

AGENDA 14, Enc xi) Provision of two grit bins outside of criteria for provision by NCC

Policy provided by NCC Highways

For those locations which don't meet NCC's eligibility criteria for provision of grit bins, the local town or parish council can purchase a grit bin from Northumberland County Council to be placed in a location that is viewed by them as a requirement, provided that this is in a location that can be safely accessed by Highways crews for refilling and does not obstruct the public footpath. These grit bins will usually be green.

A one-off fee of £250 is charged to the T&PC for each green grit bin provided, which includes the bin being filled on delivery and two additional refills in the first year. The bin is tagged and monitored by the County Council. The ongoing maintenance liability for these green grit bins falls to the relevant town or parish council. Additional refills can be purchased from the County Council at a cost of £125 for 3 refills, or the relevant town or parish council can arrange for the bin to be refilled independently.

All grit bins must be purchased through Northumberland County Council to ensure the correct type of bin (e.g. one that is sufficiently robust) is provided. All grit bins purchased must be placed with the assistance of relevant County Council Officers to ensure their health and safety compliance.

Proposal

Two grit bins for the College Ward requested by Cllr Mark Purvis. Initial cost is £500, and then refills would need to be considered after the first year.

In terms of the ongoing cost, we would need to establish how much grit is used but it is likely at least x3 as offered at £125, or more if particularly harsh winter.

£500 capital cost is available in the College Ward improvements budget. Future refill costs would be absorbed into Tools and Equipment.

Note

All Ashington County Cllrs were asked if they had any locations for consideration by the Council, following refusal by NCC. The offer for appreciated, but these are the only grit bins requested at this time.