

**Notice of a public meeting of
Decision Session - Cabinet Member for Environmental Services**

To: Councillor Levene (Cabinet Member)

Date: Tuesday, 4 December 2012

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall, York

AGENDA

Notice to Members - Calling In:

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in any item on this agenda, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group by:

4.00pm on Thursday 6th December 2012 if an item is called in after a decision has been taken.

Items called in will be considered by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee.

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, Members are asked to declare:

- any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests
- any prejudicial interests or
- any disclosable pecuniary interests

which they may have in respect of business on this agenda.

- 2. Minutes** (Pages 3 - 4)
To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7th August 2012.

3. Public Participation - Decision Session

At this point in the meeting, members of the public who have registered their wish to speak at the meeting can do so. The deadline for registering is **5:00 pm on Monday 3rd December 2012.**

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Any written representations should be with the Democracy Officer by 5pm on Friday 30th November 2012.

4. Petitions Requesting the Reinstatement of Litter Bins. (Pages 5 - 10)

This report responds to two petitions received at Council on 11 October 2012 regarding the reinstatement of litter bins.

5. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Cabinet Member considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

MEETING	DECISION SESSION - CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
DATE	7 AUGUST 2012
PRESENT	COUNCILLOR LEVENE (CABINET MEMBER)
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last Decision Session held on 15 May be signed and approved by the Cabinet Member as a correct record.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - DECISION SESSION

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

Written representations had been received prior to the meeting, and had been attached to the online version of the agenda. Officers confirmed they had responded directly to the individuals concerned.

4. PETITION FOR ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING AT HOLLY TREE CROFT, DUNNINGTON.

The Cabinet member considered a report which informed him of a petition presented by Cllr Brooks on behalf of Dunnington residents. The petition asked for an extra street light to be placed in the snicket located at the bottom of Holly Tree Croft.

Officers outlined the report and advised that following investigation by street lighting engineers, the snicket was not considered suitable for a street light.

The Cabinet Member noted the contents of the report and the officers comments and acknowledged residents concerns about the snicket. However, due to budget pressures, mobility issues and low crime rates in the area, he was unable to grant the request at present.

Officers confirmed that they would be willing to work alongside the Parish Council to design a suitable scheme for the snicket if they wished to fund it.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Cabinet Member chose Option 2 to leave the snicket as it is.
 - (ii) That the Cabinet Member instructs officers to work with the Parish Council to design a scheme that addresses accessibility concerns, should the Parish wish to fund such a scheme.

- REASON:
- (i) The street light would cause an obstruction to those with limited mobility. There are low crime rates in the area and currently no budgets for additional street lighting.
 - (ii) To provide the street light without presenting an obstruction if the Parish Council considers it a local priority.

Councillor Levene, Chair

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



Decision Session
Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

4 December, 2012

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

Petitions requesting the reinstatement of litter bins

Summary

1. This report responds to two petitions received at Council on 11 October 2012:
 - 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”
2. Council referred the petitions to the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services.

Background

3. During June 2012 approximately 320 litter bins were removed from service across the city; this was part of the implementation of a saving agreed in the 12/13 budget setting by Budget Council.
4. The bins removed were identified by the team responsible for servicing them; there were three criteria used :
 - Bin was being misused (e.g. for commercial or household waste)
 - Bin was under used

- Bin was wrongly located

Consultation

5. Where members, residents or local businesses felt that a particular bin should not have been removed we have worked with them to agree reinstatement or relocation where possible. This has resulted in the reinstatement of 12 bins and the relocation of 17 others across 14 wards (see annex).
6. This work continues to take place and ongoing talks with the Dunnington in Bloom group and the Parish Council have led to us to agreement that the replacement of one of the bins in Dunnington will be sufficient to meet their needs.
7. Furthermore, as part of the Smarter York initiative we have also donated 2 of the bins removed in June to the sports club at Dunnington to assist them with keeping their local area tidy. We have provided the bins free of charge and the sports club along with their members are servicing them.

Options

8. The Cabinet could:
 - a. 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.
 - b. Restore all the bins as suggested by the second petition.

Analysis

9. By agreeing to option a. budget savings will be delivered as agreed and local needs will be met. This option is recommended.

Council Plan

10. Through the proposed measures we will support the following areas of the Council Plan:
 - Build Stronger Communities – by talking to and listening to views.
 - Protect the Environment – maintaining a level of service required for each local area.

11. We will also continue to use the Smarter York initiative as a driver for change and improvement in services.

Implications

12. **Financial:** A saving of £40k was delivered in 2012/13 through the reduction in the number of litter bins.
13. There are no Human Resources, Equality, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT, or Property implications.

Risk Management

14. There are no known risks.

Recommendations

15. The Cabinet Member is recommended to:
 - i. Note the receipt of the petitions
 - ii. Note the work undertaken with communities as set out in paragraphs 6 and 7

REASON: In response to petitions received.

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**Report
Approved**

Date 22 Nov 12

Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Annex – List of Reinstatements & Relocations

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All Actions Taken Up To 17/08/12 Following Feedback On Litter / Dog Bins

No	LOCATION	TASK	Done	Bin Resited	Bin Reinstalled
Acomb	Beckfield Ln O/S 227 -	Move bin to O/S Gren Tree pub	Y	1	
Acomb	Viking Rd Play Area	Move bin to inside the play area	Y	1	
Acomb	Boroughbridge Rd/Plantation Dr	Move bin from junc of Cranbrook/Boroughbridge Rd	Y	1	
Acomb	Beckfield Ln - O/S 275	Replace bin near bus stop	Y		1
Clifton	Grosvenor Terr	Replace a bin near Entrance A to football ground	Y		1
Clifton	Wiggington Rd	Check bins opp hospital	Y	1	
Clifton	Bootham	Move from Bingo to between Churchhills & Hospital ent	Y	1	
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe	St Helens Rd	Replace bin at bus stop opp Cross Keys	Y		1
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe	Tad Rd - Old Moor Ln	Move bin from near Horseshoe to Old Moor Ln bus stop	Y	1	
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe	Tad Rd - Pulleyn Drive	Replave bin at bus stop	Y		1
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe	Eason View	Move from Bus stop at Chaleners Rd End	Y	1	
Fishergate	Cemetery Rd Play area	Replace bin	Y		1
Fishergate	New walk	Concrete in the bin near allotments	Y		1
Fulford	Fulford Main St	Replace bin near Sir John Hunt Homes	Y		1
Fulford	Main St Fulford - near shops	replace bin	Y	1	
Guildhall	Monkgate	Move bin from O/S 73 to near church	Y	1	
Heworth Without	Monk Stray	Move bin from near bench to Monk Ave /Height barrier	Y	1	
Holgate	O/S 156 Poppleton Rd	Replace bin near shops	Y	1	
Huntington & NE	O/S 374 Huntington Rdo	Replace bin	Y	1	
Micklegate	Southbank	Place a bin at school entrance near Philadelphia Terr	Y		1
Micklegate	Bish Rd Shops	Move bin back from costcutters to chippy	Y	1	
Micklegate	Scarcroft Rd	Replace bin near green	Y		1
Osbalwick	Osbalwick Village	Replace litter bin	Y	1	
Skelton, Rawcliffe & CWO	Skelton - Sycamore close	Install a dog bin	Y		1
Skelton, Rawcliffe & CWO	Rivelin Way	Replace litter bin	Y		1
Skelton, Rawcliffe & CWO	Skelton - A19 Bus Stop	Liiter bin	Y		Y
Strensall	Stockton on Forest	replac bin in play area	Y	1	
Westfield	Askham Ln	replace litter bin	Y	1	
Westfield	Acomb Green	move and reinstate a bin	Y	1	1
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