



Report to: Environment Committee, 7th June 2022

Report of: Corporate Director - Operations, Homes and Communities

Subject: PUBLIC BIN INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – UPDATE REPORT

1. Recommendation

1.1 That Committee notes the content of the report, and in particular the completion of Phase One and commencement of Phase Two

2. Background

- 2.1 A scheme to improve the public bin infrastructure across the City was developed following a review into the management and delivery of Street Scene services.
- 2.2 A report was presented to this Committee on 26th January 2021 proposing improvements to the current provision of litter bins across the city, including the introduction of more public recycling bins in high footfall areas. The Committee resolved that officers would work with Members and produce Ward level action plans.
- 2.3 At its meeting of 8th June 2021, the Policy and Resources Committee approved the allocation of £75,000 from the 2020/21 surplus (City Delivery Fund) for enhanced public waste collection services including Saturday Skips and increases in bins and collections. It was identified that £48,000 of this was required for bins and collection improvements which would allow specific locations to be improved and for additional locations to be added (Phase One) to resolve immediate problems.
- 2.4 Following an initial analysis of Ward litter bin needs, the costs associated with Phase One were identified as £80,000 and it was agreed with the Chair of the Committee that £32,000 be re-allocated from other Environmental Operations elements of the Fund to enable ordering of equipment and planning to commence.
- 2.5 Phase One of the scheme considered, consolidation of multiple bins at a wide range of locations, with an increase in capacity, and the introduction of additional bins to new locations.
- 2.6 Ward Member consultation commenced in August 2021. This consultation sought agreement from Members to agree the public bin improvements required immediately for Phase One, and those to be carried out as Phase Two from April 2022 onwards.
- 2.7 Following consultation and confirmation of bin quantities for Phase One, the original allocation was increased from £75,000 to £80,000, the full amount to be allocated to the Capital Programme for 2021-22 and approved at a meeting of this

Committee on 2 November 2021. This enabled £80,000 of the City Delivery Fund to be released back into use for revenue projects.

2.8 Phase Two involves improving the bin stock further through the introduction of new litter and recycling bins in additional locations, providing more capacity across the City. In addition, Premier Parks bins which required refurbishment and re-branding were also included as part of Phase Two. An allocation of £323,000 was added to the Capital Programme for 2022-23 and was approved at Council on 22nd February 2022.

3. Information

3.1 For Phase One, 78 new concrete foundations and 126 new bin cabinets were installed between October 2021 and March 2022. The work was undertaken by the Council's in-house Minor Works Team. The total cost for completing Phase One was £71,970 against a budget of £80,000.

3.2 For Phase Two, planning commenced in February 2022 to produce the work programme for the installation across the City of:

- 136 concrete bin foundations
- Supply and fitting of 411 black bin cabinets for litter
- Supply and fitting of 104 green bin cabinets for recycling
- Installation of 52 refurbished and 19 new litter bins in parks

3.3 Learning as part of phase 1 has resulted in new bin cabinets now incorporating a higher specification glue for the logos and branding and will also include internal deflector plates to stop waste falling down the sides in between the wheelie bin and the cabinet.

3.4 The Council's Minor Works Team are undertaking the project and commenced the bin foundation work for phase 2 in May.

3.5 Procurement of bin cabinets has commenced with a planned delivery date set for July 2022.

3.6 Members will be notified as to when the work will commence in their wards.

3.7 Further public communications will be carried out before the Phase Two bin cabinets are installed. The details will be developed with the Council's Communications Team but will include schools and other educational establishments.

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