

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	9 February 2016
Title:	Cuttle Brook Nature Reserve
Contact Officer:	Janine Howells, Asset Manager

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the installation of three additional litter bins at Cuttle Brook Nature Reserve.

Background

2. The area is well used by visitors to the nature reserve and school pupils during break times and walking to and from school.
3. There are a number of areas where litter is a problem and this seems to be where young people gather and socialise.
4. The Cuttle Brook Conservation Volunteers (CBCV) regularly litter pick through the nature reserve and have highlighted a number of locations that would benefit from the placement of a litter bin.
5. There is a litter bin within the 'Family Area' where picnic benches are provided and litter bins are located on two exits into Southern Road Recreation Ground.
6. A concrete litter bin was vandalised and not replaced some years ago at an exit onto Spring Path.

Resource Appraisal

7. The cost of three litter bins including ground fixings is approx. £1,400. The Maintenance Team would install the litter bins on concrete bases at the agreed locations.
8. The litter bins are made of polyboard slats riveted to steel frames. The polyboards are made from ecologically sound recycled waste plastics which are durable, water resistant and rot free. The litter bins are also closed top which reduces the risk of the rubbish being blown out, or removed by birds.
9. The CBCV will undertake the emptying of the litter bins on a weekly basis. The bin emptying frequency may need to increase during the summer months and this will be monitored by the CBCV.
10. The Maintenance Team will collect all bin bags from the CBCV litter picks and bin emptying from the Oxford Road entrance and Southern Road Recreation Ground as per existing arrangement.



The Street Master 'Flint' Litter Bin

11. The Council will provide bin bags to the CBCV to utilise within the litter bins. No additional budget for the supply of bin bags will be required as a maintenance budget is provided within 201 – Cuttle Brook.

Risk Assessment

12. The litter bins can be used to dispose of both litter and bagged dog waste. Signs informing the public of this will be fitted to each bin.

Legal Powers: Litter Act 1983 ss 5 and 6

Recommendation:

- i) To consider the purchase of litter bins for Cuttle Brook Nature Reserve.*
- ii) Recommend to Full Council, if supported that £1,400 be released from the Rolling Capital Fund to purchase the litter bins.*