins and bin housings
  - Preferred style of litter bins
  - Requests for temporary litter bins for community events
- 2.2 Once the policy has been approved, current litter and dog waste bins in the borough will be re-assessed as required according to the criteria set-out in the policy.
- 2.3 All other functions pertaining to the installation, maintenance, replacement and removal of litter and dog waste bins will be carried out in accordance with the Litter & Dog Waste Bin Policy.

## **3. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 3.1 None.

Anyone wishing to inspect background papers should, in the first place, be directed to Committee & Electoral Services who will make the necessary arrangements.

IMPLICATIONS	APPENDIX 1
<b>Legal</b>	Under the Environment Protection Act, the Council has a duty to keep the streets clear of litter.
<b>Finance and Value for Money</b>	There are no financial requests arising from the proposed policy.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	If action is not taken to improve to the cleanliness of the borough, then the local environment will be damaged; and so residents & visitors will have a negative view of the borough.
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	<i>A data protection impact assessment (DPIA) should be carried out at the start of any major project involving the use of personal data or if you are making a significant change to an existing process.</i>
	<p>a. Does the project/change being recommended through this paper involve the processing of <a href="#">personal data</a> or <a href="#">special category data</a> or <a href="#">criminal offence data</a>? A definition of each type of data can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website via the above links.</p>
	<p>b. If yes to question a, have you completed and attached a DPIA including Data Protection Officer advice? No.</p>
	<p>c. If no to question b, please seek advice from your nominated DPIA assessor or the Information Governance Team at <a href="mailto:gdpr@medway.gov.uk">gdpr@medway.gov.uk</a>. N/A.</p>
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>	<p>a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community? If yes, please explain answer. No.</p>
	<p>b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer. N/A.</p>
	<i>In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above</i>
<b>Corporate Plan</b>	#1 People: To create clean, welcoming neighbourhoods and parks, and delivering projects and initiatives to further increase recycling.
<b>Climate Change</b>	Under Objective #1 (cleaner environment) a pledge has been made to increase recycling in Gravesham.
<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	A clean environment helps to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.
<b>Digital and website implications</b>	There are no implications.
<b>Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults</b>	There are no implications.