

# SCRUTINY

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**REPORT OF: LITTER BINS TASK AND FINISH GROUP**

**REPORT TO: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**DATE: 7 February 2007**

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**1. Purpose of the Report**

To ask the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee to approve the final report of the Litter Bins Task and Finish Group.

**2. General Information**

The Task and Finish Group met on 11 October and agreed the final report at a meeting on 9 January 2006.

**3. Introduction**

The objective of this Task and Finish Group was

- a) To determine the criteria for the provision of litter bins
- b) To determine the most appropriate type of provision
- c) To identify means of encouraging local businesses to take responsibility for litter generated as a result of their activities

The Council had an existing database of all the litter bins in the Borough and therefore rather than duplicate any work, it was agreed to use this information to undertake the survey.

All ward Members were asked to participate in this project and examine litter bins within their own wards. Out of the 14 wards, 11 were surveyed.

It was agreed that the current budget allocation of £5,000 was inadequate to respond to demand or repairs and maintenance of litter bins.

It was agreed by the Task and Finish Group that there was a need for a detailed operational review of litter bins within the Borough and that an achievable and sustainable Litter Bins Policy be developed.

The Group also acknowledged the hard work of the Street Cleansing Operatives (litter pickers) within the Borough.

#### **4. Recommendation**

1. That the Committee approve the report.
2. That the report be submitted to Cabinet for approval.
3. That the Chair of the Task and Finish Group meet with the relevant Officers to discuss the report in more detail.