



# SALT BINS

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

10 SEPTEMBER 2012

The purpose of this report is to revisit last year's proposals for the installation of a series of six Salt Bins for the town with a view to their implementation in time for the coming winter.

### No. DETAIL

#### 1) PREVIOUS PROPOSALS

The Town Clerks' report to the Town Council meeting of 14 November 2011 included the following information:

- a) The Northern Ireland firm of Heyn Waste Solutions are currently offering a discounted price for the same capacity Bins at £87.99 each with free GB delivery on orders over £250. Six from them would cost £528.
- b) A 200-litre capacity bin requires 8 x 25kilo bags of de-icing salt. These also vary in cost depending on supplier and quantity: Heyn's price list varies from £4.25 a bag for an order of 40 or more to £14 for between 1 and 3 bags.
- c) The Isle of Wight Council have no objection to the provision of Bins provided we have the prior permission of their Traffic Manager for the specific location of each of them.
- d) Our Insurers recommend that Bins are bolted down at the corners to prevent movement. Provided they are informed of their location, they will be covered by our existing Public Liability Insurance with a small additional charge for insuring the Bins themselves. There are no health and safety implications for the Town Council provided it is not assisting with or involved in the service itself other than filling and refilling the Bins and a risk assessment has been completed.
- e) Additional logistical considerations include those of storage of the bags of de-icing salt and the filling and refilling of the Bins.

#### 2) COSTS

- a) Heyn Waste Solutions have confirmed to the Assistant Town Clerk that they will supply at the same price levels as last year's discounted price. As before, then, the proposed six bins to this specification would cost £528.
- b) Forty bags of white de-icing salt at £4.25 each would cost £170.
- c) The Isle of Wight Council have almost completed discussions with us about the precise locations that would be acceptable and would charge £50 for the necessary Licence for each, a total of £300.
- d) The total of the costs identified here total £998 against a budget provision of £1,500 in the current year.
- e) Additional costs would include the charge for fixing them to the ground and additional bags of the salt.
- f) Other considerations with potential cost consequences are the need for storage of the salt bags and the possible requirement identified in the Heyn quotation for a fork lift truck to unload their initial delivery.

#### 3) RECOMMENDATION

Members are recommended to:

- i) approve the purchase and installation of the salt bins described above and the initial ordering of 40 bags of white de-icing salt; and
- ii) ask both Bonchurch and St Lawrence Community Associations if they would still wish to add the additional bins and salt purchases they proposed as last year.