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REPORT TO:	BOSTON TOWN AREA COMMITTEE
DATE:	21 ST AUGUST 2019
SUBJECT:	UPDATE ON TOWN CENTRE OPERATIVES ACTIVITY
REPORT AUTHOR:	HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
EXEMPT REPORT?	NO

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members review and comment on the information presented in the report.

REASON FOR REPORT

To update Members on the work undertaken by the BTAC Operatives.

REPORT

The BTAC Operatives consists of one post jointly funded with the Borough (30% contribution from BTAC) and two posts entirely funded by BTAC.

Through the Service Level Agreement with Boston Big Local (BBL) some funding has been provided to tackle cigarette litter and Chewing Gum, using the Chewing Gum removal machine and the Street Vacuum within the BBL area.

From April 2019 one member of the team has been off ill, he has now undergone surgery and is expected to return to work in the next 3-4 weeks.

WORK PROGRAMME

Assisting with events

- Emerge Festival
- Outdoor Cinema
- Hanse Event
- Every Thursday Craft Markets
- Children's Day
- 1940's Event
- Fun in the Sun
- Get Cycling Road Show
- Back in Time
- Teddy Bears Picnic
- Golden Time
- Active Boston Borough Council
- Pirate and Princess Day
- Beach Day

New bin installation and refurbishment programme

- One hundred and ten new bins with ashtrays for cigarette ends installed since January 2019 throughout the town centre.
- Refurbished (rubbed down, repaired, undercoated and top coated) all old salvageable cast iron bins which were installed in the following locations;
- Six at Witham Way Country Park, these replaced the plastic bins that were constantly being vandalised
- Eleven on Witham Bank West from the town through to the Sluice Bridge, these were also subjected to constant vandalism..
- Six at Havenside Country Park
- There are still three large and ten small cast bins left that are currently in the process of being restored.

Weed spraying car park and highways

Car Parks

Staniland	Doughty Quay
West End	George Street
Buoy Yard	Custom House Quay
Irby Street	Spayne Road
Spain Lane	St Georges
Tunnard Street	Maud Street
Blue Street	Botolph Street
Bargate Green	Cattle Market
Artillery Row	

Highways

Gassy Pad	Station Path
Haven Bank	Irby Place
B&M Area	Bus Station
Laurence Lane	Rosegarth Street
Bond Street	Pen Street
John Adams Way	Spayne Place
St Peters Lane	Blue Street
West Street	Hatters Lane
Custom House Lane	Craythorne Lane
Sibsey Lane	Duckfield Lane
Quaker Lane	Shodfrier Lane
Stanbow Lane	Grove Street West
Liquerpond Roundabout	

Ongoing Public Realm Improvement Projects

- Involved in a number of Boston in Bloom horticultural projects including B&M Site, Central Park Garden, Doughty Quay and Custom House Quay.
- Removing detritus and weeds from various locations including John Adams Way, Crown House Footpath Area, Bus Station, Car Parks, Town Centre, Irby Street, Castle Street, Area around Cattle Market, Liquerpond Street Roundabout, Gassy Pad, Station Footpath, Tattershall Road and Memorial Gardens.
- Cleaning the memorial at Veterans Way and the Granite Slabs.
- Painting programmes (West End Cinema Car Park bollards and signage, Bus Station barriers, Crown House Footpath area barriers).
- Line painting (St Johns Depot, parking bays)

- Chewing Gum removal at various locations
- Street vacuuming targeting cigarette ends specifically. Including but not exclusively in Church Street, Crown House area, Bus Station, site adjacent to B&M, Dolphin Lane, Emery Lane, Pump Square, Market Place, Ingram Memorial, Foot Bridge, Paddock Grove, Bridge Street, Narrow Bargate, Wide Bargate and Irby Place.
- Installing signage throughout the town centre and country parks.

Reactive Maintenance

- One hundred and forty two incidences of graffiti removed
- Fence, seating and bin repairs
- Brickwork repairs at B&M and Irby Place
- Replace/refit paving slabs (various locations)
- Replacing street signs
- Repairing/replacing metal bollards (various location)

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

None – Report for information only

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

None – Report for information only

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None – Report for information only

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None – Report for information only

ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

CONSULTATION

No consultation undertaken.

APPENDICES

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -

APPENDIX 1

Examples of the work completed

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

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