

 <p>CITY OF YORK COUNCIL</p>		

**Decision Session - Cabinet Member for
Communities and Neighbourhoods**

15th May 2012

Report of the Assistant Director (Culture, leisure and Public Realm)

Review of City Centre Litter Bins

Summary

1. This report details the proposed number and locations of bins to be removed and or replaced and the options for their replacements. A decision is required on the number of bins to be removed and a reduction in the options for replacements.

Background

2. There are currently 100 litter bins within the city centre foot streets and some of the adjoining areas, these are made up from five different types and many of these are in need of replacement or refurbishment. The opportunity exists to reduce the overall number of litter bins provided and to standardise the style of bins down to two, which would then be used within the Reinvigorate York Design Manual. This would link well with the de-cluttering of the streets initiative.
3. During a trial of a solar powered compactor bin in Kings Square in which we removed six standard bins, we saw no increase in litter levels and reduced the weekly empties of bins in the location from 105 to 14.
4. It was also noted that we removed a bin from the junction of Blake Street and St Leonards Place last year and there has been no significant increase in litter levels, also there are no bins along Stonegate, again with little evidence of litter.

Consultation

5. Reinvigorate York Design Group – Views on replacement and location of bins - unsurprisingly there was mixed opinion on the

type of bin to be used to replace the smaller bins, some favoured option 2 (annex 2), clarification is being sought on a few concerns that were expressed, although the concept of only 2 types of bin and reduced numbers were welcomed.

6. Sir Ron Cooke – York Civic Trust - Views on replacement and location of bins - Sir Ron was very enthusiastic about the new solar powered bin due to its potential to reduce the number of bins on our streets and favoured option 1 for the smaller bin option (annex 3).
7. Front Line Staff - Views on replacement and location of bins – The solar powered bin was seen as a great success and option 2 was favoured for the smaller bins from both the look and serviceability point of view.
8. York Minster – The minster are looking at options for replacement of litter bins in the minster gardens and adjacent locations, and are interested in procuring bins that compliment ours in design.

Options:

9. Option 1 – Maintain the current number of bins.
10. Option 2 – Reduce the number of bins to 53 by:
 - Removing 60 old bins
 - Replacing the remaining 40 bins with new smaller bins
 - Installing 13 solar powered bins

Please refer to Annex 1 for details of locations.

Analysis

11. **Option 1** –
 - Advantages – none.
 - Disadvantages:
 - Budget pressures regarding replacements in future years
 - Poor cleanliness standards at peak times

12. Option 2 –

Advantages:

- Reduced budget pressures in future years.
- Improved cleanliness standards at peak times.
- Reduced street clutter.
- Have a minimum number of choices of bins for future years.
- We can use the bins removed from the city centre in our outer areas.
- We will be able to utilise mobile technology.

Council Plan

13. This will contribute to the Protect the Environment section of the council plan, by linking into the Public Realm Strategy and standards of future management.

Implications

14. **Financial** – The purchase and installation of the new bins will be met from the allocated one off budget of 75k, the cost of an annual service for the solar powered bins will be met from existing budgets, income could be generated in the future via the use of wifi links on the solar powered bins.
15. **Human Resources (HR)** – There are no HR implications.
16. **Equalities** – There are no equality implications.
17. **Legal** – There are no legal implications.
18. **Crime and Disorder** – There are no Crime and Disorder Implications.
19. **Information Technology (IT)** – There will be scope for use of Wi Fi from the Solar Bins and link to our mobile working technology.
20. **Property** – There are no property implications.
21. **Other** – There are no other implications.

Risk Management

22. There are no known risks.

Recommendation

23. The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve:

Option 2 – Reduce the number of bins to 53 by:

- 1) Removing 60 old bins.
- 2) Replacing the remaining 40 bins with new smaller bins.
- 3) Installing 13 solar powered bins.

Reason:

To improve the appearance and maintenance of the public realm and set the standards for future provision of city centre bins.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s): None				
Wards Affected: Micklegate, Guildhall				All
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Background Papers:

Annexes

Annex 1 – Location Details.

Annex 2 – Bin Option 1

Annex 3 – Bin Option 2