



REPORT TO:	BOSTON TOWN AREA COMMITTEE
DATE:	23rd MARCH 2023
SUBJECT:	BTAC OPERATIVES
PURPOSE:	TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR BTAC OPERATIVES
KEY DECISION:	NO
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR ABBOTT, PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR TOWN CENTRE
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WARD(S) AFFECTED:	BOSTON TOWN
EXEMPT REPORT?	NO

SUMMARY

This report provides Councillors with information on the current work programme in place for BTAC Operatives.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Note the report

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- To provide information as requested by Members on the work programme for BTAC Operatives.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

N/A

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Members requested information on the current work programme in place for those Operatives funded by BTAC.

2.0 REPORT

- 2.1 BTAC currently fund 2 x FTE Operatives who undertake work within the town centre area providing an enhanced level of maintenance and cleaning and carry out other specific work tasks.
- 2.2 BTAC Operative work activity is planned weekly and focuses on areas which are identified as priorities by the Committee as set out in the Work Programme. These priorities include carrying out detailed responsive and proactive maintenance improvements to enhance the quality of the town centre.

3.0 Work Programme and Resources

- 3.1 The Work Programme sets out the priorities for BTAC Operatives in their day to day work. It includes all-year round activities, including seasonal items such as assisting with events and supporting community initiatives including Bog Boston Clean Up and Boston in Bloom. BTAC tasks include painting railings and redecorating street furniture, installing new furniture, cleaning graffiti, undertaking play equipment repairs, provide enhanced cleaning including litter bin cleaning, sign cleaning. The Work Programme is set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The BTAC Operatives are employed for 37 hours over 5 days, between 07:30 and 15:30, with flexibility to work weekends and evenings as required. The Operatives work as a team using equipment including a BTAC liveried van, hand tools and other specific cleaning equipment. The operatives have access to a secure store unit at the Mayflower Units where seasonal work including painting and repairs are carried out.

4.0 Management arrangements and access to the service

- 4.1 Responsibility for the supervision of the team sits at the depot under the Streetscene Supervisor. A generic BTAC email address, BTAC.enquiries@boston.gov.uk, is set-up to manage any specific BTAC enquiries or work requests.

5.0 Update on Recent Work

- Graffiti removal – the team have concentrated on identifying and cleaning graffiti, including offensive graffiti marked on various structures such as litter bins, access doors, commercial and residential premises and public body buildings. Effort focused in the areas of Irby Street, Church Street, St Botolph's Church, Custom House Quay, South Street, High Street, Lawrence Lane, Dolphin Lane, Tattershall Road.
- Refurbished picnic tables / benches and installation in Central Park
- Refurbished benches in Central Park
- Installation of litter bins
- Town clean; Litter bin cleaning – programme of work for deep cleaning and sanitising 105 bins within the immediate town centre area.
- Fixing litter bins – in town – inners are broken and require repairing.
- Graffiti removal – concentrating in central park
- Sign washing – cleaning of all public signage in the Central park town centre areas

- Assisting the Events team to facilitate Beach Day Events in Central Park including 14 gazebos, 16 tables and chairs, set up and take down

6. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The BTAC Operatives continue to make a positive contribution to the town centre helping keep it clean and tidy to ensure to improve the environment and support our community.

EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP

None

IMPLICATIONS

SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP

None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Priority 1 - *People Focused*: Educate and enforce to improve the quality of rented properties in the Borough; Increase the promotion of Boston as a visitor destination and improve its public spaces.

Priority 3 – *Environmental Awareness and Accountability*: Proactively work to protect the environment and keep the Borough clean and tidy.

STAFFING

None

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 89(1) and (2) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 imposes duties on certain land owners and occupiers to keep specified land clear of litter and refuse, and on local authorities to keep clean public highways for which they are responsible, so far as is practicable. The resulting Codes of Practice on Litter and Refuse discharge these duties

DATA PROTECTION

None

FINANCIAL

None

RISK MANAGEMENT

None

STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

No consultation undertaken.

REPUTATION

Failure to keep the town looking clean and tidy will have a negative reputational impact on the Council.

CONTRACTS

None

CRIME AND DISORDER

Keeping the town clean and tidy improves the appearance of the borough and reduces the potential for crime and anti-social behaviour.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

None

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Providing enhanced levels of cleaning improves the appearance of the borough and improves the appearance of hot spot areas, contributing to the wellbeing of residents in areas of the Borough.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None

LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER

MISSIONS	
This paper contributes to the follow Missions outlined in the Government's Levelling Up White paper.	
Pride in Place	By 2030, pride in place, such as people's satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen in every area of the UK, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.

ACRONYMS

None

APPENDICES	
Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -	
<i>APPENDIX A</i>	Work Programme
<i>APPENDIX B</i>	Photos of recent work (before and after)

BACKGROUND PAPERS	
Background papers used in the production of this report are listed below: -	
Document title	Where the document can be viewed

Environmental Protection Act 1990	Environmental Protection Act 1990 (legislation.gov.uk)
Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse	Code of practice on litter and refuse (publishing.service.gov.uk)

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body.

REPORT APPROVAL

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