



REPORT TO:	Boston Town Area Committee
DATE:	28 th March 2024
SUBJECT:	BTAC Operatives
PURPOSE:	To provide information on the work programme for BTAC Operatives
KEY DECISION:	NO
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Councillor Dale Broughton, Portfolio Holder Town Centre
REPORT AUTHOR:	Matt Fisher, Operations Manager
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Boston town wards
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 BTAC Operatives.

2.0 REPORT

2.1 BTAC 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 Operatives work activity is planned weekly and focuses on areas which are identified as priorities by the Committee as set out in the BTAC Operative Work Programme. Priorities include carrying out detailed proactive and responsive maintenance improvements to enhance the quality of the town centre.

3.0 Work Programme and Resources

3.1 The BTAC Operatives Work Programme sets out the priorities for BTAC Operatives for their day to day work. It includes all-year round activities, including seasonal items such as assisting with events and supporting community initiatives. 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 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 specific BTAC email address, BTAC.enquiries@boston.gov.uk, is set-up to manage any BTAC enquiries or work requests.

5.0 Update on Recent Work

- Area checks to identify graffiti, concentrating in play areas/equipment
- Repairing of litter bins as and when required.
- Installing litter bins
- Refurbishing street benches
- Refurbishing street cleansing barrows
- Ad-hoc maintenance from property services, work within the BTAC area
- Sign washing – as and when required – usually commence spring on the town clean.
- Recently purchased a rota-wash for their portable jet wash which is now deployed cleaning of narrow lanes/play areas.
- Deep cleaning central park play area then will move on to the other play areas within the borough.
- Refurbishing the play areas within BTAC prioritised for 2024, re-painting play areas, deep cleaning equipment.

- Once the resurfacing of central park footpaths has taken place there will be new benches installed within the skate park area.
- Assisting the Events team to facilitate Beach Day Events in Central Park and continue to support events throughout the year.

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

IMPLICATIONS

SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP

None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Priority 1 People Focused 'improve its public spaces'

STAFFING

Two full time operatives are employed by the Council and funded by BTAC.

WORKFORCE CAPACITY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Council Powers and Duties to provide public space include; Open Spaces Act 1906; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976; Public Health Act 1906; Local Government Act 1972

The Council is required to comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty. A full equality impact analysis will be undertaken at the appropriate time to ensure any new equipment will consider the needs of all individuals

The Council is required to comply with all procurement legislation and its constitution

DATA PROTECTION

None

FINANCIAL

None

RISK MANAGEMENT

There are some maintenance and improvements works carried out by this team which ensures that good risk management safeguards are in place

STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

No consultation undertaken.

REPUTATION

A clean and well maintained town centre has a positive effect on the Councils reputation.

CONTRACTS

None

CRIME AND DISORDER

None

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

None

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

A Clean and tidy town centre and well-maintained public spaces have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of our community.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER

(Use this section to highlight any links to the 12 missions contained in the Levelling Up White Paper set out below. Delete any which are not applicable. If none, insert the word 'none'.)

MISSIONS	
This paper contributes to the following Missions outlined in the Government's Levelling Up White paper.	
Living Standards	By 2030, pay, employment and productivity will have risen in every area of the UK, with each containing a globally competitive city, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.
Research and Development	By 2030, domestic public investment in Research & Development outside the Greater South East will increase by at least 40% and at least one third

	over the Spending Review period, with that additional government funding seeking to leverage at least twice as much private sector investment over the long term to stimulate innovation and productivity growth.
Transport Infrastructure	By 2030, local public transport connectivity across the country will be significantly closer to the standards of London, with improved services, simpler fares and integrated ticketing.
Digital Connectivity	By 2030, the UK will have nationwide gigabit-capable broadband and 4G coverage, with 5G coverage for the majority of the population.
Education	By 2030, the number of primary school children achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths will have significantly increased. In England, this will mean 90% of children will achieve the expected standard, and the percentage of children meeting the expected standard in the worst performing areas will have increased by over a third.
Skills	By 2030, the number of people successfully completing high-quality skills training will have significantly increased in every area of the UK. In England, this will lead to 200,000 more people successfully completing high-quality skills training annually, driven by 80,000 more people completing courses in the lowest skilled areas.
Health	By 2030, the gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) between local areas where it is highest and lowest will have narrowed, and by 2035 HLE will rise by 5 years.
Wellbeing	By 2030, well-being will have improved in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing.
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.
Housing	By 2030, renters will have a secure path to ownership with the number of first-time buyers increasing in all areas; and the government’s ambition is for the number of non-decent rented homes to have fallen by 50%, with the biggest improvements in the lowest performing areas.
Crime	By 2030, homicide, serious violence, and neighbourhood crime will have fallen, focused on the worst-affected areas.
Local Leadership	By 2030, every part of England that wants one will have a devolution deal with powers at or approaching the highest level of devolution and a simplified, long-term funding settlement.

ACRONYMS

(Use this section to explain any acronyms used in the body of the report. If none, insert the word ‘none’.)

APPENDICES	
<i>(If none then insert the word ‘None’ and delete the below text/boxes).</i>	
Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -	
<i>APPENDIX A</i>	<i>BTAC Operatives Work Programme</i>
<i>APPENDIX B</i>	<i>Photographs of before and after work</i>

APPENDIX C	
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BACKGROUND PAPERS	
<i>No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.</i>	
Document title	Where the document can be viewed

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT	
<i>(If none then insert the wording 'A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body'. Also delete the below text/boxes.)</i>	
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REPORT APPROVAL	
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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

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ACRONYMS

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<i>APPENDIX A</i>	Work Programme
<i>APPENDIX B</i>	Photos of recent work (before and after)

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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)

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