

## READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

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| TO:              | HOUSING, NEIGHBOURHOODS & LEISURE COMMITTEE                                    |              |  |
| DATE:            | 8 JULY 2014  | AGENDA ITEM: | 12   |
| TITLE:           | PETITION REQUESTING A COMMUNAL BIN AT AMITY STREET AND CHOLMELEY ROAD - UPDATE |              |  |
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#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the HNL Committee the results of a review of the petition from residents living in part of Amity Street and Cholmeley Road requesting a communal bin.
- 1.2 It was agreed at HNL Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 that the issues raised within this petition were to be fully investigated and a future report is to be submitted to the HNL Committee for consideration.
- 1.3 Attached as Appendix 1 is a location plan.
- 1.4 Attached as Appendix 2 are two photographs showing Amity Street and the relevant section of Cholmeley Road.

#### 2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That an informal consultation exercise is carried out for residents in Amity Street and residents in Cholmeley Road in close proximity to Amity Street. Results of the consultation will be reported to a future meeting of the committee.
- 2.3 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

### **3. POLICY CONTEXT**

- 3.1 The provision of waste collections is specified within Environmental Protection Act 1990.

### **4. THE PROPOSAL**

- 4.1 The properties at 83 to 101 Cholmeley Road and 22 to 34 Amity Street front directly onto the street, consequently, residents are not able to store wheelie bins at the front of their properties.
- 4.2 Residents present their residual waste in sacks on the pavement for weekly collection on a designated collection day. Recycling is collected in boxes which are presented once a fortnight on a designated collection day.
- 4.3 The sacks can cause an obstruction for pedestrians as well as having the potential to be split open and their contents spilt over the pavement and highway.
- 4.4 It is proposed to introduce 2 x 1100 litre residual waste bins which will be permanently located in the highway for residents to use. The bins will be secured so that they cannot be moved and will be emptied weekly. The proposed location of the bins is shown in Appendix 1. The location has been agreed by highways officers.
- 4.5 Provision has also been included for the siting of a trade waste 1100 litre bin from the commercial premises at 101 Cholmeley Road on the highway, should the business wish to do so.
- 4.6 Recycling will continue to be collected fortnightly in recycling boxes.
- 4.7 It is proposed to undertake an informal consultation of all residents in Amity Street and of those residents in Cholmeley Road whose properties are in close proximity to Amity Street.
- 4.8 The results of the consultation will be reported to a future meeting of the committee for consideration.

### **5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS**

- 5.1 To enhance and maintain our natural and urban assets, making Reading an attractive place to be, while tackling the causes and impact of climate change.

### **6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION**

- 6.1 The lead petitioner will be informed of the findings of the HNL Committee.

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 None arising from this report.

## **8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

8.1 In addition to the Human Rights Act 1998 the Council is required to comply with the Equalities Act 2010. Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010 requires the Council to have due regard to the need to:-

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

8.2 An equality impact assessment has been carried out.

## **9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 The cost of installing the posts to secure the bins will be £1000.

9.2 The cost of the 2 x 1100 litre bins will be £600 in total.

## **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1 None.