

## Development of the Bin Strategy for Green Spaces - (Peter Joyce – Green Spaces Manager)

### Synopsis of report:

To advise on progress made with consultation in relation to the bin strategy.

### For information only

- (i) To note progress in relation to consultation on the bin strategy in accordance with a request under Standing Order 27.4 (d); and
- (ii) To note that following a consultation a bin strategy report will be brought to Environmental and Sustainability Committee for approval in September 2023; and
- (iii) To note that the approved strategy will be brought to the next Englefield Green committee in September. Any implications for Englefield Green will be included in that report including fox proofing.

## 1. Background

- 1.1. The report is to advise the Committee on progress with the implementation of the bin strategy and arrangements for public consultation.

## 2. Report

- 2.1 It has been requested under Standing Order 27.4 (d) that a report be tabled to this committee outlining measures taken to consult on the bin strategy for the Borough's green spaces. At its last meeting the Environment and Sustainability Committee was advised by officers that there were currently no litter recycling bins. Officers proposed to pilot the installation of dual waste and recycling bins with clear recycling messaging at Runnymede Pleasure Grounds and Chertsey Recreation Grounds. The pilot would run for one year and if the new waste/recycling bins, along with clear messaging was successful, similar dual bins would be rolled out to other locations in the Borough. Members were supportive of this pilot approach.
- 2.2 In addition, Officers were proposing to introduce a new litter bin strategy including a long term programmed removal of separate dog waste bins across the Borough as dog waste could be safely disposed of in a standard waste bin since 2015. The proposed new litter bin strategy is detailed in appendix A
- 2.3 Members resolved to:
  - a. Approve a pilot scheme introducing recycled waste bins at Runnymede Pleasure Grounds and Chertsey Recreation Ground; and
  - b. Approve a public consultation in accordance with Annex 4 of the Consultation for the proposed new litter bin strategy.

2.4 The consultation period ran for four weeks and closed on Tuesday 6 June. In the region of 70 responses were received. Comments will be reviewed by the Corporate Head of Environmental Services, the Direct Services Organisation Manager, the Communications and Engagement Manager, and the Street Scene Supervisor.

### **3. Policy framework implications**

3.1 Maintaining Englefield Green and offering a clean and welcoming open space is in accordance with the Boroughs Corporate Business Plan.

### **4. Resource implications/Value for Money**

4.1 Better utilisation of dual bins will result in greater cost effectiveness in future if the recommendations are approved. Promoting the availability of litter bins to also be used for the disposal of dog waste will increase the availability and capacity of bins for dog walkers.

### **5. Legal implications**

5.1 None.

### **6. Equality implications**

6.1. None.

### **7. Environmental/Sustainability/Biodiversity implications**

7.1 A more attractive environment can be maintained for local residents and users of the Green.

### **8. Timetable for implementation**

8.1 The results of the consultation will be taken back to the Environment and Sustainability Committee with Officer recommendations on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The Englefield Green Committee will be updated following consideration by the Environment and Sustainability Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

### **9. Conclusions**

9.1 The Committee are requested to note progress on bin strategy consultation.