



# B O S T O N B O R O U G H C O U N C I L

REPORT TO:	BOSTON TOWN AREA COMMITTEE
DATE:	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.

One member of the team is on Phased return after undergoing surgery.

## **WORK PROGRAMME**

### **Dealing with Vandalism and Graffiti**

The operatives have dealt with a number of jobs relating to vandalism these include:- Central Park fencing, broken/burnt out bins and road signs being dug up.

They have also dealt with 10 incidences of Graffiti.

### **Weed spraying**

The operatives have continued with the weed spraying programme at:-

- Irby Place
- B&M Site
- Station Approach
- Gassy Pad
- Haven Bank
- Irby Street
- Irby Street Car Park
- Lawrence Lane
- Custom House Quay

### **Ongoing Public Realm Improvement Projects**

- The operatives continue to be involved in a number of Boston in Bloom horticultural projects.
- Removing detritus and weeds from various locations including John Adams Way, Botolph Street, Bargate Bridge and Wide Bargate.
- Street vacuuming targeting cigarette ends specifically
- Continue with the Street Furniture Painting Programme

### **Reactive Maintenance**

- Fence, seating and bin repairs and replacement
- Replace/refit uneven paving slabs
- Repair benches

## **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
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**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