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**Meeting:** Recreation, Amenities and Environment, Item RAE4.7

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**Subject:** Requests for additional bins in the town

## 1.0 Purpose of report

- 1.1 For Councillors to consider requests for additional bins around the town and to reinstate the damaged bin at Kidd's Lane/Victoria Grove.
- 1.2 For Councillors to consider a request for a grit bin to be installed, and grit to be provided, by the Town Council on an on-going basis.

## 2.0 Background Information

### Dog/Litter Bins

- 2.1 The office has received requests for bins in the following locations:
  - Dog waste bin on junction of Compton Road/Middleton Lane;
  - Litter bin on The Batch at entrance to Edenbridge Lane;
  - Dog waste bin at Martin's Lane/Charlton Trading Estate;
  - Dog waste bin at Hanover Close, Shaftgate Avenue - swimming pool side (there is already a dog waste bin on the other side of the grass towards Coombe View);
  - Dog waste bin at West Shepton Playing Fields (this is up a narrow lane so may not be feasible for access for servicing);
  - Kidd's Lane/Victoria Grove - The replacement dog waste bin for the previous one which had been hit by a vehicle has also been damaged beyond repair, this is despite its position being changed to hopefully prevent this issue.
- 2.2 It will be necessary for the office to obtain the relevant landowner permissions and agree with the contractors that the bins will be in a suitable location to be emptied.

### Grit/Salt Bin

- 2.3 There was a grit/salt bin located on the junction of Castle Court and Westway Lane but this has been removed and not replaced. This bin was never on the list of Town Council owned bins and had never been part of the service provided by the County as it was on an unadopted road.
- 2.4 The office has now received a request to replace the bin but this would mean that Town Council would have to provide the grit/salt. To fill the bin would take approximately 10 bags and would need possibly topping up throughout the winter depending upon the weather conditions.

### **3.0 Financial Implications**

- 3.1 Where appropriate, it is beneficial to have a combined litter/dog waste bin.
- 3.2 A litter/dog waste bin cost is £452 and the cost of a dog waste bin is £239.
- 3.3 The cost of a grit bin is £149 and the cost of a bag of grit/salt is approximately £5.00.

### **4.0 Environmental Implications**

- 4.1 To ensure the town is clean and more welcoming.

### **5.0 Recommendations**

- 5.1 For councillors to decide if they wish to agree to the requests.