

Report Statement

Report Purpose:

Community Enforcement Report

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Town Clerk

Background

Within the budget for 2022/23 it was approved to budget for a Community Enforcement Officer for Macclesfield after feedback from Councillors and residents of consistent issues around littering, fly tipping and dog mess. The budget was set at £30,000 after the clerk had discussed approximate costs of with the Community Enforcement team.

Update

The clerk met with the Community Enforcement team at CEC to further discuss the Town Councils requirements.

The clerk discussed the issues that Councillors have be informed about from residents and organisations as follows:

- Instances of fly tipping.
- Instances of business waste – particularly around Wood St.
- Dog mess – in particular in the parks and at Christchurch lawns.

They recommended if the Town Council paid for a full time member of staff, that they would cover the whole of Macclesfield, but be able to work on specific areas with issues as and when they arise.

KPI's would be set so we could measure how effective the project is.

The process they use is to try and educate and change behaviour before enforcement. This has worked well in other areas where there has been a drive to advise and inform residents for a period (6 months) and after this period to then go to enforcement. The Town Council could lead a campaign to inform residents.

Recruitment has been somewhat difficult in the past for the Enforcement Team and there is a long process including a vetting process. Their experience is that it is difficult to recruit for a one year post, therefore they believe that a 2 year post would be more realistic.

The costs are as follows:

- Employment £33,000 p/a
- One off costs uniform and body cam £2,000
- Vehicle Cost of £5,650 p/a

Over a 2 year period the post would in total be £80,000 (spreading the one off cost for starting uniform and camera over the two years and allowing for additional uniform requirements).

It is worth noting there is a £10,000 budgetary underspend on Community Enforcement for 2021/22

Action: To consider the above proposals and costs for a 2 year position.