
MEETING	DECISION SESSION - CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
DATE	4 DECEMBER 2012
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS LEVENE (CABINET MEMBER)

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

At this point in the meeting the Cabinet Member were asked to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests he may have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last Decision Session held on 7th August 2012 be approved and signed by the Cabinet Member as a correct record.

7. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - DECISION SESSION**

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

8. **PETITIONS REQUESTING THE REINSTATEMENT OF LITTER BINS.**

The Cabinet Member for Environmental Services considered a report which responded to two petitions received at Council on 11 October 2012.

The petitions related to the following:

- a. From 561 residents of Dunnington: "We the undersigned ask City of York Council to replace some of the litter bins removed from Dunnington Village". Some of the petitioners refer specifically to bins removed from: The Children's Activity Park, the bus stop on York Street, and the corner of Eastfield Lane and Church Balk.

- b. From 1,530 residents in Fulford, Huntington and New Earswick: “We believe that removing 349 litter and dog bins is a false economy that will only lead to more litter and support the Liberal Democrat campaign to restore the bins removed from York”

Officers outlined the report and advised that the bins were removed due to budget savings. An exercise had been undertaken by the team that services them to identify bins that were underused, misused or wrongly located.

The Cabinet Member commented that it isn't financially possible to reinstate all bins as the 40k of savings need to be made. He advised that he approved Option A as detailed in the report and that Officers are willing to continue work with residents, ward members and parish councils to consider any requests for changes and implement if the budget permits.

Officers confirmed that they would respond to a written representation received from Councillor Brooks regarding the litter bin removed from outside the children's play area at Dunnington.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That Option A be approved and the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services will continue to listen to the views of members, residents and local businesses and implement changes where appropriate, at the same time being aware of budgetary restrictions, and using the Smarter York objectives.
 - (ii) That the Cabinet Member noted the receipt of the petitions.
 - (iii) That the work undertaken with communities as set out in paragraphs 6 and 7 was noted.

REASON: In response to the petitions received.

Councillor Levene, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.05 pm].