

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

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MEETING DATE AND TIME	28 th March 2024 7.00 pm	LOCATION	Town Hall																																																																																																																										
REPORT FROM	Streetscape Development Manager – Ruth Burgess																																																																																																																												
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	Item 10 Streetscape Services - Update																																																																																																																												
Update	<p><u>Fly Tipping</u></p> <p>As well as noting the quantity of fly tips per month and annually we are now calculating the cost for each specific fly tip over the course of a year. Below you will note the number of fly tips we have dealt with over the last two months, in comparison to previous years :</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th></th><th>2019</th><th>2020</th><th>2021</th><th>2022</th><th>2023</th><th>2024</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>January</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>16</td><td>30</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>February</td><td>10</td><td>2</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>25</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>March</td><td>4</td><td>0</td><td>32</td><td>24</td><td>14</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>April</td><td>10</td><td>12</td><td>19</td><td>10</td><td>19</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>May</td><td>5</td><td>40</td><td>22</td><td>11</td><td>11</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>June</td><td>4</td><td>22</td><td>2</td><td>8</td><td>26</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>July</td><td>8</td><td>21</td><td>0</td><td>13</td><td>9</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>August</td><td>5</td><td>18</td><td>10</td><td>26</td><td>19</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>September</td><td>6</td><td>6</td><td>14</td><td>23</td><td>13</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>October</td><td>5</td><td>3</td><td>10</td><td>8</td><td>21</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>November</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>17</td><td>25</td><td>4</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>December</td><td>5</td><td>4</td><td>10</td><td>30</td><td>15</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>70</td><td>136</td><td>150</td><td>205</td><td>206</td><td>27</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Total Cost</td><td>2324.16</td><td>5380.52</td><td>2481.45</td><td>£12,300.87</td><td>£ 15,360.76</td><td>£1868.14</td></tr></tbody></table> <p><u>Budgets</u></p> <p>Our annual budget for street cleansing is £5,000 which covers the following activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fly tips where external contractors are required ie asbestos, builders waste• Bin bags for day to day waste collection <p><u>Vehicles</u></p> <p>CTC have now signed the new 3 year contract with CEC which enables us to look at different options for leasing vehicles. We have tender documents ready to go out to potential suppliers for a 3 year lease of Streetscape Vehicles.</p> <p>The vehicles we will be looking to get quotes for are as follows -</p>							2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	January	4	4	4	16	30	20	February	10	2	10	11	25	7	March	4	0	32	24	14		April	10	12	19	10	19		May	5	40	22	11	11		June	4	22	2	8	26		July	8	21	0	13	9		August	5	18	10	26	19		September	6	6	14	23	13		October	5	3	10	8	21		November	4	4	17	25	4		December	5	4	10	30	15									Total	70	136	150	205	206	27								Total Cost	2324.16	5380.52	2481.45	£12,300.87	£ 15,360.76	£1868.14
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- 1 x Small Box Van Electric / Hybrid
- 6 x Ford transit Vans (1 with tail Lift)

There will be a line on the tender for all companies to quote both Electric / Hybrid and Diesel where possible, so we can compare prices.

Bench repairs update

Throughout the winter period we have carried out many bench repairs within the public realm and local parks. These repairs have involved some benches having full new wooden slat replacement whilst some have only needed a sand down and re-varnish. In total we have completed 14 benches with 8 more in this financial year work schedule with materials already purchased. So a total of 22 have been completed. We still have more to do which will fall within the next financial budget.

There is an issue with regards to the responsibility for maintaining benches / public realm which are the responsibility of Cheshire East Council and not within our Streetscape contract. We do recognise that this is an area where CEC are unlikely to continue to maintain our public realm and we are pro-actively undertaking works of this nature outside of the grass cutting season.

The costs to date for bench repairs are as follows :

Wood = £ 752.98
 Varnishing materials = £ 183.84
 Total £ 936.82
 Cost per bench (22) £42.58

Private Works Budget £15,000

External income from Parish Councils and private companies	£9,319
Any other income / streetscape / in Bloom to date	£6,524
Total additional income	£15,843
Work in progress	£7813

Staffing

We currently have one member of the Streetscape team currently off work due to ill health.

Training schedule update

Streetscape Development Manager :

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| - Carbon Literacy for Local Authorities | Completed |
| - Climate Action for Smaller Councils | Completed |
| - Public Versus Climate Action | Completed |
| - Conservation and Biodiversity Diploma | Upcoming May 2024 |

	<p>Streetscape Operatives :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental Awareness Training Completed (5) - Diversity in Nature within local Parks Completed (2) - Nature and Wildlife Conservation Diploma May (2) - RHS Planting in the new word for public sectors August (2) - Biodiversity within a local council Upcoming September (2) - Sustainable Planting schemes-Upcoming September (2) - Conservation and Biodiversity – Upcoming September (2)
Financial Considerations	<p>Will be looking to align replacement vehicles to budgets Concerns over financial impact of fly tipping.</p>
Environmental Considerations	<p>Low mow town initiative and delivery of biodiversity sites will help to generate environmental benefits across the town. Vehicle tendering will be establishing the best options for both finance and the environment, most likely this will go to council due to the overall value of the contract. Additional training of staff will help to progress environmental initiatives</p>
Equality Considerations	<p>Access to high quality green open space is important for all sectors of the community to ensure attractive living environments and public spaces that support good mental and physical health. Good quality benches are particularly important to help those with disabilities, certain health conditions or reduced mobility to access and enjoy our green spaces.</p>
Decision Requested	<p>To receive the report.</p>