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To Each Member of the  
Environment Strategic Policy Committee

**Motion in the name of Councillor Anthony Connaghan**

That the Manager arranges for a full review of litter bins in the Northwest Area. Can the Manager arrange for bins which were removed in recent times to be replaced. There is an large amount of dog dirt being bagged and dropped around the place which might be avoided if bins were in place to put the bags into.

**Reply:-**

In 2013, the Waste Management Division carried out a Bin Survey which mapped all the litter bins across the City. This survey revealed that there were approximately 3,500 litter bins, mapped their GPS co-ordinates and the type/condition of each bin etc. This 2013 survey will shortly be brought up to date and will provide detailed information on the numbers and locations of bins in all Areas, including the North West Area. We are also proposing to have a unique ID number for each bin.

In the past, a small number of bins were removed where they were being persistently abused. The procedure as agreed with Councillors some years ago was that a bin would not be removed without giving local Councillors seven days notice to submit their observations. As part of preparing the new Draft Litter Management Plan for today's SPC meeting, it has been suggested that the abuse of bins by a small minority of people should not necessarily mean that the bin is removed. All efforts should be made in the first instance to track down those people who are abusing the bin and I agree with this approach. There is also an impression that bins were removed on a large scale Citywide however that is simply not the case.

In the new Draft Litter Management Plan, we will be explaining that we will put in place a Litter Bin Policy for the City setting out the parameters as to when and where a litter bin will be located e.g. litter bins should be placed at bus stops, neighbourhood shops, schools etc. and there would have to be a clear rationale for placing litter bins in residential estates. The new Draft Litter Management Plan will also set out the proactive measures that we will be

taking to address the serious problem of dog fouling which many people have highlighted as a key concern.

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