

WEYMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

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LITTER AND DOG BIN POLICY

1. Introduction

The Council has no legal duty to provide litter and dog waste bins. However, we will provide bins as a means of controlling litter or dog waste problems as detailed in this Policy ¹.

2. Purpose of this Document

The purpose of this document is to detail how the Council will:

- Deal with requests for new bins
- Empty and maintain existing bins
- Replace existing bins

3. Requests for New Bins

- Weymouth Town Council will not place litter/dog/recycling bins on land that they do not own or leases from a third party. If a request is received to place a bin on land it does not own or leases from a third party, it will be declined.

4. Emptying and Maintaining Bins

Only those bins purchased and installed by Weymouth Town Council will be maintained and emptied. Bins will be emptied on such a frequency to prevent them overflowing. This will be based on their location and related to the intensity of use. The frequency will also vary according to the time of year and for special events. Monitoring will be undertaken to ensure that these frequencies are sufficient.

All bins will be maintained to a standard that is fit for purpose. When a bin is damaged or stolen, it will be replaced if the Council considers there is still a need for it in that particular area. If any bin suffers vandalism on a regular basis, total removal will be considered.

5. Replacing Existing Bins

The Council will aim to improve the effectiveness of individual bins through a programme of removal and replacement, using larger capacity bins where required or combining separate dog and litter bins into one. In support of the Council's recycling aims, we will also look at opportunities for locating combined litter and recycling bins where these would be most appropriate. We will continually monitor the usage of bins to determine their viability. Bins that are not used or used infrequently may be moved to an alternative location

¹ Environmental Protection Act 1990, s89 - landowners need to keep land clear of litter