

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	HOUSING, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE		
DATE:	15 NOVEMBER 2017	AGENDA ITEM:	3
TITLE:	AMITY ROAD - ON STREET WASTE BINS - PETITION		
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1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF REPORT

- 1.1 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. Residents previously presented their residual waste in sacks on the pavement for weekly collection on a designated collection day.
- 1.2 Following the receipt of a petition from residents and an informal consultation an on-street 1100l bin scheme was designed and installed in 2015. The bins are collected weekly.
- 1.3 A second petition of 22 signatures has been received requesting that the bins be removed and that the previous sack collection is reinstated because of concerns over smells, vermin and fly-tipping.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Members note the receipt of the petition.
- 2.2 That an informal consultation is carried out by officers of residents in 22 -34 Amity Street and the section of Cholmeley Road between numbers 83 and 101 asking residents whether they want to retain the current on-street bin or to return to a weekly sack collection.
- 2.3 That the results of the informal consultation are reported to a future meeting of the Committee.
- 2.4 That the lead petitioner be informed.

### 3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The receipt of a second petition, this time requesting that the communal bin be removed is indicative of differing views amongst the residents affected by this issue. It is proposed that Officers conduct another informal consultation with residents including an opportunity to discuss the issue face to face, in order to gain a more comprehensive view of the problem and what the majority of residents want.
- 3.2 The results will then be reported to the HNL Committee meeting in March for a decision as to whether to remove the bins and return to a sack collection.

### 4. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 4.1 The waste collection service contributes to the council's Corporate Plan 2016 -2019 objective of 'Keeping the Town Clean, Safe, Green and Active'.

### 5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

- 5.1 The proposal will be subject to an informal consultation with residents of Amity Street and 83-101 Cholmeley Rd.

### 6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Council has duties under various UK and EU legislation to deliver waste collection and disposal services, principally the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the revised EU waste framework directive 2008.

### 7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 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.

- 7.2 An equality impact assessment is not required at this stage.

### 8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 None for this report.

### 9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 Corporate Plan  
9.2 HNL Committee July 2015  
9.3 HNL Committee November 2015