



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Report of Councillor Rhys Baker
Cabinet Member for Environment and
Waste

Communal Bins Update

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Purpose of Report

This report provides the Committee with progress update on the work the Waste Team is undertaking to address the issues around communal bin stores.

Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1. Note the actions currently being undertaken to improve the issues around communal bin stores.**

Decision Information

Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?	No
What are the relevant corporate priorities?	Sustainable South Kesteven
Which wards are impacted?	All Wards

1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance and Procurement

- 1.1 The financial implications of carrying out this work has been absorbed into the established operational budgets. Should further targeted intervention be required then additional funding may be needed, and this would require a separate business case to be considered.

Completed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 There are no significant legal or governance implications arising from the report.

Completed by: Graham Watts, Monitoring Officer

Community Safety

- 1.3 The Community Safety team are working closely with the Waste and Street Cleansing teams to ensure this project is delivered successfully.

Completed by: Ayeisha Kirkham, Head of Service (Public Protection)

2. Background to the Report

- 2.1. Over the last 12 months there have been several changes to the waste and recycling services provided by the Council. These changes include the introduction of a paper and card collection and the introduction of a battery collection.
- 2.2. The changes to collections caused by the switch to twin stream recycling highlighted some issues with communal bins and the collection of the waste from these sites.
- 2.3. The issue with communal bins and bin stores extends beyond the boundaries of the district and the same issues experienced by our residents are also experienced nationally. Due to the lack of ownership within commercial bin stores, residents are more likely misuse the waste facilities.
- 2.4. The main issues experienced in the districts communal waste stores are:
- Lack of bin capacity – not enough bins per waste stream for the number of residents,
 - Improper use of bins – residents putting their waste in the wrong bins and contaminating the recycling bins,
 - Attracting fly tipping – the bin stores are unmonitored and therefore both residents and non-residents used the space to dispose of large household items including sofas and beds, and
 - Confusion around collection schedules, especially if residents use bags.
- 2.5. The key locations were collated and bespoke action plans agreed for each area. The plans included a multi-team approach which included Waste, Street Scene and Environmental Health and Community Safety. Table 1 shows the key locations that were identified and outlines the high-level actions undertaken to improve the situation.

Table 1: Key areas of concern and high-level actions agreed for improvement

Area	Actions
Churchfield Close, Bourne	Educational materials produced for bin store areas, recycling and paper and card bins have been delivered, monitoring in place
The Grange, Greyfriars, Grantham	Adjustment to general waste and recycling provision, continued monitoring of storage areas in partnership with housing

Great Northern Court, Grantham	Communal bins removed from archway, adjustment to general waste/recycling provision, educational materials sent in partnership with housing, larger capacity bins (660L) to be delivered
Agnes Street, Riverside Place, Grantham	Full clearance of non-recyclable waste, additional 1100L general waste delivered to decrease amount of mispresented waste stored outside of containers
New Beacon Road, Grantham	Full clearance of fly tipped items and waste loading, educational materials sent to residents
Blashfields, Riverside Stamford	Engagement with management company, 240L bins exchanged for 1100L wheelie bins, educational posters supplied for bin store areas
New Street, Grantham	Full clearance of fly tipped and additional waste, additional general waste bins provided
Kinoulton Court, Larch Close, Sycamore Court, Hawthorn Court, Chestnut Grove, Grantham	Action plan for exchanging 240L containers for larger capacity bins (660L and 1100L) in communal areas that have the access to facilitate

3. Key Considerations

- 3.1. The current actions have been undertaken using established resources and revenue funds. The actions have reduced the issues and enabled better waste services within the affected areas.
- 3.2. If additional work is required, a project plan and business case will be required to ascertain the feasibility of the project. Whilst there is established good practice within this area, it is resource intensive, and the project would require a bespoke plan and financial consideration.

4. Other Options Considered

- 4.1. This paper provides an update on the current communal bins programme and no other options are being considered at this time.

5. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 5.1. This report highlights the work being undertaken to improve the issues with communal bins throughout the district. Members are recommended to note the work being undertaken.

