

## **Report Statement**

### **Report Purpose:**

To update committee on progress and work associated with the street scene.

### **Author:**

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### **8.1 Public Realm Furniture**

Cheshire East Council was successful with a £495k bid from the Shared Prosperity Fund. This money will fund new benches, bins, planters etc for the pedestrian areas of Macclesfield, whilst also clearing the streets to make them more accessible, and potentially look at further seating in the public realm. CEC will need to work with Macclesfield Town Council and the Ranger team.

### **8.2 Town Ranger**

See attached report.

### **8.3 01625 Gallery**

The 01625 gallery has moved into its next phase. Report attached.

### **8.4 Community Enforcement**

In December 2023, CE Community Enforcement met with us to discuss the service going forward. The officer funded by Macclesfield Town Council has now acquired a permanent job with CEC and thus we would have to recruit a new officer. This would be difficult as recruitment for this position is historically difficult and there is several weeks training before an officer can go 'live' in the role. Therefore, in consultation with Councillors it has been decided to no longer fund this.

### **8.5 Museum on the Street**

The steering group has been set up and had 3 meetings so far.

The following actions have been taken:

- Donald Insalls have been contracted as the consultant for £8900 plus expenses (estimated at £2000)
- Emma Wellend has been contracted for Social Media £3000.
- A walk around has taken place and several sites have been identified for boards/ information. This includes refreshing some of the boards in key positions, Churchill Way car park and the station. CEC have agreed to this.
- The project will involve getting the public involved.
- The project is slightly ahead of target at the moment as the funding has to be spent by March 25.