

## Agenda item: 7

<b>Committee</b>	Assets & Services Committee
<b>Month</b>	July 2023
<b>Report Title</b>	Grit Bins
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<b>Attachments</b>	None



### Context

Essex County Council provides the community with some yellow salt / grit bins, when resources allow ECC does refill the bins.

ECC's policy ongoing however is to no longer install additional grit bins and to remove those that are broken or unserviceable.

To note, SWTC has asked ECC whether they can provide SWTC with salt and they cannot.

SWTC has previously installed 30 plus salt bins utilising UDC Ward Member monies, these are mostly green bins.

### Current costs

A pallet of 40 bags costs £349.95 equating to £8.75 per bag.

Each salt bin requires 30 bags costing £262.50 each bin to refill, this excludes traveling and staffing costs, which is circa two days labour.

**For 30 bins this equates to £7875.00 for the rock salt only.**

**Labour and transport are £550.00.**

**Total each refill cycle = £8425.00**

**The SWTC budget provision for 2023/24 is £1000 per year leaving a large shortfall in this financial year.**

### Summary

Acknowledging rising costs and the time involved in maintaining the salt bins, committee is asked to consider whether additional bins are installed in the future and how they might be funded.

### Recommendations

1. During the budget setting process to review whether additional monies could be added to fund refilling the existing salt bins over the winter months. The recommended budget is at least £10,000 to allow for an annual refill inclusive of an anticipated inflationary increase in cost.

2. Not to install any additional salt bins, acknowledging the ongoing maintenance and installation costs. Any further requests for installation of salt bins should be directed to ECC and/or should be included as an integral part of any S106 contributions from developers.
3. To approach District Council Ward members requesting whether they would fund salt for the upcoming Winter utilising the Ward Members fund.



£349.95

40 x 25kg bags, approx 1000kgs - £349.95



**Bag**

**Size: 40 x 25kg bags, approx. 1000kgs**