

REPORT TO	King's Lynn Area Consultative Committee		
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REPORT SUMMARY

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To provide an update on the budget monitoring and outturn position on dog waste bins for the Committee of King's Lynn Special Expenses for the year 2018/2019.
KEY ISSUES: KEY ISSUES:
The terms of reference for the King's Lynn Area Consultative Committee (KLACC) describe one of its roles as acting as a consultative forum, on the funding raised by, and utilisation of the King's Lynn Special Expenses, and to offer input on priorities for this expenditure and if appropriate the level of funds to be raised.
RECOMMENDATIONS:
1. That the Committee consider the monitoring position and projected outturn of dog waste bins for 2018/2019 as detailed in the report.
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:
Making recommendations on the utilisation of Special Expenses for King's Lynn was with regards to the emptying of dog waste bins.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 One of the Terms of Reference of KLACC, is “to act as a consultative forum on the funding raised by, and utilisation of the King’s Lynn Special Expenses, and to offer input on priorities for this expenditure and if appropriate the level of funds to be raised.”
- 1.2 The Local Government Finance Act 1992 defines a Local Authority’s Special Expenses. It states that Special Expenses are any expenses incurred by the authority in performing in a part of its area, a function performed elsewhere by a Parish Council.
- 1.3 Special Expenses are currently charged for the provision and emptying of dog waste bins, this includes West Lynn which is unparished.
- 1.4 Parish and Town (Hunstanton and Downham Market) Councils are responsible for the provision and installation of dog waste bins within the parished / town areas and also pay the Borough Council for the emptying of said bins.
- 1.5 The provision and installation of dog waste within King’s Lynn and West Lynn are charged to Special Expenses.
- 1.5 The total cost of Special Expenses is met by the Council tax payers of King’s Lynn. The annual charge to residents is made through an addition to the Council tax bill. The Charge for 2018/2019 for this service is £12,140

2. Current Position

- 2.1 In total there are 775 dog waste bins located throughout the borough of which 128 located throughout King’s Lynn & West Lynn and each area has the following number of bins:

Kings Lynn, Lynnsport & The Walks:	45
North Lynn:	16
Gaywood, Reffley & Spring Wood:	28
South & West Lynn:	24
Fairstead:	15

- 2.2 The bins are emptied either once or twice per week (33 bins are emptied on twice weekly basis) based upon usage levels and equates to a total of 161 empties
- 2.3 These are charged to Special Expenses at £1.48net per bin per empty (total £12,390pa), although there may some ad-hoc service requests from members of the public for additional empties, which are dealt on an as and when basis.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1. There is currently a projected budget of £12,400 for 2018/19 to Special Expenses for the emptying of Dog Waste Bins within King’s Lynn.
- 3.2 At present there is no provision within Special Expenses for the supply and installation of dog waste bins and this cost is met from present revenue budgets.