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OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Approve the proposed changes to bin provision, resulting in a revised total of 54 bins, together with the installation of additional dog waste bins and bag dispensers at the locations outlined in this report.**

1. Purpose

1. To provide Members with an update on Welshpool Town Council's role as a litter authority, including current litter bin provision across Council-managed sites, waste disposal activity, and to seek approval for a number of operational changes to improve efficiency and support the Council's commitment to increasing dog waste facilities.

2. Background

1. Welshpool Town Council is designated as a litter authority under the Litter Act 1983 and the Environmental Protection Act 1990. The Council has the power to provide litter bins within streets and public places and, once provided, must ensure that they are emptied and maintained frequently enough to prevent nuisance or reasonable grounds for complaint.
2. The Council is also registered as a Waste Carrier and arranges for the lawful disposal of waste collected through its operations.
3. The Council's Interim Strategic Plan includes a commitment to increase the provision of dog waste bins and dispensers, which has been reflected in the Council's forward budget planning.

3. Current Bins

1. The Town Council currently maintains and empties 56 bins across Welshpool. These bins are located primarily on Council-owned land and within Council-managed facilities and open spaces.
2. Operational staff typically empty public bins twice weekly (usually Mondays and Fridays). Internal building bins are emptied as required throughout the week.

3. Between April 2025 and February 2026, the Council disposed of 12.060 tonnes of waste from these bins.

4. Proposed Changes

1. Install a dog poo bag dispenser at the front of the Town Hall on Broad Street.
2. Install two dog poo bins with bag dispensers at the entrances to Maes y Dre Recreation Ground.
3. Install a dog poo bag dispenser at the gate entrance to Powis Castle Lower Park.
4. Convert the two litter bins at Near Belan and Far Belan to dog waste bins only due to persistent misuse for household waste disposal.
5. At Little Burgess, replace the two smaller litter bins with one larger bin and remove the existing larger bin located by the steps.
6. At Big Burgess, replace the two smaller litter bins with one larger bin, relocate the dog poo bin and dispenser to the former black bin location, and remove the bear bin.
7. At Welshpool Country Park, relocate one pink bin to the picnic bench area and remove one bin.
8. Install a dog poo bag dispenser at the Canal by Flash.
9. Install one new black litter bin and dog poo bag dispenser at the Canal by Hope House, subject to the formal consent of the Canal & River Trust.

5. Links to Strategic Objectives and Interim Strategic Plan

1. DO1 - Audit existing dog waste bins and identify priority locations for additional bins across parks, recreation grounds and key walking routes.
2. DO3 - Introduce new dog waste bins in under-served areas and ensure they are clearly signposted.

6. Resource & Legal Implications

1. The additional dog waste bins and dispensers are consistent with the Council's Interim Strategic Plan commitments and have been budgeted for in future budgets.
2. Under the Litter Act 1983, the Council has the power to provide litter bins but is not obliged to do so. Once bins are provided, the Council must ensure they are emptied and maintained at a sufficient frequency to prevent nuisance or complaints. The proposed changes do not affect the Council's ability to meet these obligations.

7. Specific Implications

1. **Crime and Disorder** - effective litter bin provision and regular waste collection help maintain clean and well-managed public spaces (Crime and Disorder Act 1998).
2. **Biodiversity** - ensuring appropriate bin provision and disposal arrangements supports the Council's duty to improve biodiversity (Environment (Wales) Act 2016).
3. **Well-being** - N/A (Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015).
4. **Risk Management** - N/A

8. Recommendation

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9. Decision

1. To resolve to adopt the recommendations as above.

List of current bins and proposed changes

Town Hall

- Current provision: 13 internal bins
- Proposal: Install a dog poo bag dispenser at the front of the Town Hall on Broad Street.

Welshpool Information Centre & Vicarage Gardens

- Current provision: 5 internal bins and 1 external bin on Vicarage Gardens
- Proposal: No changes.

Maes y Dre Recreation Ground

- Current provision: 11 bins throughout the grounds
- Proposal: Install 2 dog poo bins with bag dispensers at both entrances to the park.

Memorial Garden

- Current provision: 1 bin
- Proposal: No changes.

Scansis Pitch

- Current provision: 1 bin
- Proposal: No changes.

Powis Castle Lower Park

- Current provision: 3 bins (required to maintain as per licence)
- Proposal: Install dog poo bag dispenser at the gate entrance.

Near Belan (Canal)

- Current provision: 1 litter bin
- Proposal: Convert to dog waste bin only due to misuse for household waste.

Far Belan (Canal)

- Current provision: 1 litter bin
- Proposal: Convert to dog waste bin only due to misuse for household waste.

Dol y Felin

- Current provision: 2 bins
- Proposal: No changes.

Llanerchydol

- Current provision: 1 bin
- Proposal: No changes.

Little Burgess

- Current provision: 2 dog poo bins, 2 smaller litter bins, 1 larger litter bin by the steps

- Proposal: Replace the two smaller bins with one larger bin and remove the existing larger bin by the steps.

Big Burgess

- Current provision: 2 smaller litter bins, 1 dog poo bin and dispenser, 1 bear bin
- Proposal: Replace the two smaller bins with one larger bin, move the dog poo bin and dispenser to the former black bin location and remove the bear bin.

Welshpool Country Park

- Current provision: 3 pink bins, 1 dog poo bin and dispenser
- Proposal: Move 1 pink bin to the picnic bench area and remove 1 pink bin.

Canal by Flash

- Current provision: 1 black bin
- Proposal: Install dog poo bag dispenser.

Little Henfaes

- Current provision: 1 bear bin
- Proposal: No changes.

Canal by Hope House

- Current provision: No bins currently installed
- Proposal: Install 1 new black litter bin and dog poo bag dispenser, subject to formal consent from the Canal & River Trust.