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How many bins have been already ordered, included those already delivered and those contracted to be delivered, to enable the Council to carry out their proposals for these bin hubs?

No bins have already been delivered or ordered specifically for New Town area as the proposals are still in design. The contract for the purchase of bins awarded by [Finance and Resources Committee on 4 March 2021](#) has a total value up to £3,000,000 to cover both the business as usual and the communal bin review project needs.

The following is an extract from the above committee report: *"Tenderers were advised that the volumes provided were anticipated estimated only and not a guarantee of actual volumes, which may vary"*.

What is the Council's budget for buying these bins? And how much has already been committed?

In February 2018 the Council had originally committed an initial £2.5m of capital investment to upgrade communal bins. In July 2021 the Council submitted a funding application to Zero Waste Scotland (ZWS). The outcome of the application is available on [ZWS website](#). The funding application includes the refurbishment of the current bin stock and the purchase of new bins for the delivery of communal bin hubs across the whole city including the New Town.

It was claimed that one of the Council's perceived benefits is to reduce 'longstanding health and safety risks associated with gull-proof bag and red box service collection'. It was suggested at the meeting that there is a record of injuries to Council staff associated with the collection. Please tell us how many accidents/injuries have been recorded in the last 12 months, or what other evidence you have for this as being a meaningful reason for changing now in what is a very tried-and-tested means of waste disposal.

Incidents reported to Health and Safety for Waste Services for the last 12 month period (1 Dec 2020 to 8 Dec 2021).

Total No of reported accidents - 93

Incidents from GP sacks/Doorstep collection of recycling – 8