

Congleton Town Council

Historic market town

Chief Officer: David McGifford

3rd November 2017

Dear Councillor,

Community, Environment and Services Committee - Thursday 9th November 2017

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Community, Environment & Services Committee, to be held in the Town Hall, High Street, Congleton on Thursday 9th November at <u>7.00pm</u>.

The Public and Press are welcome to attend the meeting. There may be confidential items towards the end of the meeting which the law requires the Council to make a resolution to exclude the public and press.

Yours sincerely,

David McGifford CHIEF OFFICER

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.

(Members are reminded of the necessity to give apologies in advance of the meeting and to give reasons for absence).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (Enclosed)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2017 as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

4. Outstanding Actions

CES 23/1718 Report on Defibrillators – 6 actions being progressed.

5. Cheshire Police (Verbal Update)

To receive and consider a verbal report from a representative of Cheshire Police on Policing matters affecting Congleton.



6. Proposed Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation (Enclosed)

To receive a report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the current consultation on a proposed PSPO for Congleton and to agree a response.

7. Public Realm and Highway Improvements update (verbal / presentation)

To receive an update /presentation on the Progress of the Public Realm Scheme.

8. Congleton in Bloom Update (Enclosed)

To receive an update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the 2017 campaign and an update for 2018.

9. <u>Update on Congleton Triathlon, Closed Cycling Event and the Cycling Legacy</u> (report to follow)

To receive a report and updates on the above cycle related activities

10. Active Cheshire – a Blueprint to tackle physical inactivity in Cheshire and Warrington (enclosed)

To receive a report and discuss a potential response.

11. Christmas Lights Switch on event (Enclosed)

To receive a progress report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the Christmas lights switch on event.

12. Treo Statue (Enclosed)

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To receive a report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager now that the statue is in situ.

To: Members of the Community, Environment and Services Committee

Clirs: Mrs S A Holland (Chairman), C H Booth (Vice Chairman)

Mrs D S Allen, Mrs A L Armitt, R Boston, P Broom, G P Hayes, Mrs A M Martin,

Mrs J Parry, G S Williams

Appointed Members - Mr G Baxendale (Honorary Burgess)

Mr E Clarke (Honorary Burgess) Mr D Murphy (Honorary Burgess)

Other members of the Council and Honorary Burgesses (2) for Information; Press (2) Congleton Library, Congleton Tourist Information Centre.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER 2017

PRESENT:

Councillors

Mrs D S Allen
Mrs S Akers Smith (Deputy Town Mayor)
Mrs A L Armitt
P Bates
C H Booth (Town Mayor and Vice Chair)
R Boston
G R Edwards
G P Hayes
Mrs S A Holland (Chairman)
Mrs A Martin
Mrs J D Parry
G S Williams

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from non-Committee member Cllr D T Brown.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

CES/18/1718 Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both "pecuniary" and "non-pecuniary" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Cllrs G S Williams, P Bates and GP Hayes all declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters related to Cheshire East Council and agenda item 9 and Cllr P Bates to agenda item 12.

4. Outstanding Actions

There were no outstanding actions.

5. Cheshire Police

To receive and consider a verbal report from a representative of Cheshire Police.

Report attached below

6. Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14

The report advising the progression of the Neighbourhood Plan to Regulation 14 was noted by the committee.

7.700th year of Mayoralty, Go Congleton, Closed Cycling and Triathlon events

To receive a verbal update on the feasibility of the following projects:-

- 700th Year of Mayoralty The working group had met to discuss the feasibility of this project and are looking to progress with its development through a range of several initiatives including challenges around 700, a display in the Town Hall, and linking the 700 years to other projects and initiatives.
- Go Congleton Whilst this project working group has not met due to the current commitments of the proposer it is being investigated to see if it could be integrated into the Closed Cycling and Triathlon Event.
- Closed Cycling and Triathlon Event —
 An initial meeting has taken place and it is envisaged that the event would take place during April 2017. It will be a similar but larger event than the inaugural event in 2016. The key component being investigated is the road closure element of the project, it is thought the cost of this would be covered by entry fees.

CES/19/1718 Resolved to receive the verbal update on the above events.

8. Public Realm Update

To receive an update /presentation from Cheshire East Council (CEC) on the Progress of the Public Realm Scheme.

CES/20/1718 Resolved to receive the verbal update outlining the progress being made with major concerns being raised about the lack of information being communicated with regards to the full programme of the scheme. Recognition was given to the fact that weekly updates were being provided.

9. Consultation feedback on proposed car parking charges

To review and comment on proposals from Cheshire East Council to increase car parking charges.

Councillors were advised that Cheshire East Council had decided to defer the planned debate on this matter at Cabinet.

CES/21/1718 Resolved that Congleton Town Council communicate the following:

- An overall objection to Cheshire East Council for any proposed increases in car parking charges.
- Due to the impact the gas works and public realm works is having on town centre trading that a 2 hour free parking period is introduced in the run up to Christmas.

10. Christmas lights switch on event

To receive a progress report from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager on the Christmas lights switch on event.

CES/22/1718 Resolved to note the progress report provided by the Town Centre and Marketing Manager.

11. Defibrillators

To receive a proposal from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager for a review of the provision, condition and accessibility of defibrillators in the town centre.

CES/23/1718 Resolved to approve the following:

- 1. That as an urgent action Congleton Town Council should work with North West Ambulance Service to obtain an up to date list of all current working defibrillators.
- 2. An on-going programme created to alert owners of defibrillators not managed though the North West Ambulance Service of when batteries and pads need replacing.
- 3. A mapping exercise carried out to identify if there are areas of Congleton without a working defibrillator and then seek solutions.
- 4. Seek external resource to support the programme.
- 5. Establish a training and education programme.
- 6. A demonstration is arranged for all councillors.

12. Treo Statue

To receive an update from the Town Centre and Marketing Manager with regards to the planned installation of the Treo memorial in the Community Gardens.

CES/24/1718 Resolved to note the report.

Clir Mrs S A Holland (Chairman)

Cheshire Police Report

Four charged for drug supply offences in Congleton

Four people have been charged with drug offences following an investigation into the supply of Class A drugs in Congleton.

On the evening of 21 September officers arrested three men and a woman in Merseyside in possession of Class A drugs, and a quantity of cash. Later that evening they carried out warrants at addresses in the Congleton and Merseyside areas - and recovered Class A drugs and ammunition.

All four were subsequently charged with Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs.

- Ben Forster, 30, of St Johns Road, Congleton, was charged with Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs.
- Stephen Growcott, 37, of Woburn Drive, Congleton, was charged with Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs.
- Joseph Cooper, 25, of Hicks Road, Liverpool, was charged with Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs and Possession of Class B drug.
- Jessika Cuffe, 24, of Sefton Road, Liverpool, was charged with Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs.

All appeared before North Cheshire Magistrates on 23 September. Forster, Growcott and Cooper were all remanded into custody and Cuffe was released on bail.

The case has been sent to Chester Crown Court for trial on 23 October 2017.

Theft

There has been an increase in the theft of tools from garages in Congleton, it is thought that Congleton was targeted by organized crime groups from outside of the area.

COMMITTEE:	Community, Environment and Services				
MEETING DATE AND TIME	9 November 2017 LOCATION Congleton Town Hall				
REPORT FROM	Town Centre and Marketing Manager Jackie MacArthur				
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	6 Proposed Public Space Protection Order for Congleton Market Area				
Background	There is currently a consultation being carried out by Cheshire East Council proposing a Public Space Protection Order in the market area/Victoria Street/ Princess Street and part of the pedestrian area of Congleton – see map overleaf.				
	The consultation closes at 4pm on Monday 20 th November. Cheshire East Council will then consider the responses and make a decision on whether or not to grant the order.				
	PSPOs are covered under sections 59-65 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Police Act 2014. Breaching of a PSPO is an offence which can be dealt with through prosecution or by the issues of a fixed penalty notice. The fixed penalty notice value for Cheshire East is £100. The PSPO is being proposed because Cheshire East Council and other agencies have identified a pattern of behaviour in Congleton Town Centre which has caused concern to local people. In recent months the anti-social behaviour in the area has decreased, but the amount of pro-active work carried out by the Police and other agencies has increased to a level that can't be easily sustained. The purpose of this paper is to enable discussion and develop a collective response from Congleton Town Council to the consultation				
Details	What controls would the PSPO introduce (for full list see the draft order in Appendix 1) The PSPO would introduce a number of prohibitions including: - Misuse of alcohol and other illegal substances - Anti-Social Behaviour - Playing ball games - Committing criminal damage - Littering				
	Why is CEBC considering introducing these measures The proposal to introduce a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) will provide agencies more powers in controlling the way the space is used and support those agencies responsible for keeping the area safe and used for the purposes intended.				
	If approved, the PSPO will be in place for three years. Fixed Penalty Notice can only be given to persons aged 16 or over.				

What are the conditions for agreeing a PSPO

The first condition is that:

- activities carried out in a public place within the authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality
- it is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place within that area and that they will have such an effect

The second condition is that the effect, or the likely effect of the activities:

- is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature
- is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable
- justifies the restrictions imposed by the order

Boundary of the Area Proposed for the PSPO



The Cheshire East consultation asks

- Whether people Strongly Agree, Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree or Don't know whether each of the 10 items listed below should be included as a potential offence in the PSPO
 - a) To be possessing, ingesting, inhaling, injecting, smoking or otherwise using intoxicating substances (cigarettes and alcohol purchased from legitimate sources are permitted see appendix)
 - b) To be under the influence of intoxicating substances
 - c) To be playing ball games
 - d) Skateboarding
 - e) Using abusive language or behaviour
 - f) Using threatening and intimidating behaviour towards another person
 - g) Destroying or damaging any property

h) Lighting fire to bins i) Upturning bins or scattering rubbish i) Congregating to spectate any or all of the above activities. 2. It asks for opinions on how strongly people agree or disagree with the area identified for the PSPO (see map above) 3. It asks for opinions on how strongly people agree/disagree with the fixed penalty notice of £100 and or fine on summary conviction not exceeding £1000. And for any other comments. For the Councillors to agree if it wishes to put forward a collective response Decision to the consultation on behalf of the Town Council or to respond as individuals Requested to this public consultation. If the former to agree the position based on 1. The Town Council's opinion on including items 1a- j in the order 2. The Town Council's opinion on the boundary of the order 3. The Town Council's opinion on the Fixed Penalty Notice/Summary conviction amounts. 4. Any other comments



CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL PRINCESS STREET MARKET AREA, CONGLETON PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

Cheshire East Borough Council makes this Order under **Section 59 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014** [hereinafter referred to as the 'Act'], having consulted as required by **Section 72** of that **Act**.

This Order takes effect on ? and has a duration of 3 years.

It applies to the public place, defined by section 59(4) of the Act as any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission, and known as "Princess Street Market area, Congleton" and applies to that area coloured in red as shown on the plan attached to the Order. Hereinafter referred to as 'the Restricted Area'

The Council is satisfied that activities have been carried out in this Restricted Area which have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. Further, it is satisfied that the effect of these activities is or is likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature, is or likely to be such as to make the activities unreasonable and the effect justifies the restrictions imposed.

The activities carried out include the following:

- 1. Persons have been gathering in the Restricted Area using loud and rowdy behaviour which has included:
 - a. The creation of excessive noise through the playing of loud music and shouting without proper consideration for other users of the market area and residents living in adjoining properties.
 - b. The use of foul or abusive language and or threatening and intimidating behaviour towards another person/persons lawfully going about their business in Market area Using abusive
- Persons have repeatedly played football and skateboarded in the Market area to the annoyance of other person/persons lawfully going about their business in Market area and local residents.
- 3. Persons have been in possession of and have consumed intoxicating substances including both alcohol and cannabis within the Restricted Area resulting in intoxicated, anti-social behaviour
- 4. Persons have been involved in incidents of actual or threatened violence to another including spitting at others, the throwing of missiles at others and fighting.
- 5. Persons have carried out acts of criminal damage and arson through for example, the smashing of bottles onto the Market area and the lighting fires in bins.

6. Persons have carried out Incidents of littering and the deposit of unlawful waste for example by pouring cooking oil over the Market area and throwing excessive amounts of rubbish onto the area.

These activities have given rise to nuisance and complaint to both the Council and the Police from local residents, visitors to the area and businesses.

Cheshire East Borough Council therefore has exercised its power under section 59(4) Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to make this order to:

PROHIBIT

1. Person(s) within the Restricted Area from: possessing, ingesting, inhaling, injecting, smoking or otherwise using intoxicating substances. The activities prohibited include but are not limited to the drinking of alcohol and the smoking of cannabis

Save that exemptions shall apply in cases where:

- a. the substances are used for a valid and demonstrable medicinal use,
- b. are cigarettes (tobacco) and or alcohol purchased lawfully from licensed premises. Vaporisers
- c. Food stuffs regulated by food health and safety legislation
- 2. Entry to and presence within the Restricted Area of persons who are, in the opinion of an authorised officer, under the influence of intoxicating substances. Intoxicating substances include but are not limited to the drinking of alcohol and the smoking of cannabis
- 3. **Persons** within the Restricted Area from playing ball games or skateboarding in the Market area, particularly in the areas outside of retail units situated on the first floor. Ball games include but are not limited to the playing of football.
- 4. Persons within the Restricted Area from using foul or abusive language or behaviour and or threatening and intimidating behaviour towards another person. The activities prohibited include but are not limited to spitting, throwing missiles and fighting with another.
- 5. **Persons** within the Restricted Area from destroying or damaging any property belonging to another. Destroying or damaging any property belonging to another includes but is not limited to lighting fires in bins.
- 6. **Persons** within the Restricted Area from upturning bins and scattering rubbish within the restricted area-
- 7. **Persons** within the Restricted Area from congregating to spectate any or all of the above activities.

8. **Persons** within the Restricted Area from refusing to leave the said restricted area, and or remaining in the said restricted area and or returning to the said restricted area within 24 hours of being requested to do so by an authorised officer.

REQUIRE

- 9. **Person(s)** within this area who are in breach of the first prohibition to surrender intoxicating substances in his/her possession to an authorised person.
- 10. An authorised person is for example a Police Constable, a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) or an authorised officer of Cheshire East Borough Council who will provide identification when reasonably requested to do so.

Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the prohibitions or requirements imposed by this Order is an offence under Section 67 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. A person guilty of this offence is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale, namely £1000.00.

A constable or an authorised person may under **Section 68** of the **Anti-Social Behaviour**, **Crime and Policing Act 2014**, issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he/she has reason to believe has committed an offence under **Section 67** of that Act in relation to this Order.

APPEALS:

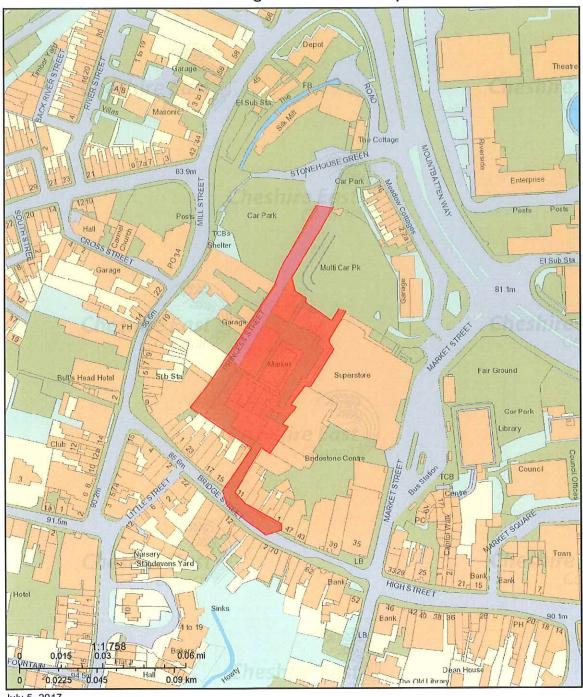
1 In accordance with section 66 of the Act, any interested person who wishes to challenge the validity of this Order on the grounds that the Council did not have the power to make the Order or that a requirement under the Act has not been complied with may apply to the High Court within six weeks from the date upon which the Order or Variation is made.

APPENDIX:

A plan of the restricted area to which this order applies; namely the "Princess Street Market area, Congleton", which is coloured in red as shown on the plan.

Signed	 • • •								
By authority of the Government Act 1	East	Borough	Council	under	section	101	of	the	Local
Dated:	 ••								

Draft Congleton PSPO map



July 5, 2017





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COMMITTEE:	Community, Environment and Services					
MEETING DATE	9 November 2017	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall			
AND TIME						
REPORT FROM	Town Centre and Marketing Manager Jackie MacArthur					
AGENDA ITEM	8 Consistent to Disconstitution					
REPORT TITLE	Congleton in Bloom Update					
Background	On Thursday 2 nd November the eight local 'It's Your Neighbour' teams will receive their results from North West in Bloom competition. On Friday 3 rd November the three Congleton Businesses involved with North West in Bloom as well as the town entry will learn what the judges made of their entries. These results will be share with the committee via a verbal update on the night.					
Updates	The next steps for the In Bloom team:					
	Saturday 4 th November – Children's plant up of the winter town centre tubs for use in the town centre.					
	Wednesday 15 th November – meeting to discuss and agree the colour schemes for the 2018 campaign.					
	Wednesday 15th November – thank you and celebration evening for all those involved in the 2017 In Bloom Campaign - Congleton Town Hall 6-8pm					
	November – 22 trees being planting with Congleton Rotary					
	November – planting the remaining 6,000 Crocus bulbs with rotary (10,000 in total) Working with Adullam Homes team on improvements around Congleton. Making plans for 2018 improvements. Notes 2018 will mark the 20 th Anniversary of Congleton in Bloom.					
Decision Requested	To note this report					

COMMITTEE:	Community, Environment and Services					
MEETING DATE	9 November 2017 LOCATION Congleton Town Hall					
AND TIME						
REPORT FROM	Town Centre and Marketing Manager Jackie MacArthur					
AGENDA ITEM	10					
REPORT TITLE	Active Cheshire - A blueprint to tackle physical inactivity in the Cheshire and Warrington sub-region					
Background	A Physical Activity Task Force made up of partners from education, planning, business, health, transport and leisure have produced a draft document to assess how physical inactivity can be tackled collectively and locally. Congleton Town Council has been asked if it wishes to comment on the 16 page document – copies of the document will be available from the office and online at					
	http://www.activecheshire.org/assetts/page_files/Blueprint_doc_Web.pdf Feedback and comments need to be sent to Active Cheshire by 26 th November 2017					
	The report is concerned about the fact that people are generally more physically inactive than at any time in history. Physical inactivity has been linked with a growing range of acute, chronic and life threatening diseases as well as mental health issues.					
	The blue print to increase the amount of physical activity is based around five key pillars					
	Active Design – building physical activity into the design of homes, towns and major infrastructure to encourage movement and play					
	Activators – educating and empowering community leaders, allied health professionals and front community workers to promote active lifestyles and consistency through ONE YOU					
	Active Kids 0-11 – Starting life well with daily active habits from birth, at home and at school.					
	Active Workplace – increasing the health and productivity of existing and prospective employees					
	 Active Minds – improving mental health and quality of life to prevent and alleviate mental illness through physical activity. 					
	Congleton Town Council is asked to pledge to encourage physical activity within our community by making sure physical activity opportunities are designed into new and existing developments, create active corridors through physical regeneration and work with Cheshire East to optimise section 106 investment in to fund improvements that inspire walking and active play and to make walking and cycling routes more attractive.					
Decision Requested	Congleton Town Council to write to Active Cheshire and show support for the blueprint to tackle physical inactivity.					

COMMITTEE	Community Environment and Services					
MEETING DATE AND TIME	9 th November 2017 7.00pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall			
REPORT FROM	Town Centre and Marketing Manager					
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	11 Christmas Lights Switch On Event 2017					
Background	This paper updates members of the actions, activities and sponsorship achieved towards the Christmas 2017 Festivities. The Christmas activities are organised by the Christmas Crackers team. This is made up of officers and members from Congleton Town Council, Congleton Community Projects, Congleton Marshals and other interested volunteers.					
Updates	Main Tree – this will be located by the Royal Bank of Scotland and will be installed by ANSA w/c 20 November. The main tree will be sponsored by Redrow Homes.					
	Small Trees – At the time of writing the report there were 103 confirmed requests for small Christmas trees – and a further 9 expected. The shops and businesses were very grateful for the support from Congleton Partnership to enable this to happen. The trees will go up on November 21 and 22 nd . Shops will provide their own lights and electricity supply.					
	Fire Station Roundabout – using the funds won in a Thrive and Revive competition and some additional sponsorship funds from Prism IT Solutions we will be able light the tree on the fire station roundabout.					
	Main Town Lights - the main town lights will be installed from the 13 th November by AWC Electrical.					
	Town Hall - The two doors and the minstrels gallery will be dressed. There will be an artificial tree in the entrance lobby and investigating a larger real tree for the Grand Hall – but ensuring that it will fit in with all the bookings that we have for December as it won't be possible to move it out of the way for events.					
	Christmas Market and Lights Switch on Festival – Saturday 25 th November The Makers Market will be providing a Christmas Market with more than 50 high quality local producers from 10 – 6pm Congleton Market will have additional stall holders as well as entertainment and is					
	extending its opening hours until 6pm A full programme of stage entertainment will take place from 11am – 6pm Reindeers will be in town from 1pm – 5pm Lantern Making Workshops started on the 4 th November and are every Saturday ir the lead-up to the event at the Electric Picture House from 10.30 -3.30pm Samba Drumming workshops are being held to encourage more people to join in with the Samba band.					

Star Fireworks who provide the fireworks for the Rotary Bonfire will provide the after-switch on finale – sponsored by Congleton Rotary.

We have closed the book on the local organisation stalls as the space is all filled.

Christmas Window Dressing Competition - is being launched and will be judged during the first week in December

A Reindeer Trail of Independent Shops - work is underway on a leaflet to promote independent businesses and encourage families to visit shops around the town.

Sponsorship

The Christmas Crackers Team would like to publically thank the following organisations and businesses for helping to support this year's Christmas Lights Switch-on. A total of £8450 has been raised towards the event through their generous donations. These include

Congleton Partnership — supporting dressing the town/ little trees project
Congleton Rotary - providing the firework finale
SAS Daniel — sponsoring the stage
Redrow Homes - sponsoring the Christmas Tree
Hammond McNulty, Gladman, West Wallasey — for funding towards the Festival
Seddon Homes — funds towards the reindeer trail
Prism — funding towards the Fire Station Tree lights
Blachere — funding towards the Fire Station lights

Decision Requested That the Committee note this report

COMMITTEE:	Community, Environment and Services					
MEETING DATE AND TIME	9 November 2017	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall			
REPORT FROM	Town Centre and Marketing Manager Jackie MacArthur					
AGENDA ITEM	12					
REPORT TITLE	Treo Statue					
Background	At CES Committee on the 5 th October the Town Council was updated on the progress of the Treo Statue. The statue was installed as planned on the 25 th October and unveiled on the 26 th October 2017. The purpose of this report is to update on outstanding work and actions.					
Updates	On the 26 th October the Treo Statue was gifted to the Town Council by Steven Ashton, founder of the Treo 63 DM Memorial. The Statue was unveiled in front of a group of 50 invited guests plus members of the public and press. The unveiling was covered by regional TV, radio and local media.					
	The statue has already received a lot of positive local interest and a QR code has been added to the site so that visitors can find out more about Treo, the connections to Congleton and the making of the statue.					
	The statue has been added to the Town Council asset list and is covered by CCTV.					
	The groundwork around the edges of the stone still needs to be finished off. There is also a need for additional fencing around the back of the statue. As a temporary measure crowd control barriers have been placed behind the statue.					
Decision Requested	To note this report					