

Update on Todmorden Street Cleaning for 18 March 2020 Development Committee

1. Recycling Bins – The Assistant Town Clerk enquired about the possibility of extra recycling bins for the town. The Street Cleaning Team manager said that, unfortunately, this will not be possible. There is one dedicated recycling lorry used by the Street Cleaning Team and it collects from the whole of Calderdale over the space of a week. There is no capacity to extend the round by adding additional recycling bins.

The existing recycling bin near the Community College is being relocated over the road, near to the bus station, at the request of Cllr. Needham.

2. Additional Bins/Dog Waste Bins – A request for 8 additional bins was requested from Safer, Cleaner, Greener at the request of Cllr. Needham. The manager of the Street Cleaning Team has offered to do a walk round with Cllr. Needham and the Assistant Town Clerk in the next few weeks. It is unlikely that this number of bins will be provided by Calderdale and there is also the issue of enlarging the cleaners' round.

3. Removal of Weeds Around the Town Hall and Centre of Town - The Assistant Town Clerk asked the Manager of the Street Cleaning Team to see if the weeds could be treated with weed killer over the next month. Unfortunately, this is not possible as this is not the active growing season.

4. Overflowing Biffa Bin at Todmorden Bus Station - The Biffa bin was supplied for the waste from the drivers' mess room, but unfortunately other people had been using it and it was overflowing sometimes. First Group has investigated this, and the bin has been moved to the depot and the cleaner takes the waste there.

5. Cleaning at Todmorden Bus Station - Currently the bus station is cleaned early on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The Assistant Town Clerk asked if another clean could be done at the weekend as that is a busy time. The response from WYCA was that the current contract ends in October 2020 but when it does they will try to include a weekend clean in the contract. Until then, the current company does not offer weekend cleaning.

6. Graffiti around the Town Centre (especially around Calder St)- This has been reported to Calderdale. The owners of the buildings concern have been contacted to sign an indemnity form so that the removal work can take place. The Street Cleaning Team has special cleaning kits and the work should take place soon.

7. Meeting with Amy Powell-Bevan (Calderdale Volunteer Litter-Picker Co-Ordinator) – 10/3

- a. Amy said that the streets in Todmorden are cleaner than many elsewhere in Calderdale.
- b. Amy brought a supply of 'Spring Clean' bags into the Council Offices to be used by anyone litter picking.
- c. In terms of increasing the number of bins in Todmorden, she said that volunteer litter pickers generate more interest in the public taking their rubbish home than increasing the number of bins. In her view, many of the public take their litter home if there is no bin nearby, but those who drop litter will still do so without education.
- d. Two 'volunteer' bins are due to be fitted in Todmorden any day now. There will be one on Longfield Rd and another in the centre. These bins contain empty bin bags and litter picking equipment. The bins will be locked with a code which will be shared with those

involved in litter picking. Where rubbish is collected, the bin bag should be left near the bin and the equipment put back inside and the bin relocked. This is part of a trial and if it is successful, it will be rolled out elsewhere in Calderdale.

- e. Amy said that she was aware of at least three litter picking groups in Todmorden. These include Incredible Edible (every Sunday), Cllr. Needham's group and a group that collects rubbish in the tops. Amy is very keen to obtain details about these groups, for example, the name of the group and a contact and where they litter pick and how often? She is also interested in whether they leave the bags of rubbish for collection by Calderdale or whether they take it somewhere else.
- f. Amy mentioned that as well as the Street (and Park) Cleaning Team there is also another team in Cleaner, Safer, Greener called the Countryside Team who collect litter from large areas such as the woods behind Centre Vale, footpaths and other large open spaces.
- g. Amy mentioned that Safer, Cleaner, Greener are recruiting a part-time 'ambassador' for Brighouse. This person will help with litter and graffiti.
- h. Amy is considering the recruitment of additional volunteer litter pickers who can get involved in seasonal work such as litter picking, planting spring bulbs and clearing leaves.